

1. Parish: Stutton

Meaning: Gnat's/bullock/hill enclosure/homestead

2. **Hundred:** Samford

Deanery: Samford

Union: Samford

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Samford R.D. (–1974), Babergh D.C. (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Samford Petty Sessional Division
Ipswich County Court District

3. **Area:** 2,294 acres land, 166 acres tidal water, 988 acres
Foreshore (1912)

4. **Soils:**

Mixed:

- a. Deep well drained fine loam, coarse loam and sandy soils, locally flinty and in places over gravel. Slight risk water erosion.
- b. Deep often stoneless coarse loam. Some slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged coarse and fine loam over clay.

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		12 ½ acres meadow, 9 cattle, 33 pigs, 95 sheep, 2 beehives, 2 mills
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Sheep-corn region where sheep are main fertilising 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, barley, oats, turnips
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet.

6. **Enclosure:**

7. Settlement:

1958 River Stour and Holbrook Bay forms natural boundary to South. Well spaced development along line of Holbrook–Brantham road. Settlement divided into Upper and Lower Street. Church well separated from development, occupying site on eastern boundary. Scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 35 , 1801 – 49, 1851 – 65,
1871 – 132, 1901 – 130, 1951 – 194,
1981 – 302

8. Communications:

Road: To Holbrook, Brantham and Tattingstone
1844 Carrier to Ipswich on Tuesday and Saturday
1891 Carrier to Ipswich on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
1912 Carrier to Ipswich on Tuesday and Saturday

Rail: 1891 3 miles Bentley station. Bentley–Hadleigh line, Opened 1847, station closed for passengers 1932, closed Goods 1965.
Colchester–Ipswich line, opened 1849, station closed for Passengers 1966, closed for goods 1964.

Water: River Stour: Made navigable by Act of Parliament 1705
Last barge travelled as far as Dedham 1928.

9. Population:

1086 – 36 recorded
1327 – 19 taxpayers paid £1 7s. 8d.
1524 – 22 taxpayers paid £3 13s. 6d.
1603 – 178 adults
1674 – 36 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 406 inhabitants
1831 – 475 inhabitants
1851 – 455 inhabitants
1871 – 531 inhabitants
1901 – 522 inhabitants
1931 – 546 inhabitants
1951 – 610 inhabitants
1971 – 807 inhabitants
1981 – 808 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

1254 Valued £8
1291 Valued £8

1535 Valued £12 7s. 6d.
Rectory house built 1750

1831 1 curate, stipend £60 p.a. Glebe house, gross income £600 p.a. Incumbent also holds Rectories of Great Saxham and Little Henny, Essex
Valued £550 1835
Tithes commuted for £615 7s. 3d. p.a. 1845

1891 Pleasant rectory house (commands views over Holbrook Bay)
51 acres glebe

1912 Nett value £493 p.a. and residence

Patrons: Isaac Jermy (1603), T. Mills (1831), Rev. Thomas Mills (1844), Rev. B.S.T. Mills (1891)

11. Church St. Peter
(Chancel, modern S. vestry, nave, N. aisle, modern N. transept, SW. tower – base serves as porch)

1086 ½ church + 15 acres, 3rd part of church + 15 acres
Norman Fragments
15th cent. Main structure including tower
1862–1875 Chancel rebuilt, N. aisle and N. transept added.
Restoration.

Seating capacity unknown.

12. Nonconformity etc:

Wesleyan chapel built 1840

13. Manorial:

1066 Manor of 60 acres held by Edwin
1086 Manor of 60 acres belonging to Count Alan
1066 Manor of 2 carucates held by Fridebern, a thane of the King
1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Geoffrey de Mandeville and held by Rainalm
1066 Manor of 2 carucates held by Scalpi
1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Robert Gernon
1066 Manor of 60 acres held by Ednoth
1086 Manor of 60 acres belonging to Robert Gernon
Domesday vill of Alfiddestuna
1066 Manor of 30 acres held by Alwin, a free man under Patronage of Aelfric
1086 Manor of 30 acres belonging to Robert Gernon
1066 Manor of 2 carucates held by Alwold, a free man
1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Bishop of Bayeux

Stutton Hall

1265	Reginald de Paveley owns
1313	William Visdeliu owns
15 th cent.	Sir John Jermy owns
c.1713	John Haynes owns
1844	Linked to Pettaugh, Framsdan, Acton, Helmingham, Bentley and Stowmarket (J. Tollemache)
1910	James Oliver Fison owns

Sub-manors

Creeping Hall

1275	Linked to Wangford (William de Creppinge)
c.1417	Linked to Woolverstone (Elizabeth Wolferston)
15 th cent.	Vested in Priory of Earls Colne
1537	Linked to Brantham (Sir Humphrey Wingfield)
18 th cent.	George May
1910	William Isaac Graham owns

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Mid 13 th cent.	William Honton owns
1286	William Argent owns
1342	John Riis/Rees owns
1380	John Thormod owns
1414	Linked to Raydon (William Sampson)
1616	Henry Butts owns
17 th cent.	John Littel owns
18 th cent.	Giles Mills owns
1910	Consists of farm of 185 acres only

Crowe Hall

1303	Giles de Plays died seised
c.1362	Sir John de Coggleshall died seised
c.1747	Thomas Bowers owns
1821	George Reade owns

Alton Hall

1275	Thomas de Freston held land here
19 th cent.	James Sewell owns
1910	Linked to Tattingstone (Roger Kerrison)

Rectory of Stutton

13 th cent.	Henry, son of Nicholas, Rector of Stutton, claimed wreck Of sea, view of frankpledge and assize of bread and beer.
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14. Markets/Fairs:

15. Real property:

1844	£2,479	rental value
1891	£2,982	rateable value
1912	£2,838	rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844–1912 Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

1680	2 gents
1786	James Sewell, High Sheriff of Suffolk
1844	William Deane, Capt. J. McFarlan, RN, Rev. T. Mills, MA, J.P. Reade
1912	J. Fison, JP, Col. J.C.R. Reade, JP, Rev. T. Salmon, MA

18. Occupations:

1500–1549	1 husbandman
1550–1599	4 husbandmen, 2 yeomen
1600–1649	2 husbandmen, 6 yeomen, 1 miller, 1 locksmith, 1 seafaring man
1650–1699	3 husbandmen, 6 yeomen, 1 miller, 1 wheelwright
1831	85 in agriculture, 37 in retail trade, 7 professionals, 49 in domestic service, 2 others
1844	3 shoemakers, butcher, carrier, 2 carpenters, wheelwright, gardener, victualler, thatcher, blacksmith, Shopkeeper, 2 corn millers, beerhouse keeper, grocer/draper/ironmonger, 8 farmers
1912	Sub-postmaster, schoolmaster, butcher, insurance agent, 10 farmers, shoemaker, beer retailer, market gardener, bricklayer, publican, wheelwright, fretworker, carrier, blacksmith, gardener, miller, head gardener, gamekeeper, farm bailiff, grocer

19. Education:

1833	2 daily schools (56 attend) 1 National daily school (45 attend) 1 Sunday school established 1829 (43 attend) Free school built 1838 by Rev. Thomas Mills near to the Church. Described as National school 1891 with Average attendance of 90. Average attendance 1912 76.
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20. Poor relief:

1776	£116 13s. 10d.
1803	£195 1s. 5d.
1818	£679 1s.
1830	£422 13s.
1832	£423 9s.
1834	£418 16s.

21. Charities:

Poor's Land, Poor's Fund

1 acre let at £4 4s. p.a.
 Sale of cottage formerly belonging to the poor: investment of £100.
 Income applied to purchase of bread and coals.

22. Other institutions:

1803 Friendly Society (47 members)
 Alehouses built c.1862 by Misses Baker in memory
 of Rev. G. Baker. 6 tenements endowed with 7s. per
 week per occupant.
 Working Men's Club and Reading Room established
 1883

23. Recreation:

1844–1912 The King's Head public house
 1844–1912 1 bearhouse/retailer
 1975 The King's Head and The Gardeners Arms public
 Houses
 Royal British Legion
 Women's Institute

24. Personal:

'A brief history of The Jermy Family of Norfolk and Suffolk', by Stewart Valdar
 1976.

25. Other information:

Stutton Hall: Believed to have been built c.1553 by Sir Edmund
 Jermy, in Elisabethan style. Described as farmhouse
 1844 renovated 1892, stands in park of 130 acres.

Crow Hall: Built c.1605 by Latimer family

Stutton House: Originally built as Rectory 1710. Dutch gables added
 1832.

Alton Reservoir: Built 1976.

Alton Mill: Dismantled 1973 and reassembled at Abbot's Hall
Museum of Rural Life, Stowmarket.

Mine shaft: Sunk 1890's to depth of 1500 feet in an attempt to
find coal – results appear obscured by local legend.