

1. Parish: Old Newton with Dagworth

Meaning: Newton – new homestead
Dagworth – Daecc's soil

2. **Hundred:** Stow

Deanery: Stow (–1972) Stowmarket (1972–)

Union: Stow

RDC/UDC: E. Stow RDC (1894–1934), Gipping RD (1934–1974)
Mid Suffolk DC (1974–)

Other administrative details:

1968 Ecclesiastical boundary changes
Stowmarket Petty Sessions division
Stowmarket County Court division

3. **Area:** 2,372 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed:

- a. Slowly permeable, seasonally waterlogged, clay/fine loam over clay.
- b. Fine loam over clay with slowly permeable subsoils, slight seasonal waterlogging. Some calcareous/non-calcareous slowly permeable clay soils.
- c. Slowly permeable calcareous/non-calcareous clay soils. Slight risk water erosion.

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		9 ½ acres meadow, 2 cattle, 9 pigs, 80 sheep, woodland for 6 pigs, 2 mills
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.
1804	Young:	Large acreages of hops grown
1818	Marshall:	Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products.
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, oats, beans.
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet.

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1958 Development is well spaced along “U” shaped road stretching from Ward Green in the West to base Brown Brown Street in the East.
Church is centrally situated on the line of the road.
Secondary settlement at Dagworth.
Railway runs N – S in the western sector of the parish and from W – E to the north. Scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 52, 1801 – 67, 1851 – 158, 1871 – 164,
1901 – 151, 1951 – 185, 1981 – 298

8. Communications:

Road: To Bacton, Haughley, Gipping, Stowupland and Stowmarket.

Rail: 1891 1 mile from Haughley Junction, Haughley–Laxfield line opened goods 1904, additional line to Cratfield opened 1906, opened passengers 1908, closed goods 1912, closed completely 1952.
Haughley–Bury St. Edmunds line opened 1846, closed as halt 1952.

9. Population:

Dagworth

1086 – 54 recorded
1327 – 7 taxpayers paid £0 17s. 6d.

Newton

1086 – 27 recorded
1327 – 21 taxpayers paid £1 11s. 7d

Newton with Dagworth

1524 – 19 taxpayers paid £1 8s. 8d.
1603 – 108 adults
1674 – 62 households
1676 – 202 Inhabitants
1801 – 451 inhabitants
1831 – 679 inhabitants
1851 – 792 inhabitants
1871 – 762 inhabitants
1901 – 619 inhabitants
1931 – 617 inhabitants
1951 – 638 inhabitants
1971 – 641 inhabitants
1981 – 842 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Vicarage

1254 Valued £13 6s. 8d.
To the vicar £2 £15 8s. 6d.
1291 Valued £13 6s. 8d.
1535 Valued £7 15s. 5d.
1831 Glebe house, gross income £143 p.a. Vicarial tithes
commuted to £168 14s. Rectorial for £414 p.a. 1840
1844 Neat residence. 12 acres 2R 31P. glebe
1891 Valued £230. Residence. 10 acres glebe
1912 Valued £180 p.a. 12 acres glebe

Patrons: Richard Howe (1603), Mrs Torlesse (1831), W. Burgess
(1844), Church Patronage Society (1891)

11. Church St. Mary

(Chancel, modern N. vestry, nave, S. porch, W. tower)

1086 6th part church + 10 acres free land
12th/13th cent. Main structure
1893/1899 Restoration
18th cent. W. gallery

Seats: 300

Dagworth Chapel of St. Margaret

1086 ½ church + 25 acres free land, 1 church without land
½ church + 30 acres land, 1½ acres meadow.
1485 Chapel of St. Margaret listed (PSIA XXIII p.57)
1511 Petition of inhabitants of hamlet of Dagworth for
maintenance of chapel/chaplain – 55 acres.
(Tanner manuscript vol.2)
1502 Will refers to “building of Dagworth chapel”
(information P. Northeast)
Note: the entries for 1502 and 1511 suggest that the
chapel was in need of repair and these possibly refer to
money raised for the same. If this was not acquired it is
possible that this period marks the demise of the chapel.
1844 Listed as anciently a Chapelry, foundations may still be
traced.

12. Nonconformity etc:

1676 10 nonconformists
1703–1834 6 houses set aside for worship
No date Baptist chapel built
1891/1912 Primitive Methodist chapel listed (present chapel built
1907. Mission room built at Ward Green 1899.

A chapel has existed in village since 1839. Sunday school built 1955.

13. Manorial:

Old Newton

1066	Manor of 1 held with Aelfric.
1086	Manor of 1 carucate belonging to the abbot of Bernay
1161	Sir Robert de Mounteney owns
1460	Inquis p.m. of John Neve
1509	John Myklefield died seised
c.1535	Linked to several manors throughout Suffolk (Sir Thomas Bedingfield)
1543	Robert Pretyman owns
1911	Linked to Bucklesham, Falkenham, Kirton, Levington, Trimley St. Martin, Stratton Hall, and Walton (Capt. E.G. Pretyman)

Sub-Manors

Nether Hall al Barrards

13 th cent.	Linked to Gt. Finborough (Roger de Boyton held of Honour of Haughley)
1302	Consists of 1 messuage, 50 acres of land, 10 acres of wood.
c.1520	Linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk (Thomas Spring)
late 16 th cent.	Linked to Great Finborough (Henry Gilbert)
1599	George Coggeshale owns
1869	C.A. Capon owns

Dagworth

1066	Manor of 1½ carucates held by Breme a freeman of King Edwards (killed in battle of Hastings)
1086	Manor of 1½ carucates belonging to Hugh de Montfort

Dagworth and Sorrells in Dagworth

13 th cent.	Walter de Dagworth owns. Claimed gallows, assize of Bread and beer and warren
1331	Consists of messuage and garden, coppice, 303 acres arable land by service of 3 long arrows
c.1412	John Talbot owns
1450	Links with Aspall, Cotton, Debenham (William de la Pole died seised)
1546	Links with Fornham St, Genevieve and St. Martin and Rougham (Sir Thomas Darcy)
1910	George Gudgeon owns

14. Markets/Fairs:

15. Real property:

1844	£ 3,242 rental value
1891	£ 3,914 rateable value
1912	£ 3,674 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1912 Land sub-divided, large portion freehold. Copyholds are subject to arbitrary fines.

17. Resident gentry:

18. Occupations:

1550–1599	9 yeomen, 1 tailor, 4 husbandmen
1600–1649	15 yeomen, 1 tailor, 3 husbandmen, 1 linen weaver
1650–1699	13 yeomen, 1 blacksmith, 1 husbandmen, 1 linen weaver 1 bricklayer, 1 spinster, 1 carpenter
1700	maltster
1844	blacksmith/shopkeeper, steward, 2 blacksmiths, 2 shopkeepers, 2 shoemakers, bricklayer, 2 wheelwrights, carpenter, 2 corn-millers, victualler, 17 farmers
1912	<u>Dagworth</u> 2 hop growers, maltster, 3 farmers sub–postmaster, schoolmaster, 12 farmers, farm bailiff, 2 grocers, blacksmith, poultry dealer, shopkeeper, publican, bootmaker, matron at Home for Motherless Girls, miller, 2 builders, shoemaker, auctioneers, undertaker

19. Education:

1818	1 Sunday School (45 attending)
1825	1 daily school established (45 attending) 1 Sunday school (150 attending)
1891	National school (average attendance 100), enlarged 1870 and 1902, average attendance 1912 136

20. Poor relief:

1776	£153 6s. 11d.
1803	£377 5s. 8d.
1818	£528 9s. 0d.
1830	£706 3s. 0d.
1832	£707 8s. 0d.
1834	£421 14s. 0d.

21. Charities:

English's Gift

1611/12 by the will of Margaret English £1 p.a. for bread distributed among the poor.

22. Other institutions:

1461	Guildhall repair to foundations
1899	Mission Room built at Ward Green
1912	Home For Motherless Girls
	Paris Church Institute and Reading room

23. Recreation:

1844/1912	The Shoulder of Mutton public house
1972	Bowling Club and green

24. Personal:

16 th cent.	Margaret, Countess of Salisbury, owner of Newton Hall accused of communicating items of seditious nature and although aged 70 was executed without trial.
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25. Other information:

Story of Dagworth Hall reputedly recorded by Ralph de Coggeshall c.1207 – published in East Anglian Miscellany 1917, p.116.

Dagworth Hall – farmhouse c.1912.

1 case of incendiarism due to agrarian unrest 1844.

Parish awarded best-kept village trophy 1985.

c.17th cent. Old Newton Hall – moated. Some parts of earlier date.

Suspected of having monastic history (unsubstantiated).

Nether Hall containing some pre-Tudor construction, sold 1985.

Account of discovery of Roman remains at Old Newton by C.W. Low

Contains photographs (PSIA, vol. 13 p.255)