

# 1. Parish: Ufford

**Meaning:** Uffa's enclosure

2. **Hundred:** Wilford

**Deanery:** Wilford (–1914), Carlford (1914–1972), Woodbridge (1972–)

**Union:** Woodbridge

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

Other administrative details:

Woodbridge Petty Sessional Division and County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,163 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:** Mixed:

- a. Deep sandy soil, possibility of acidity and wind erosion
- b. Clay soil with peaty surface
- c. Fine loam and sandy soil, subsoil sand and clay

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		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:	Intensive kind of farming system involving crop and livestock husbandry. Barley, wheat, peas, beans.
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

7. **Settlement:**

1983 Large ribbon-type development bordering the A12. Two main concentrations interspersed by lighter development, a. Lower Road (the larger of the two areas concentrated around church), b. Upper Road (concentrated around the chapel).  
The school (now closed) appeared between the two areas. Few scattered farms.  
Inhabited houses: 1674 – 51, 1801 – 70, 1851 – 152, 1871 – 147  
1901 – 134, 1951 – 231, 1981 – 254

## 8. Communications:

Road: To Melton, Pettistree and Bromeswell. Main A12

Rail: 1891 1 ½ miles to Melton station: Ipswich Lowestoft line, opened 1895, station closed for passengers 1955, used for coal traffic 1984, but now open for passengers.

Water: River Deben: river spanned by 2 arch bridge

## 9. Population:

1086 – 17 recorded

Sogenhoe: 1 recorded

1327 – 44 taxpayers paid £2 13s. 11d. (included in Melton)

1524 – 58 taxpayers paid £7 18s. 2d.

1603 – 161 adults

1674 – 71 households

1676 – Not recorded

1801 – 450 inhabitants

1831 – 661 inhabitants

1851 – 725 inhabitants

1871 – 570 inhabitants

1901 – 545 inhabitants

1931 – 536 inhabitants

1951 – 789 inhabitants

1971 – 685 inhabitants

1981 – 653 inhabitants

## 10. Benefices: Rectory

1254 Valued £4 13s. 4d.

1291 Valued £8 and portion to chapel of Sogenhoe £1, so £9 0s. 0d.

1535 Valued £8 5s.

1603 Valued £8 10s. Shares vicar with Aldeburgh

1831 Curate, stipend £50 pa. Glebe house. Gross income £300 pa. Incumbent also holds Rectory of Blaxhall, Suffolk.

1912            Nett value £300. 37 acres glebe and residence

Patrons: Sir M. Stanhope (1603), C. Brooke (1831), E. Brooke (1912)

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

Norman        N. walling  
14th cent.     Masonry, N. wall nave  
12th cent.     Arcade  
14th cent.     Nave, aisle, chancel, tower.  
Ironwork on S. door. Stoup inside. Font pyramidal cover with tapering tabernacles, topped by pelican  
15th cent.     S. porch (1465–75 erected from bequests)  
Original stalls and misericordes  
1643          The church was apparently very ornate and was visited twice by William Dowsing (Puritan reformer) in order to spoil the church of its ornamentation. Although much damage was done the churchwardens delayed entry on his second visit. Some things were saved, including the font cover. Items recorded as being destroyed: 30 superstitious pictures 40 cherubim, the chancel to be levelled, brass inscriptions also removed (1st visit). 37 more pictures, 1 angel, 12 more cherubim, lettering erased and steps levelled (2nd visit).

Seats: 300 (1912)

**Sogenhoe Chapel**

1310–1527    Instituted. Rector paid 20s. pa 1723/34 to the Crown for the site.  
Traces remain of ancient religious house at farmhouse 1937

**12. Nonconformity etc.:**

1603    1 recusant.  
Weslyan Methodist chapel built 1860.

**13. Manorial:**

1066        Manor of 60 acres held by Aelmer under patronage of Edric and St Etheldreda  
1086        Manor of 60 acres belonging to St. Etheldreda and held by 9 free men under patronage of Aelmer

**Ufford Manor**

1066	Manor of 60 acres held by Aelmer under patronage of Edric and St Etheldreda
1086	Manor of 60 acres belonging to Robert Malet and held by Gilbert of Wissant.
13th cent. 1298	John de Peyton owns (possible links with Ramsholt) de Ufford family owns (linked to numerous manors throughout Suffolk.
1316–1515	de Ufford/Willoughby families own
1602	Sir Michael Stanhope owns (linked to Bromeswell)
1614–1747	Wood/Onsby families own (linked to Blythford, Bromeswell, Hollesley and Loudham)
1787	Jacob Whitbread owns (linked to Loudham)

#### **Sub-Manors:**

#### **Sogenhoe**

1066	Estate of 20 ½ acres held by freemen under patronage of Edric
1086	Manor of 20 ½ acres belonging to Robert Malet
1298	de Ufford family own (absorbed by main manor)

#### **Ufford Sutton**

1566	William, Lord Willoughby of Parham owns (possibly absorbed by main manor)
1598–1639	Robert Baker said to have acquired
1639	Sir Geoffrey Burwell owns (linked to Sutton)
1641	Sir Henry Wood owns (absorbed by main manor)

#### **Otley's**

14/15th cent. Roger/Robert Otley owns  
17/18th cent. Thomas Mills owns, estate bequeathed for charitable purposes

#### **Kettleburgh Ufford**

1315	Ralph de Ufford owns (annexed to main manor)
1627–1831	John Bennett of Washbrook owns and by diverse ownership to Rev. James Worsley

#### **14. Market/Fairs**

#### **15. Real property:**

1844 – £2,065 rental value  
1891 – £2,466 rateable value

1912 – £3,211 rateable value

**16. Land ownership:**

1844 Land sub-divided  
1891 E. Brooks and Lt. Col. Whitbread principal owners  
1912 E. Brooks and C. Whitbread principal owners

**17. Resident gentry:**

**18. Occupations:**

1500–1549 1 tailor  
1550–1599 3 yeomen, 1 miller, 1 husbandman  
1600–1649 4 weavers, 2 millers, 5 husbandmen, 8 yeomen, 3 carpenters, 1 sexton, 1 tailor, 1 ships carpenter, 1 spinster  
1650–1699 2 husbandmen, 3 weavers, 7 yeomen, 1 spinster, 1 carpenter, 1 maltster, 1 butcher, 1 schoolmaster, 1 fellmonger (a dealer in skins/hides, especially sheepskin), 1 twill weaver, 1 housewright  
1831 97 in agriculture, 49 in retail trade, 8 professionals, 4 in labouring 47 in domestic service, 15 others  
1844 Mason, sawyer, victualler, tailor, stone/marble mason, bricklayer, blacksmith, corn miller, 2 teachers, 6 boot/shoemakers, 8 farmers, coal dealer, 2 joiners, 4 shopkeepers, 3 wheelwrights.  
1874 1 police officer  
1912 Sub-postmistress, teacher, water miller, 3 shopkeepers, dairyman, blacksmith, 7 farmers, shoemaker, market gardener, grocer, boot repairer, bricklayer, wheelwright, publican, apartment house keeper, poultry farmer, hotel keeper/builder, estate agent.

**19. Education:**

1650–1699 1 schoolmaster recorded  
1818 2 day schools (70 attend)  
1833 4 daily schools (52 attend), 1 Sunday School (35 attend), Board school built 1873 (100 attend), enlarged (no date) average attendance 1912 80.  
Closed Aug 31, 1987

**20. Poor Relief:**

1776 £94 19s. 5d.  
1803 £217 5s. 6½d.  
1818 £482 16s.  
1830 £520 12s.  
1832 £564 12s.

1834 £576 14s.

## 21. Charities:

### Town Estate

1894 Double cottage used as poor house – a cottage and 41 acres let at £55 pa to church repairs and churchwardens expenses.

### Wood's charity

1690 by will of Rev. Thomas Wood: £30 pa for support of 8 poor men from Ufford and Wickham and 1 gown every 2 years. Monies also for repairs to the hospital he had built. Still in existence 1894 and being administered by feoffees.

### Sayers Charity

1894 3 acres 3R at Smock Meadow let at £8 pa for bread distributed yearly to poor at Hallowmas and Lent. Residue to provide smocks for the poor.

### Ballett's Gift

1894 3 acres first at £3 pa for bread distributed 3/4 times a year.

### Will's charity

1894 40s. pa for bread for poor.

## 22. Other Institutions:

Almshouses 1690

Hospital built 1690 for ancient and indigent men and women of Ufford by Rev. T. Wood.

Administered by feoffees 1894

1803 3 Friendly Societies (102 members)

1874 Police officer recorded

## 23. Recreation:

1844/1891 The Lion and The Crown public houses

1912 The Lion hotel and The Crown public house

2012 The White Lion and The Crown public houses

## 24. Personal:

William Otley (1434) Lord Mayor of London  
Rev. Richard Lovekin: said to have died in his 111th year (vicar of parish 1621–1678)

**25. Other information:**

West of Sogenhoe chapel site: rectangular piece of land approximately 1 ½ acres, moated – suggested site of castle (unsubstantiated).

Park House: early 16th cent.

Stocks situated outside west wall of churchyard with a whipping post.

'Admissions to the manor of Ufford', *Fragments Genealogica* No 6, p.35.