

1. Parish: Ilketshall St. Andrew

Meaning: Ulfetill's/Ulfcytel's village (Ulfcytel was alderman of East Anglia)

2. **Hundred:** Wangford

Deanery: Wangford (early in South Elmham) (-1972), Beccles and South Elmham (1972-)

Union: Wangford

RDC/UDC: (E.Suffolk) Wangford RD (1894-1934), Wainford RD (1934-1974), Waveney DC (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Beccles Petty Sessional Division
Beccles and Bungay County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,718 acres

4. **Soils:**

Mixed: a) Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion
b) Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay

5. **Types of farming:**

1086	Ilketshall	Wood for 60 pigs, 5 pigs 1 mill
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Wood pasture region, mainly pasture, meadow, engaged in rearing in 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, 1 dairy farm
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. Settlement:

It has been suggested that the four parishes that make up the Ilketshalls were laid out as a unit with arrangements for inter-commoning

1961 Settlement arranged in triangular formation based on 5 common system with Church situated at centre of triangle. Concentration of habitation are: a) Great Common, b) Holdens Common, c) Mill Common, d) Blacksmith Common and e) Little Common
Secondary development around Manor house at Back Green.
Scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 39, 1801 – 45, 1851 – 117, 1871 – 108, 1901 – 88, 1951 – 91, 1981 – 99

8. Communications:

Road: Road to Ringsfield
Roads unsafe for travelling and practically impassable for several months of the year (18th cent.)
Buses to Bungay and Halesworth Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (1937)

Rail: 1891 4 miles Bungay station: Tivetshall – Lowestoft line
Opened (1860), closed (1964)

9. Population:

1086 — Ilketshall : 82 recorded
1327 — Ilketshall: 83 taxpayers paid £4. 14s.
1524 — 41 taxpayers paid £5. 19s. 6d.
1603 — 130 adults
1674 — 39 households
1676 — not recorded
1801 — 368 inhabitants
1831 — 512 inhabitants
1851 — 565 inhabitants
1871 — 465 inhabitants
1901 — 373 inhabitants
1931 — 396 inhabitants
1951 — 298 inhabitants
1971 — 305 inhabitants
1981 — 291 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Vicarage (1831), Discharged Vicarage (1855)

1254 Valued £8.
1291 Not recorded
1535 Valued £5. 13s. 4d.

1831 Curate, stipend £53 p.a. Glebe house unfit for occupation. Gross income £139 p.a. Incumbent also holds Cantley, Norfolk
Vicarial tithes commuted for £130. 7s. 7 ½ d. Rector of Iketshall St. John receives £27. p.a. from the parish and Rector of Shipmeadow receives £1. 10s. p.a. (1846)
28 acres glebe. Small parsonage. Rectorial tithes belong to Scott family and others. Commuted for £265 (1855)

1912 Nett value £90. 28 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Prioress/convent of Bungay (1327-1518), The Crown (1547, 1590/93), Duke of Norfolk (1564), Blennerhasset and others (1572), Assignees for Earl of Surrey (1578), Earl of Middlesex (1644), H. Williams (1727), R. Nelson (1748/54), Trustees of Bungay school (1784-1831), Bishop of Norwich (1912)

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

Tower – Round at base
12th cent. Nave and tower, S & N. doorways (zigzag ornamentation)
13th cent. Fragments carved stones built into base of S. chancel
14th cent. Chancel
Restored Tudor brick porch
Tower suffered from fire (no date)
1890 Church set on fire by escaped lunatic

Seats : 250 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1597 3 persons accused of incontinency
1840 Wesleyan chapel built

13. Manorial:

Ilketshall Manor (Includes parishes of St. Andrew, St. John, St. Lawrence, St. Margaret, All Saints Mettingham, St. Mary and Holy Trinity, Bungay)

1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Earl Hugh in Hands of Wulfsi under patronage of Gyrth
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1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Earl Hugh in hands of Burghard
12th cent. Ilketshall family owns
14th cent. de Norwich family owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)
1362 Linked to Dalham Manor
1541 Sir Thomas Denny owns

Sub Manors:

Wellington's

1371 Sir John Howard owns

Ilketshall Bardolph's

1323 Held under the Honor of Lancaster
1377 Sir W. Bardolf, Lord Bardolf of Wirmegay owns (linked to Clopton)
1518 Crown holds in hands of Sir Richard Wingfield at rent of 1 penny p.a.
1545 Sir John Rous owns (linked to Henham)
1804 Joseph Windham owns

Sherlock's

1458 Roger Rookwood owns (linked to Euston)
1564 Sir James Calthorpe owns)

St. Andrew

1281 James de Ilketshall owns
Early 16th cent. George Duke owns
1563 Sir Nicholas Bacon owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)
1846 Rev. Jeremy Day owns

Elli's and Strattons (thought to include part of Lt. Redisham)

1275 Peter Fitz Osbert owns
15th cent. Goneld family owns
1422 Thomas Croftes of Beccles owns
1476 Thomas Duke owns (linked to Shadingfield and Benhall)
1742 Rev. Thomas Tanner of London owns (linked to Redisham)

Lions

1286 Abbot of West Dereham, Norfolk owns

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844 £1,631 rental value
1891 £1,927 rateable value
1912 £1,326 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1912 Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

18. Occupations:

1500-1599 5 yeomen, 1 minister
Ilketshall: 8 yeomen, 1 husbandman
1600-1649 13 yeomen, 1 linen weaver, 1 cooper, 1 shoemaker
1650-1699 8 yeomen, 1 linen weaver, 2 clerks, 1 husbandman
Ilketshall: 1 yeoman
1831 119 in agriculture, 1 in manufacturing, 24 in retail trade, 7
in labouring, 20 in domestic service
1844 Tailor, 2 shopkeepers, butcher, 2 beerhouse keepers,
corn miller, victualler, blacksmith/ironmonger, blacksmith,
2 wheelwrights, vet, 2 shoemakers, parish clerk, joiner,
tailor/shopkeeper, bricklayer/shopkeeper, joiner, 18
farmers.
1912 1 sub-postmistress, 1 teacher, 17 farmers, 1 blacksmith,
1 smith, 3 shopkeepers, 1 builder, 1 vermin destroyer, 1
publican, 1 sheep dresser, 1 grocer, 1 pig dealer, 1 beer
retailer

19. Education:

1818 Sunday school (shared with Ilketshall St. John) (72
attend)
1833 Sunday school (19 attend)
1870 National school established, shared with Ilketshall St.
John (60 day and 90 Sunday pupils), enlarged (1876),
1895 and 1907), average attendance (1912) 95

20. Poor relief:

1776	£73. 4s. 3d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£151. 18s. 4d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£404. 12s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£486. 13s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£641.	spent on poor relief
1834	£706. 11s.	spent on poor relief

21. Charities:

Town Estate

1828 Lands and property let at £21. 10s. p.a. Half of the rents applied to church repairs and half to defray other public expenses

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

1844-1912 2 beerhouses (1844), 1 beer retailer (1912) The Hare and Hounds public house

24. Personal:

Ilketshall: Sir Edward Denny, Earl of Norwich (1626)

25. Other information:

Archaeological Sites:

Med. moated site (CRN 947, 948)

Med. green (CRN 4069)

Stray finds: Neo. worked flint (CRN 950)

Scatter finds: Rom. pottery (CRN 949)