

1. **Parish:** **Henley**
Meaning: High wood or clearing
2. **Hundred:** Claydon (-1327), Bosmere and Claydon
Deanery: Claydon (- 1972), Bosmere (1972-)
Union: Bosmere and Claydon
RDC/UDC: Bosmere and Claydon R.D. (1894-1934), Gipping R.D. (1934-1974), Mid Suffolk D.C. (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Ecclesiastical boundary change 1929
Bosmere and Claydon Petty Sessional Division
Ipswich County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,235 acres (1912)
4. **Soils:**
Mixed:
 - a. Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion
 - b. Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay, some calcareous clay soils
 - c. Deep well drained loam over clay some with calcareous clay subsoils
5. **Types of farming:**

1086		12 acres meadow, wood for 6 pigs, 10 cattle, 16 pigs, 74 sheep, 2 oxen
1500-1640	Thirsk:	Wood-pasture region, mainly pasture, meadow, engaged in rearing and dairying with some pig-keeping, horse breeding and poultry. Crops mainly barley with some wheat, rye, oats, peas, vetches, hops and occasionally hemp
1818	Marshall:	Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, beans, peas
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet
6. **Enclosure:**

7. Settlement:

1958 River Fynn flows through parish from N–SE.
Small dispersed settlement with groups of habitation close to the church at Henley Watering and Henley Square.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 20, 1801 – 33, 1851 – 65,
1871 – 62, 1901 – 49, 1951 – 73,
1981 – 179

8. Communications:

Road: To Hemingstone, Akenham, Barham and
Witnesham
1981 Carriers to Ipswich daily

Rail: 1891 3 miles Claydon station: Ipswich–Bury St. Edmunds
line opened 1845, station closed 1963

9. Population:

1086 – 38 recorded
1327 – 15 taxpayers paid £1 9s. 6d.
1524 – 18 taxpayers paid £1 14s. 6d.
1603 – 100 adults
1674 – 33 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 250 inhabitants
1831 – 305 inhabitants
1851 – 326 inhabitants
1871 – 287 inhabitants
1901 – 208 inhabitants
1931 – 237 inhabitants
1951 – 233 inhabitants
1971 – 528 inhabitants
1981 – 569 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Vicarage (1831), Discharged Vicarage (1912)

1254 Valued £3 6s. 8d.
1291 Valued £5 6s. 8d.
1535 Valued £10 0s. 10d.
1603 Vicarage valued £10 10s. Incumbent also holds
Washbrooke
1831 Curate, stipend £60. Glebe house unfit for occupation.
Gross income £103 p.a. Incumbent also holds canory in
Norwich Cathedral and Perpetual Curacy of St. Martin at
Oak, Norwich
Rectorial tithes commuted for £256 p.a. vicarial tithes for
£118 p.a. 1841
1912 Nett value £155 p.a. 16 acres glebe and residence

10. Benefice (cont'd):

Patrons: Dean and Chapter of Norwich (1603–)

11. Church St. Peter

(Continuous chancel and nave, S. porch, W. tower)

1086 Church + 2 acres land, church + 8 acres land
12th cent. S.doorway?
c.1300 Chancel
c.1525 Tower
1895 Restoration

Seats: 110 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

Baptist chapel (no dates)

13. Manorial:

1066 Manor of 2 carucates held by Tepekin a free man under patronage of Harold
1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Roger of Auberville
1066 Manor of 1 carucate 70 acres held by Wulfric a free man
1086 Manor of 1 carucate 70 acres belonging to Walter the Deacon
1066 Manor of 40 acres held by Swein a free man
1086 Manor of 40 acres belonging to Walter the Deacon

Henley Manor

13th cent. Bishop of Norwich owns
1259 John de Weyland held as of Honor of Eye
c.1349 Bartholomew, Lord Burghersh held (linked to Swilland, Carlton Colville and Clopton)
16th cent. Dean and Chapter of Norwich

Note: Copinger believes there was a second manor of Henley Hall

1558 John Dameron owned
Late 16th cent. Ralph Meadows owns
1909 Mrs. Arthur Wolfe owns

14. Markets/Fairs:

15. Real property:

1844	£1,286 rental value
1891	£1,491 rateable value
1912	£1,282 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844	Rev. J.M. Theobald, principal owner
1891/1912	Not recorded

17. Resident gentry:

1787	John Meadows Theobald
1844	Rev. G. Drury BA
1891	Rev. H. Pearson MA
1912	Rev. W.C. Pearson BA

18. Occupations:

1500–1549	2 husbandmen
1550–1599	2 yeomen, 2 husbandmen
1600–1649	5 yeomen, 1 tailor
1650–1699	7 yeomen, 1 cordwinder, 1 husbandman
1831	75 in agriculture, 8 in retail trade, 14 in domestic service
1844	Schoolmistress, blacksmith, corn miller, carpenter/beerhouse keeper, shoemaker, wheelwright, 6 farmers, blacksmith
1912	Sub-postmaster, teacher, wheelwright, 6 farmers, blacksmith, poultry dealer, publican

19. Education:

1818	1 Sunday school on Dr. Bells system (10 attend)
1833	2 daily schools (53 attend), 2 Sunday schools (50–60 attend)
1844	Schoolmistress recorded School built 1878, 50 attend 1891, enlarged 1892, average attendance 1912 68 School Board formed 1875

20. Poor relief:

1776	£88 0s. 2d.
1803	£112 2s. 2d.
1818	£308
1830	£366 19s.
1832	£440 1s.
1834	£350 10s.

21. Charities:

Vere's Charity:

1766 by Codicil of Thomas Vere. Interest on £200.
£3 distributed among poor. 10s. paid to parish clerk
1840

22. Other institutions:

1891 Police officer listed

23. Recreation:

1844 Beerhouse
1891/1912 The Cross Keys public house

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Kewland Wood: appears in will of 1694.
Extracts from churchwardens accounts 1602–1846. East Anglian Notes and
Queries, New Series Vol.4m p.92.
Order for building of house for the poor 1672.
Workhouse recorded 1756.
Extracts from parish registers: Vere family 1569–1775. East Anglian Notes
And Queries, New Series Vol.4, p.20.
Surnames in Parish Registers 1558–1889. East Anglian Notes and Queries,
New Series Vol.4, p.56.