

1. Parish: LITTLE BRADLEY

Meaning: Wide clearing (EKWALL)

County: SUFFOLK

2. **Hundred:** RISBRIDGE

Deanery: Clare (-1884), Thurlow (1884-1916), Newmarket (1916-1972)
Clare (1972 -)

Union: Risbridge

RDC/UDC: (W Suffolk) Clare RD -1974, St Edmundsbury DC 1974 -

Other administrative details:

Risbridge Petty Sessional Division
Haverhill County Court District

3. **Area:** 972 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**
Mixed:

- a) Slowly permeable calcareous/non-calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion
- b) Deep well drained fine loam, coarse loam and sand soils, locally flinty and in places over gravel, slight risk water erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

1086	BRADLEY:	23 acres meadow, woodland for 500 pigs, 1 cob, 18 cattle, 53 pigs, 63 sheep, 7 goats, 1 beehive (not distinguished between Gt and Lt Bradley)
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 Also has similarities with sheep-corn region where sheep are main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening, barley main cash crop
1818	MARSHALL:	Wide variations of crop and management Techniques including summer fallow in preparation for corn and rotation of turnip, barley, clover, wheat on lighter lands
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, beans, oats, roots
1969	TRIST:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. Settlement:

1960 River Stour crosses parish N-S forming small part of western Boundary
Very small development with no recognizable centre. Church Situated in corner of dog-leg section of Cowlinge Road
Few scattered farms
Inhabited houses: 1674 – 10, 1801 – 9, 1851 – 8, 1871 – 13, 1901 – 15, 1951 – 19, 1981 – 21

8. Communications:

Roads: Roads to Lt Thurlow, Cowlinge, track to Gt Bradley
1912 Carriers from Haverhill daily

Rail: 1891 6½ miles Haverhill station. Haverhill South: Haverhill – Halstead line, opened (1863), closed (1962)
Haverhill North: Haverhill – Sudbury line, opened (1865)
Closed for goods and made unmanned halt (1966),
Closed for passengers (1967)

Water: River Stour: made navigable (1705), last barge to Dedham (1928)

9. Population:

1086 – BRADLEY: 57 recorded (includes Gt Bradley)	1831 – 22 inhabitants
1327 – 11 taxpayers paid £1 1s 2¾d	1851 – 35
1524 – 16 taxpayers paid £1 9s 10d	1871 – 63
1603 – 50 adults	1901 – 68
1674 – 14 households	1931 – 56
1676 – 40 adults	1951 – 58
1801 – 48 inhabitants	1971 – 78
	1981 – 55

10. Benefice: RECTORY (1831) DISCHARGED RECTORY (1844)

1254/1291 Valued £5 6s 8d
1535 Valued £5 0s 10d
1831 1 curate, stipend £80 p.a. No glebe house. Gross income £100 p.a.
Modus of £250 p.a. awarded in lieu of tithes (1841)
Value £210 (1873)
Rent-charge of £250 (1887)
1912 net income £140

PATRONS: Mr J Lehunt (1603), W & C Lamprell (1831), E B Foster (1873)
G Bedford (1912)

11. Church:

ALL SAINTS

(Nave, chancel, round W tower, S porch)

1086 BRADLEY: Church + 15 acres free land
Anglo Saxon Lower part of tower
Norman Walls of chancel, part of nave, tower arch
14th C Remainder of tower. Main structure
1879 Restoration

Seats: 150 free (1873)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1676 1 nonconformist

13. Manorial:

BRADLEY:

1066 Manor of 7 carucates held by Ulf, a thane
1086 Manor of 7 carucates belonging to Robert of Tosnay and held by Robert

BRADLEY/OVERHALL al HARVEYS

1281 Said to have been in Lordship of Jourdan Witherfield
1322 Gilbert Peche (linked with Poslingford and Gt Thurlow)
1365 Sir John de Aspall owns
Passing by marriage and inheritance to William Gedding (late 14th C) and by 15th C to Henry Poley (linked to Barton Mills and Icklingham)
1605 John Hunt owns
1747 Francis Duckins died seised (linked to Cowlinge)
Circa 1760 Charles Lamprell owns
1885 Ebenezer Bird Foster owns

SUB-MANOR:

NETHERHALL al NORLEY MOTE

1606 John le Hunte died seised
Absorbed at some point by main manor

14. Market/Fair:

15. Real Property: 1844 - £985 rental value
1891 - £1,027 rateable value
1912 - £562 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844 William and Charles Lamprell principal owner
1891 Ebenezer Bird Foster sole owner
1912 George Bedford principal owner

17. Resident gentry:

Circa 1642 George le Hunt, Knight
1844 William and Charles Lamprell

18. Occupations:

1500-1549 1 husbandman
1650-1699 1 carpenter, 1 husbandman, 2 yeomen, 1 labourer
1831 4 in agriculture, 2 in retail trade, 4 in domestic service
1844 Maltster, carpenter, victualler
1912 Farmer, farm bailiff, publican

19. Education:

1891 Children attend school at Little Thurlow

20. Poor relief:

1776	£34 3s 2d	spent on poor relief
1803	£54 20s 7d	-ditto-
1818	£204 16s	-ditto-
1830	£224 8s	-ditto-
1832	£226 5s	-ditto-
1834	£178 16s	-ditto-

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

Town house with 4 hearths in existence (1674)

23. Recreation:

1844 – 1912 THE ROYAL OAK public house

24. Personal:

1844 Church held monumental brass to John Daye, printer, died 1584 at Walden, Essex. Also holds stained glass window erected by the Stationers Company of London in his memory.

He printed Foxe's 'Book of Martyrs'. He was married twice and produced 25/26 children

'Notes on some families and brasses at Gt Thurlow and Lt Bradley by H C Andrews, PSIA Vol XX p43-47

25. Other information: