

1. Parish: Ubbeston

Meaning: Ubbi's homestead/village

2. Hundred: Blything

Deanery: Dunwich (–1868, Dunwich South) (1868–1914), S. Dunwich 1914–1972), Haleswoth (1972–)

Union: Blything

RDC/UDC: (E Suffolk) Blything RD (1894–1934), Blyth RD (1934–1974), Suffolk Coastal DC (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Civil boundary change 1884 loses detached part to Cratfield.
Abolished ecclesiastically to create Heveningham and Ubbeston 1972
Blything Petty Sessional Division
Halesworth County Court District

3. Area: 1,205 acres (1912)

4. Soils:

Mixed

- a. Slowly permeable calcareous/non-calcareous clay soils, slight risk of water erosion.
- b. Slowly permeable, seasonally waterlogged, some calcareous, clay and fine loams over clay soils.

5. Types of farming:

1086		Wood for 176 pigs, 8 acres meadow, 2 cobs, 19 cattle, 30 pigs, 92 sheep.
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, beans, turnips, some pasture.
1969	Trist	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet.

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1983 River Blyth crosses parish from W to E. Line of Roman road crosses parish from NW to SE. Small compact development called Ubbeston Green. Church situated in

isolated position to north, not far from suggested line of Roman road. Few scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 19, 1801 – 36, 1851 – 45, 1871 – 45, 1901 – 33, 1951 – 35, 1981 – 35.

8. Communications:

Road: To Laxfield, Cratfield, Huntingford and Heveningham. Line of Roman road.

1891 Carriers pass through to Halesworth Tuesday and Friday

Rail: 1891 Darsham station: Ipswich–Lowestoft line, opened 1859, still operational.

Water: River Blyth navigable to Halesworth in 1761, silted up.

9. Population:

1086 – 29 recorded

1327 – Not recorded

1524 – 19 taxpayers paid £2 3s. 2d.

1603 – 61 adults

1674 – 23 households

1676 – Not recorded

1801 – 177 inhabitants

1831 – 199 inhabitants

1851 – 208 inhabitants

1871 – 202 inhabitants

1901 – 146 inhabitants

1931 – 129 inhabitants

1951 – 112 inhabitants

1971 – 95 inhabitants

1981 – 92 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Vicarage 1831, Rectory 1912

1254 Value not recorded

1291 Valued £6 13s. 4d.

1535 Valued £6 13s. 4d.

1603 Vicarage valued £6 13s. 4d.

1650 Valued £30

1831 No glebe house. Gross income £271 pa

1891 Vicarage house in existence

1912 Nett value £185. 7 acres glebe and residence.

Incumbent also holds and resides in Cratfield.

Patrons: Wulfranc Dowsing (1603), Roger Cooke (1650), Lord Huntingfield (1831), Rev. E. Holland (1844), Simeon Trustees (1912)

- 11. Church St Peter**
(Chancel, N. vestry, nave, S. porch, W. tower)
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| 1086 | Church + 3 acres land, valued 3d. |
| Norman | Nave wall, south doorway. Contains the oldest Norman nave in East Anglia. |
| 1140 | Believed to be original construction |
| 13 th cent. | Chancel enlarged |
| 16 th cent. | Tower and porch |
| 1865/1892 | Restorations |
| 1968 | Made redundant |
| 1982 | Permission granted for conversion to private dwelling.
Plans realised in 1982. |
- Seats: 150 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1597 Vicar does not wear the surplice

13. Manorial:

Ubbeston Manor

1066 Manor of 3 carucates held by Thored
1086 Manor of 3 carucates belonging to Ralph Baynard.

Note: 2 manors are recorded here in 'Manors of Suffolk', by W.A. Copinger. However, the second and smaller manor referred to is the Domesday vill of Wrabetuna which is in Sibton not Ubbeston.

1286 Robert de Ubbeston owns
c.1404 Sir Roger Swillington owns (linked to Wissett)
c.1448 Sir John Heveningham owns (linked to Walpole, Henham and Heveningham)
c.1660 Sir Robert Kemp owns.
c.1784 Joshua Vanneck owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk).

14. Markets/Fairs:

15. Real property:

1844	£1,321 rental value
1891	£1,300 rateable value
1912	£844 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844 Land sub-divided
1891 Lord Huntingfield and G.E. Frere principal owners
1912 Lord Huntingfield principal owner

17. Resident gentry:

1674 Sir Robert Kempe own house with 15 hearths
1679 Sir Robert Kempe
Eleazer Davy, High Sheriff of Suffolk 1770
1844 Capt. A. Collett

18. Occupations:

1500–1549 1 carpenter
1550–1599 1 yeoman
1600–1649 6 yeomen, 1 spinster
1650–1699 5 yeomen, 1 wheelwright, 1 spinster, 1 linen weaver
1831 44 in agriculture, 4 in retail trade, 2 professionals, 15 in domestic service, 1 other.
1844 Beerhouse keeper, shopkeeper, corn miller, blacksmith, 9 farmers.
1912 9 farmers, cowkeeper, miller, beer retailer.

19. Education:

1818 1 Sunday school (14 attend)
1833 1 Sunday school (20 attend)
1891/1912 Children attend school at Heveningham

20. Poor relief:

1776 £25 10s. 5d.
1803 £80 4s. 6d.
1818 £118 19s.
1830 £194 3s.
1832 £125 3s.
1834 £260 19s.

21. Charities:

Poor Estate

1840 2 cottages, garden, blacksmiths shop let at £10 13s. pa, applied to benefit of the poor.

22. Other institutions:

23. Recreation:

1844/1891 1 beerhouse
1912 1 beer retailer

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

18th cent. Ubbeston Hall