

# 1. Parish: Hoo

**Meaning:** Spur of land

2. **Hundred:** Loes

**Deanery:** Loes

**Union:** Plomesgate

**RDC/UDC:** (E. Suffolk) Plomesgate RD (1894–1934), Deben RD (1934–1974), Suffolk Coastal DC (1974–)

**Other administrative details:**

Framlingham Petty Sessions Division

Framlingham and Saxmundham County Court District

3. **Area:** 1217 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:** Mixed

- a. Slowly permeable calcareous/non-calcareous clay soils, slight risk of water erosion
- b. Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay soils
- c. Deep fine loam soils, slow permeable subsoils, slight seasonal waterlogging. Fine loams over clay or with sandy soils

5. **Types of farming:**

1086 Wood for 20 pigs, 7 acres meadow, 1 mill, 7 cattle, 24 pigs, 30 sheep, 40 goats

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, roots, barley, hay

1969 Trist: More intensive cereal growing

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1958 River Deben forms natural boundaries to north and east  
Well dispersed settlement, Church situated separately within northern sector.  
Few scattered Farms

**Inhabited houses:** 1674 – 14, 1801 – 16, 1851 – 25, 1871 – 37, 1901 – 31,  
1951 – 32, 1981 – 27

**8. Communications:**

Road: To Kettleburgh, Letheringham, Charsefield, Monewden and Brandeston. 1891 Carrier passes through to Woodbridge and Ipswich Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Rail: 1891 3 1/2 miles Framlingham station : Wickham market– Framlingham line opened 1859, closed for passengers 1952, Closed for goods 1965

**9. Population:**

1086 – 33 recorded  
1327 – 43 taxpayers paid £3 19s. 9d.  
(includes Woodbridge and Dalinghoo)  
1524 – 10 taxpayers paid £1 19. 0d.  
1603 – 76 adults  
1674 – 16 households  
1676 – Not recorded  
1801 – 124 inhabitants  
1831 – 186 inhabitants  
1851 – 195 inhabitants  
1871 – 181 inhabitants  
1901 – 158 inhabitants  
1931 – 112 inhabitants  
1951 – 103 inhabitants  
1971 – 84 inhabitants  
1981 – 84 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Perpetual Curacy (1831) Vicarage (1891)**

1254 Valued £6  
1291 Valued £7 6s. 8d.  
1535 Portion of St Faiths in same £2 13s. 4d.  
£10 0s. 0d.  
1603 Curate, stipend £6 13s. 4d.  
1831 Curate, stipend £35 pa. No glebe house. Gross income £46 pa. Incumbent also holds Perpetual Curacy of Letheringham and rectory of Boulge and Debach  
c1891 Consolidated with Letheringham, valued £120. Incumbent resides in Letheringham  
1912 Joint net value £100. 60 acres of glebe and residence. Incumbent also holds and resides in Charsfield  
  
Patrons: Mrs Reynolds (1831), Church Patronage Society (1891)

**11. Church St Andrew and Eustachius**

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

1086 Church + 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> acres valued 16d.  
14/15<sup>th</sup> cent. Main structure  
Early 16<sup>th</sup> cent. Tower  
1643 Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) destroyed  
superstitious inscriptions and 8 superstitious  
pictures, ordered steps to be leveled.

**Seats:** 120 ( 1915)

## 12. Nonconformity etc:

c.1644 Robert Large, curate of Hoo, Charsfield and  
Letheringham ejected by Suffolk Committee for  
Scandalous Ministers

## 13. Manorial:

1066/1086 Manor of 3 carucates belonging to Abbot of St. Etheldreds

### Hoo Hall

13<sup>th</sup> cent. William de Chesnete/Chensey owns  
1225 Vitalis Engaine owns  
1268 Roger Bigot owns  
1475 John Mowbray died seised (linked to Framlingham,  
Kettleburgh and Kentford)  
c.1623 Sir Robert Nauntonowns ( linked to Hacheston,  
Kettleburgh, Haskeston, Chelsworth and Kettlebaston)  
c.1719 William Henry Nassau owns (linked to Iken, Easton,  
Wickham Market.

### Sub-Manors:

#### Godwins

c.1312 Thomas Brotherton owns(linked to Framlingham, Kelsale,  
Earl Stonham, Bromswell, Ramsholt and Hollesley,  
Shottisham)  
1346 Thomas de Hoo owns  
15<sup>th</sup> cent John Godyn/Godwin owns  
c.1544 Sir Anthony Wingfield owns (linked to Easton, Bradfield,  
Debach, Dallinghoo, Hollesley, Pettistree and Wickham  
Market).  
1706 William Henry Nassau owns (absorbed by main manor)

#### Hoo Charsfield

1362 William de Hoo owns (absorbed by main manor)

#### Hoo Kettleburgh

1609 Sir Thomas Wingfield owns (absorbed by main manor)

**14. Markets/Fairs**

**15. Real property:**

1844 £1700 rental value  
1891 £1272 rateable value  
1912 £ 875 rateable value

**16. Land ownership:**

1844 Land subdivided  
1891 Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, principal owner  
1912 Trustees of Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, principal owners

**17. Resident gentry:**

**18. Occupations:**

1550–1599 1 yeoman, 2 husbandmen  
1600–1649 2 sawyers, 7 yeomen, 3 husbandmen, 1 labourer, 1 carpenter  
1650–1699 3 yeomen, 1 husbandmen  
1831 45 in agriculture, 7 in domestic service  
1844 7 farmers, shopkeeper, parish clerk  
1912 6 farmers, bootmaker, fruit grower

**19. Education:**

1818 None. Parishioners declined offer to send children to Easton Sunday School.  
1833 Sunday School established 1827 (30 attended) Schoolhouse built 1830/43. Enlarged 1874, 61 attended 1891  
1912 Children attend school in Monewden

**20. Poor relief:**

1776 £ 24 9s. 0d.  
1803 £ 58 8s. 0d.  
1818 £ 341 17s. 0d.  
1830 £ 110 0s. 0d.  
1832 £ 196 11s. 0d.  
1834 £ 272 19s. 0d.

**21. Charities:**

**22. Other institutions:**

Guilds of Holy Trinity, St Mary, St Peter, St Andrew and St John (no dates)  
Former school used as village hall c.1950. Demolished 1952

**23. Recreation:**

**24. Personal:**

'The Pitts Family of Monewden, The Pacific Islands and Hoo'. Hoo: Deben Valley Place Names Note D.  
'Hoo Family', East Anglian Miscellany (1923), p.37.

**25. Other information:**

'Goodwins Place, Hoo' East Anglian Miscellany (1923), p.36. Some evidence of 16<sup>th</sup> cent. work, moated site. John Goodwin built house called 'Godyns' 15<sup>th</sup> cent.  
'Hoo: Deben Valley Place Names 1977'.  
Field Names: Little Alehouse, Great Alehouse, Further Alehouse, Lords Wood/Smilley Wood: has remains of boundary bank and ditch.