

1. Parish: Nedging

Meaning: Possible: the enclosure of Haydda's people

2. **Hundred:** Cosford

Deanery: Sudbury

Union: Cosford

RDC/UDC: (W. Suffolk) Cosford R.D. (–1974), Babergh D.C. (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Civil boundary change 1883, 1885, 1935. Gains part of Naughton 1885.

Abolished as civil parish to create Nedging and Naughton 1935.

Cosford Petty Sessional Division

Hadleigh County Court District

3. **Area:** 856 acres (1912), after amalgamation 2,071 acres (1937)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed:

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

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		8 acres meadow, wood for 6 pigs, 1 mill, 2 cobs, 14 cattle, 100 sheep, 20 pigs
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, oats, turnips
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. Settlement:

1973 Combined parish with Naughton. Very small settlement with church at south western boundary and small compact settlement at Nedging Tye on northern boundary to NW of Naughton hamlet. Scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 19, 1801 – 26, 1851 – 37, 1871 – 38, 1901 – 39, 1951 – 110 (with Naughton), 1981 – 136 (with Naughton)

8. Communications:

Road: To Great Bricett, Whatfield, Semer and Bildeston
1891 Carriers pass through to Hadleigh daily and Ipswich on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Rail: 1891 5 miles Hadleigh station: Bentley–Hadleigh line, opened 1847, closed for passengers 1932, closed for goods 1965

9. Population:

1086 – 19 recorded
1327 – 11 taxpayers paid £1 5s. 5d.
1524 – 17 taxpayers paid £5 11s. 2d.
1603 – 50 adults
1674 – 19 households
1676 – not recorded
1801 – 143 inhabitants
1831 – 214 inhabitants
1851 – 183 inhabitants
1871 – 177 inhabitants
1901 – 171 inhabitants
1931 – 155 inhabitants
1951 – not recorded
1971 – 294 inhabitants (with Naughton)
1981 – 394 inhabitants (with Naughton)

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254 Valued £6 13s. 4d.
1291 Valued £7 6s. 8d.
1535 Valued £8 12s. 11d.
1831 Glebe house. Gross income £165 p.a. Incumbent also Holds Rectory of Naughton
30 acres glebe. Modus of £191 p.a. in lieu of tithes 1841
1912 Nett value £123 p.a. 30 acres glebe and residence in Naughton parish.

Patrons: Sir John Heigham (1603), W. Edge (1831),
Mrs. Calliphronas (1912)

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

1086 Church + 7 acres
Norman S. doorway
14th cent. Main structure, chancel c.1300
1900 Restoration

Seats: 201 free (1873)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1761 1 house set aside for worship

13. Manorial:

1066/1086 Abbot of St. Etheldreda held 3 carucates land but
not as manor
–1538 Leased to various persons
1538 Charles Brandon owns (linked to numerous manors
throughout Suffolk)
1554 Sir Clement heigham owns (linked to Semer, Moulton,
Wickhambrook and Wattisfield)
1650 Jaspar Despotin died seised
1672 John Poley owns (linked to numerous manors throughout
Suffolk)
1726 Richard Philips owns
1763 Samuel Bolton owns
1812 Elizabeth Colman owns
1822 Rev. William Edge owns
c.1909 Richard Henry Wood owns

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844 £867 rental value
1891 £1,024 rateable value
1912 £801 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844–1912 Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

1844 Rev. William Edge

1912 Dowager Lady Alexander, Rev. A. Donkin MA

18. Occupations:

1550–1549 1 husbandman, 1 priest
1550–1599 6 husbandmen, 2 yeomen, 1 reader?
1600–1649 3 husbandmen, 3 yeomen, 1 miller, 1 carpenter
1650–1699 2 yeomen
1831 44 in agriculture, 7 in retail trade, 2 professionals,
10 in domestic service, 2 others
1844 2 yeomen, corn miller, farmer, chief constable
1912 sub-postmaster, 5 farmers, water miller, thatcher,
grocer/draper, steam miller
P. R. Roast & co. Ltd.; importers of glassware 1979

19. Education:

1818 1 Sunday school (25 attend)
1833 1 daily school (12 attend), 1 Sunday National school
(29 attend)
School Board formed for Naughton and Nedging 1874
Schoolmistress listed 1891
1912 Children attend school at Naughton

20. Poor relief:

1776 £49 16s. 5d.
1803 £56 14s. 0½d.
1818 £209 2s.
1830 £165 18s.
1832 £148 7s.
1834 £109 12s.

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Grounds of Hall held oak tree approximately 500 years of age and supposedly the largest in England 1844.

Youth hostel established in former mill house, closed 1983.