

1. Parish: Little Bealings

Meaning: Clearing of the Inga's (exact meaning not known)
(EKWALL)

2. **Hundred:** Carlford

Deanery: Carlford (–1972), Woodbridge(1972–)

Union: Woodbridge

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

Other administrative details:

Woodbridge Petty Sessional Division and Country Court
District.

3. **Area:**

798 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed a. Deep well drained soils, often ferruginous soils.
Risk of wind and water erosion.

b. Deep fine loam soils with slowly permeable
subsoils and slight seasonal waterlogging. Some
fine loam over clay fine loam and sandy soils.

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		10½ acres meadow, 1 mill (previously 2)
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Sheep-corn region, sheep main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening, barley main cash crop. Also has similarities with wood-pasture region with pasture, meadow, dairying and some pig keeping.
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, Barey
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. Settlement:

1980 Railway runs across parish W-E. Rivers cross parish W-E and N-E, the latter forming northern boundary for part of its length. Small compact development to north of railway clustered around church. Well-spaced ribbon type development to south of railway along Martlesham road. Few scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 20, 1801 – 28, 1851 – 63, 1871 – 56, 1901 – 51, 1951 – 116, 1981 – 161.

8. Communications:

Road: To Great Bealings, Rushmere St Andrew, Kesgrave and Martlesham
1891 Carriers pass through to Ipswich and Woodbridge
1912 Carrier to Ipswich Tuesday and Saturday.
 Woodbridge Monday and Thursday

Rail: 1891 Rail station: Ipswich–Lowestoft line opened 1859.
Closed for passengers in 1956, closed for goods 1965

9. Population:

1086 – 15 recorded
1327 – 29 taxpayers paid £3. 5s. 6½d. (includes Great Bealings)
1524 – 13 taxpayers paid £1. 15s. 6d.
1603 – 65 adults
1674 – 22 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 277 inhabitants
1831 – 272 inhabitants
1851 – 315 inhabitants
1871 – 245 inhabitants
1901 – 231 inhabitants
1931 – 297 inhabitants
1951 – 372 inhabitants
1971 – 470 inhabitants
1981 – 470 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254 Valued £2 10s.
1291 Not Recorded
1535 Valued £6. 7s. 3d.
1 Incumbent also holds vicarage of Bentley (1597)
1831 1 curate, stipend £76 p.a. No Glebe house. Gross income £140 p.a.
 Incumbent also holds vicarage of Walton with Felixstowe
 Tithes commuted for £164 p.a. (circa 1835)

1891 8 acres glebe and good rectory house
1912 Net value £115 p.a. 7 acres glebe and residence.

Patrons: Thomas Seckford (1603), F. Smythies (1831), Incumbent (1912 -)

11. Church ALL SAINTS
(Chancel, nave, N. aisle, S. porch, SW. tower)

14th cent. Main structure including tower
16th cent S. side nave
1851 N. aisle

Seats: 180 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1644 William Gibbons, rector of Gt. and Lt. Bealings, ejected by Suffolk Committee for scandalous ministers, accused of being a common drunkard, frequenter of alehouses and taphouses and keeping the company of lewd women and known harlots.

13. Manorial:

1066 Manor of 50 acres held by Aelfric
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13th cent. Henry de Playford owns.
1316 John Hubert owns (linked to Stoke by Nayland)
1334 John de Seckford owns (absorbed by Seckford Manor, Great Bealings)

14. Markets/Fairs:

Charter for market and fair (1271) (does not specify Gt. Or Lt. Bealings)

15. Real property:

1844 £842 rental value
1891 £1,360 rateable value
1912 £2,732 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844–1891 Land sub-divided.
1912 Ven Archdeacon C.D Lawrence and E.G Pretyman, principal owners.

17. Resident gentry:

Edmund Smith (Bealings) (1679)
1891 W.N. Waller JP
1912 Van. Archdeacon C.D Lawrence MA, Col. R. Oakes

18. Occupations:

1500–1549 1 yeoman
1550–1599 3 yeomen, 2 husbandmen
1600–1649 8 yeoman
1650–1699 3 yeoman
1831 51 in agriculture, 13 in retail trade, 5 in domestic service,
4 others
1844 Shoemaker, 2 shopkeepers, Blacksmith, gardener, tailor,
victualler, 2 farmers.
1912 Sub-postmistress, schoolmaster, station master,
carpenter/wheelwright, publican, 1 farmer, 2
shopkeepers, coal merchant, blacksmith

19. Education:

1818 1 national Sunday school (50 attend)
1833 1 daily school (68 attend), 1 Sunday school (48 attend)
School Board formed (1875)
Schoolmaster recorded (1891)
Public elementary school built (1877), average
attendance (1912) 126
Reprieved from closure (1988)

20. Poor relief:

1776 £28 18s. 6d.
1803 £66 11s. 5d.
1818 £265 17s.
1830 £159 10s.
1832 £157 13s.
1834 £151 4s.

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

2 friendly societies (1803) (70 members)

23. Recreation:

1844-1912 The Admirals Head public house

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Bealings Grove: built (circa 1830) described as Elizabethan (1891)?
'The grove' used as RAMC hospital (1939-45)
'Find of Roman coins: Little Bealings' PSIA Vol.XXII p.150

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

B.A cemetery excavation (CRN 3350)
Sax. Settlement excavation (CRN 3351)
I.A settlement excavation (CRN 3352)
Ring Ditches (CRN 3358, 3359, 69)
Stray finds: B.A axes (CRN 3345)
 Neo. Stone axe (CRN 3347)
 Saddle quern (CRN 3348)
 Worked flint (CRN 3365)
 Rom. Coins (CRN 3353)
 Pottery (CRN 3367)
 I.A. pottery (CRN 3366)
 Brooch (CRN 73)
 Sax. Iron scramasax (CRN 3368)
 Brooch (CRN 3369)
 Bronze strap end (CRN 3435)
 Metalwork (CRN 73)
Scatter finds: un. Pottery (CRN 3346)
 B.A Pottery (CRN 3354, 3355, 3357)
 Rom. Pottery (CRN 3354, 3355, 3357)
 Metalwork (CRN 71)
 Sax. Pottery and metalwork (CRN 3356)
 Pottery (CRN 72)