

1. Parish: Holton St. Mary

Meaning: Hola's enclosure/homestead

2. **Hundred:** Samford

Deanery: Samford (–1931), Hadleigh (1931–)

Union: Samford

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Samford R.D. (–1974), Babergh D.C. (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Samford Petty Sessional Division
Hadleigh County Court District

3. **Area:** 848 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed: Deep well drained fine loam over clay, coarse loam over clay and fine loams, some with calcareous clay subsoils.

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		24 acres meadow, 1 cob, 2 cattle, 6 pigs, 74 sheep
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, oats.
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet.

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1958 Extremely small development along road to East Bergholt, situated on eastern boundary. Church situated at west extremity of settlement. Secondary settlement at Bacon's Green. Scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 –13, 1801 – not returned,
1851 – 41, 1871 – 41, 1901 – 37,
1951 – 47, 1981 – 72

8. Communications:

Road: Line of Roman road. Main Colchester–Ipswich road.
Roads to Raydon, East Bergholt, Higham and Great Wenham
1891 Carrier to Ipswich on Tuesday and Saturday
1912 Carrier to Ipswich on Tuesday and Friday

Rail: Raydon station. Bentley–Hadleigh line, opened 1847, station
closed for passengers 1932, closed for goods 1965

9. Population:

1086 – 19 recorded
1327 – 9 taxpayers paid £1 5s.
1524 – 14 taxpayers paid £2 7s. 8d.
1603 – 35 adults
1674 – 13 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 190 inhabitants
1831 – 194 inhabitants
1851 – 192 inhabitants
1871 – 167 inhabitants
1901 – 144 inhabitants
1931 – 171 inhabitants
1951 – 152 inhabitants
1971 – 205 inhabitants
1981 – 206 inhabitants

10. Benefice:

1254 Valued £3 6s. 8d.
1291 Valued £4
Portion to Priory of Colchester £2 13s. 4d.
£6 13s. 4d.
1535 Valued £7 14s. 7d.
1831 1 curate, stipend £71 p.a. Glebe house. Gross income
£257 p.a. Incumbent also holds Rectory of Brantham
with East Bergholt.
Valued £257 1835
33 acres glebe. £220 p.a. awarded in lieu of tithes 1837
1891 Residence
1912 Nett value £174 p.a. 36 acres glebe and residence.
Patrons: William Mannock (1603), Sir J. Rowley (1831), Sir J.T. Rowley
(1891)

11. Church St. Mary

(Chancel, nave, modern N. vestry, S. porch, W. tower)

1086	1 church
13 th /14 th cent.	Chancel and nave
15 th cent.	Tower (incomplete), brick battlements. Believed reduced To at least one-third of original height (no date)
1882	Resotration

Seats: 130 (1831)

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

1066	Manor of 2 carucates held by Asgar
1086	Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Geoffrey de Mandeville
1258	Linked to Raydon (Robert Raydon)
1309	Thomas de Holbroke owns. Passes by marriage to Fastolf family (linked to Levington, Nacton, Bentley, Holbrook and Capel St. Mary)
c.1476	Linked to Stoke by Nayland and Higham (John Mannock)
1719	Sir John Williams owns
No date	Linked to Stoke by Nayland, Polstead, Nayland, Groton, Boxford, Kirton, Buxhall and Stratford St. Mary (Sir William Rowley)
No date	Master and Fellows of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge own

Sub-Manors

Boyton's in Holton

13 th cent.	Linked to Gt. Finborough (William de Boyton)
15 th cent.	Richard Withermarsh owns
1553	Sir William Waldegrave owns
No date	Absorbed by main manor (Mannock family)

14. Markets/Fairs:

15. Real property:

1844	£1,147 rental value
1891	£1,015 rateable value
1912	£830 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844	Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, R. Lawrence principal owners + few small owners
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principal owners + few small owners
1912 Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, principal owners

17. Resident gentry:

1844 Rev. J.G. Dobres, EA

18. Occupations:

1500–1549 1 husbandman
1550–1599 3 husbandmen, 5 yeomen
1600–1649 8 yeomen, 1 clothier
1650–1699 5 husbandmen, 8 yeomen, 1 gardener, 1 clothier, 2
clerks, 1 fellmonger
1831 41 in agriculture, 5 in retail trade, 1 professional, 10 in
domestic service
1844 4 farmers, 1 shoemaker, 1 butcher
1912 Sub-postmaster, schoolmistress, 3 farmers,
shopkeeper/fruiterer/carrier

19. Education:

1818 1 endowed school (founded 1748 by Rev. S. White)
25 pupils taught and clothed
1833 1 part endowed school, part supported by Christ's
College, Cambridge (32 attend)

Charity School: Established and endowed by Rev. S. White 1748
Schoolhouse and 10P garden conveyed for use of school
By Sir F. Mannock 1749. Various rents etc., applied
to education amounting to approximately £32 p.a. 1912.
Average attendance 1912 30

20. Poor relief:

1776 £35 14s. 8d.
1803 £76 3s. 9d.
1818 £131 15s.
1830 £98 17s.
1832 £99 10s.
1834 £83

21. Charities:

Town Lands:

6 acres known as Town Pightle held for use of school at
Holton since 1755 at rent of 18s. p.a. – distributed among
poor at Easter.

Cottage (sold 1803) – £20 purchase money applied to sinking of well.
Small piece land let at 10s. p.a. applied to upkeep of well.
Cottage occupied by poor rent free (demolished by 1840)

Benefactions:

£1 p.a. (interest on £20 bequest) distributed with Town Pightle above.
8s. p.a. (interest on £10 bequest) distributed in bread at Christmas.
£10 applied to monies for sinking of well.

Glanfields Charity:

1725 by gift of Thomas Glanville. Cottage let at £3 p.a. to repairs, residue divided among poor widows of Higham, Holton and Raydon.

Charity School:

Established and endowed by Rev. Stephen White (see education).

White's Gifts:

1773 by will of Rev. Stephen White: £500 in trust.
Interest to be applied to Holton, Stratford, Nayland and Brantham for distribution among poor.

22. Other institutions:

1803 House of industry listed

23. Recreation:

24. Personal:

25. Other information: