

1. Parish: Newbourn

Meaning: New Stream (EKWALL)

2. **Hundred:** Carlford

Deanery: Carlford (-1914), Colneys (1914-)

Union: Woodbridge

RDC/UDC: (E Suffolk) Woodbridge RD (1894–1934),
Deben RD (1934–74), Suffolk Coastal DC (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Woodbridge and Felixstowe Petty Sessional Division and County Court Districts

3. **Area:** 909 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed:

- a. Deep well drained sandy often ferruginous soils. Risk wind and water erosion
- b. Deep well drained sandy soils. Some very acidic soils with bleached subsurface especially under heath or woodland. Risk wind erosion.
- c. Deep well drained coarse loams, (often stoneless) some sandy loams. Risk wind and water erosion.

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		1½ acres meadow.
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Problems of acidity and trace elements deficiencies sheep/corn region, sheep main fertilizing agent, bred for fattening. Barley main cash crop
1804		YOUNG: 'this corner of Suffolk practices better husbandry than elsewhere' Identified as carrot growing region.
1818	Marshall:	management varies with condition of sandy soils. Rotation usually turnip, barley, clover, wheat or turnips as preparation for corn and grass.
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, beet, turnips.
1969	Trist:	Barley and sugar beet are the main crops while some rye is grown on poorer lands and a little wheat, herbage seeds and carrots.

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1975 large horseshoe shaped development following mainly the restriction imposed by wet lands associated with small rivers which nearly surround the settlement. Church offset in east to NE corner of development.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 14, 1801 – not recorded, 1851 – 39, 1871 – 39, 1901 – 27, 1951 – 74, 1981 – 92

8. **Communications:**

Roads: To Brightwell, Bucklesham, Hemley and Martlesham
1891 Carriers pass through to Ipswich

Rail: 1891, 5 miles to Woodbridge station – Ipswich – Lowestoft line opened (1859)

Water: River Deben

9. **Population:**

1086 – 38 recorded
1327 – 31 taxpayers paid £2 4s. 7d.
1524 – 18 taxpayers paid £4 15s.
1603 – 60 adults
1674 – 14 households
1676 – not listed
1801 – 142 inhabitants
1831 – 176 inhabitants
1851 – 221 inhabitants
1871 – 161 inhabitants
1901 – 114 inhabitants
1931 – 81 inhabitants
1951 – 291 inhabitants
1971 – 311 inhabitants
1981 – 271 inhabitants

10. **Benefice: RECTORY**

1254 valued £1 10s
1291 Chapel of Newbourn valued with Martlesham £10. 13s 4d
1535 Value £7. 4s. 1d
Value £7. 4s. 3d Incumbent also holds benefice of Hemeley (1603)

1831 1 curate, stipend £61 p.a. No glebe house. Gross income £192 p.a

1844 Tithes commuted for £220 p.a.
Modern residence and 2 acres glebe (1891)

1912 Nett Value £127 p.a. 3 acres glebe and residence.

Patrons: John Purpet (1603), Sir J. Rowley (1831), Sir Joshua T. Rowley (1912)

11. Church: St. Mary
(Chancel, nave, S. aisle, SW Porch tower)

1086 Church + 12 acres, valued 16d
14th /15th cent. Main structure, some 13th/14th century features
1810 West wall built
Extensive restoration (19th/20th centuries)

Seats: 100 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1842 - 1845 2 houses set aside for worship.
Wesleyan Chapel (built 1868)

13. Manorial:

NEWBOURN cum MARTLESHAM

13th cent. Richard de Brewse owns (linked to Hasketon, Martlesham and Wenham Parva)
Circa 1315 Sir John de Verdon owns (linked to Martlesham)
Circa 1391 Sir Imbert Noon owns (linked to Martlesham)
Circa 1587 Roger Warren owns
17th cent. Edmund Purpet owns
1622 Sir Willaim Hewytt owns (linked to Brightwell)
Circa 1639 Sir Richard Broke owns (linked to Sproughton)
1643 Nicholas Harlestone owns
1809 John Vernon owns (linked to Wherstead)
1855 Sir Joshua Rowley owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk)

Sub – Manors:

HASPLEY WITH NEWBOURN

Anciently devised to Priory of Woodbridge
16th Cent. Cardinal Wolsey Owns (linked to numerous Manors throughout Suffolk)
1530 Thomas Duke owns
1541 Sir John Wingfield owns(linked to Levington, Nacton, Ramsholt, Shottisham, Sutton and Creeting St. Peter)
1546 Thomas Seckford owns (linked to Playford, Bucklesham, Felixstowe, Nacton, Boulge, Dallinghoo and Wenham Parva.)
1588 Roger Warren died siesed (absorbed by main manor)
1719 Ann Western owns

14. Market/Fair:

15. Real Property:

1844 – £882 rental value
1891 – £1,076 rateable value
1912 – £617 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844 Sir J.R Rowley, principal owner
1891/1912 Sir J.R Rowley, principal owner

17. Resident gentry:

1912 Rev. T.S. Wontner MA

18. Occupations:

1500–1549 1 husbandman
1550–1599 1 farmer, 2 husbandmen, 2 yeomen, 1 shipwright, 1 labourer, 1 tailor, 1 butcher.
1600–1649 1 husbandman, 5 yeomen
1831 33 in agriculture, 10 in retail trade, 1 in labouring, 5 in domestic service and 4 others.
1844 Shopkeeper, shoemaker, 2 farmers, victualler, blacksmith
1912 Sub-postmaster, publican, shopkeeper, 2 farmers, blacksmith.

19. Education:

1912 John Smyth as teaching school in parish (1597)
Children attend school at Waldringfield

20. Poor relief:

1776 £22 19s. 4d.
1803 £48 7s. 2d.
1818 £162 17s.
1830 £87 16s.
1832 £99 10s.
1834 £106 6s.

21. Charities:

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

1844-1912 THE FOX public house, believed to date for the 16th century. Coins embedded in the timber beams were put there by local men prior to leaving for service during the Second World War.

24. Personal:

Page family: Two of the sons of the family (George and Meadows Page) became known as the Newbourne Giants, both standing a head and shoulder above the inhabitants. Became great attraction at Woodbridge fair and joined Samuel Whitings travelling show (1869) George Page died (1870).
'Waldringfield & District' by W.Tye.

25. Other information:

Hall: considered to be fragment of larger structure, contains 14th century door to private chapel.

'carved Heraldic panels at Newbourn Hall' by L.Dow PSIA Vol.30 p.270

'Graffito at Newbourn Church' PSIA Vol. XXIV p.255

Crag pits containing at least 20' of marine deposits, such as shells, create an abundant supply of spring water.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES:

Ring Ditches (CRN 3796-3806, 3811)

Stray finds: Rom. Coin (CRN 3807)

Neo. Flint axe (CRN 3808)

Worked flint (CRN 3810, 3814)

Flint arrowhead (CRN 3813)

Mes. Axe (CRN 3809)

Flaked axe (CRN 3812)

Med. Pottery (CRN 3815)

Lead ampulla (CRN 3816)

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