

1. Parish: Horham

Meaning: Dirty or muddy meadow/enclosure

2. Hundred: Hoxne

Deanery: Hoxne

Union: Hoxne (1835–1907), Hartismere (1907–1930)

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Hoxne R.D. (1894–1934), Hartismere (1934–1974), Mid Suffolk D.C. (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Hoxne Petty Sessional Division
Framlingham County Court District

3. Area: 1,456 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

Mixed:

- a. Some permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay.
- b. Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion

5. Types of farming:

1086		11 acres meadow, wood for 104 pigs, 1 cob, 9 cattle, 33 pigs, 40 sheep, 30 goats, 3 beehives, 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 Railway enters parish from south and terminates to east

of settlement.
Airfield intrudes into parish in NW sector.
Few scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 29, 1801 – 63, 1851 – 93,
1871 – 86, 1901 – 68, 1951 – 70,
1981 – 89

8. **Communications:**

Road: To Denham, Redlingfield, Stradbroke, Athelington and Wilby
1891 Carrier to Eye daily
1912 Carrier to Eye passes through Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Rail: 1891 5 miles Eye station: Mellis–Eye line opened 1865, closed for passengers 1931, closed for goods 1964
1912 Station on Mid Suffolk Light Railway: Haughley–Laxfield Line opened 1904, opened for passengers 1908, closed for goods 1912, closed completely 1952

Air: Horham airbase: operational as USAF base 1942–1945, returned to RAF 1945, closed 1948, sold for private use 1960s

9. **Population:**

1086 – 49 recorded
1327 – 32 taxpayers paid £3 11s. (includes Athelington)
1524 – 30 taxpayers paid £7 18s. 2d.
1603 – 60 adults
1674 – 38 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 394 inhabitants
1831 – 464 inhabitants
1851 – 436 inhabitants
1871 – 398 inhabitants
1901 – 287 inhabitants
1931 – 246 inhabitants
1951 – 234 inhabitants
1971 – 222 inhabitants
1981 – 278 inhabitants

10. **Benefice: Rectory**

1254 Valued £5 6s. 8d.
1291 Valued £12
Portion of St. Faiths 6s. 8d.
1535 Valued £12 7s. 1d.
1831 Glebe house. Gross income £322
Modus of £452 10s. p.a. in lieu of tithes 1838

1844 Commodious rectory house, 23 acres glebe
 1891 26 acres glebe
 1912 Nett value £248 p.a. 26 acres glebe and residence.
 Incumbent also holds Athelington
 1915 Held with Athelington by dispensation

Patrons: John Sherman (1603), W. Mack (1831), Rev. E.H. Frere (1891), Rev. J.E. Soden (1912)

11. Church St. Mary
 (Chancel, nave, S. porch, W. tower)

1086 Church + 22 acres land, valued 22d.
 Norman Doorways
 14th cent. Main structure
 15th cent. Tower, W.doorway
 1644 Puritanical vandals (William Dowsing) removed Holy water font, ordered steps leveled and broke many superstitious pictures
 1881 Chancel rebuilt

Seats: 200 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

Baptist chapel built 1859, seats 900

13. Manorial:

Horham Comitis

1609 Peter Wood owns
 17th cent. Sir Edward Coke owns (linked to Laxfield, Stradbroke, Trimley St. Mary, Wherstead, Cratfield and Aldham)
 c.1771 Sir Joshua Vanneck owns (linked to Heveningham, Huntingfield, Leiston, Linstead Magna, Linstead Parva and Laxfield)
 1843 Sir Edward Kerrison owns (linked to Stradbroke and Thelnetham)
 1909 Lady Bateman owns (linked to Denham, Hoxne, Stradbroke, Wingfield and Thelnetham)

Sub-manors:

Horham Jernegan's/Sherman's

Anciently associated with the Jernegan/Jerningham family with whom it remained until
 1597 John Sherman owns
 1609 Sir Edward Coke owns (absorbed by main manor)

Horham, Brodocks Late Copledyke

1275	William de Huntingfield owns (linked to Linstead Magna and Linstead Parva)
c.1428	John Copledike owns
1541	Simon Brodock owns
1609	Sir Edward Cooke owns (absorbed by main manor)

Horham, Thorpe Hall with Wotton

13 th cent.	Robert Fitz John de Thorpe owns
c.1546	Edmund Knyvett owns
1572	Ralph Roberts owns
1609	Sir Edward Coke owns (absorbed by main manor)

Buckenham/Bokenham's

Mid 15 th cent.	Robert Buckenham owns
1510	Thomas Ridnale/Rydnale died seised
1564	Robert Linsey died seised
1751	Simon Hayle owns

Horham Late Pooley's

1750	George Pierson owns
1783	William Ray owns

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844	£2,037 rental value
1891	£1,954 rateable value
1912	£1,324 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844–1912 Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

1844	Rev. W.B. Mack
1891	Rev. E.H. Frere M.A.
1912	Rev. J.E. Soden M.A.

18. Occupations:

1550–1599 1 yeoman, 1 tailor, 1 husbandman, 1 shoemaker/cordwainer

1600–1649	12 yeomen, 5 husbandmen, 1 cooper, 1 shoemaker/cordwainer, 1 clerk, 1 carpenter
1650–1699	2 yeomen
1831	87 in agriculture, 1 in manufacturing, 22 in retail trade, 2 professionals, 18 in domestic service, 6 others
1844	Victualler/wheelwright, 2 shoemakers, schoolmaster, shopkeeper, victualler, corn miller, carpenter/wheelwright, grocer/draper, 2 blacksmiths, 2 farmers, agricultural machine maker
1912	Sub-postmistress, school teacher, 2 publicans, 13 farmers, wheelwright, boot/shoemakers, 2 blacksmiths, carpenter, 2 shop-keepers, land steward, miller

19. Education:

1818	1 day school (58 attend). Some children attend the charity school at Worlingworth
1833	2 daily schools (40 attend), 1 Sunday school (established church) formed 1833 (40 attend), 1 Baptist Sunday school (90 attend)
1844	Schoolmaster recorded National school built 1857/67, average attendance 1912 48
1891	Ladies day and boarding school run by Miss Margaret E. Cossey

20. Poor relief:

1776	£101 10s. 10d.
1803	£290 9s. 4d.
1818	£675 3s.
1830	£637 3s.
1832	£630
1834	£484 13s.

21. Charities:

Town Lands:

1840	4 acres let at £7 p.a. applied to church repairs and support of poor
1658	by will of Richmond Girling: 10s. p.a.
1693	by will of Rev. John Chubbe: 6s. 8d. p.a.
1706	by will of Lewis Hynton: 40s. p.a. applied to distribution of bread at Christmas
1874	by will of Mrs. Holland Corbett: £15 p.a. for purchase of coals for the poor

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

1844	The Green Dragon and The Eight Bells public houses
1891	The Dragon and The Bells public houses
1912	The Green Dragon and the Eight Bells public houses

24. Personal:

Sir Herbert Jernegan: (d. 1239) had his seat in this parish (later removed to Stoneham and Somerleyton)

25. Other information:

Memorial to 95th Bombardment Group, US 8th Army Air Force who were stationed at Horham 1943–45, erected 1981

Thorpe Hall: c.1560 built in style of hunting lodge/summer house, restored 20th cent.

Parish mentioned in will of Theodred, Bishop of London and Hoxne (d. c.955) in which it is state 'I give the land at Horham and at Athelington to St. Ethelberts Church (Hoxne) to God's household'.

1 case of incendiarism due to agrarian unrest 1844.