

1. Parish: Westerfield

Meaning: Western field

2. **Hundred:** Part Bosmere and Claydon/part Ipswich Borough (–1894)

Deanery: Claydon (–1972), Bosmere (1972–)

Union: Ipswich (–1910), Woodbridge (1910–)

RDC/UDC: Woodbridge R.D. (1894–1934), Deben R.D. (1934–1974), Suffolk Coastal DC (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Civil boundary change 1894 loses part within Ipswich Borough to create Westerfield as separate civil parish
Civil boundary change 1952 loses further part to Ipswich Bosmere and Claydon Petty Sessional Division
Woodbridge County Court District

3. **Area:** 466 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:** Deep well-drained loam over clay, some with calcareous clay subsoils

5. **Types of farming:**

1086 8 acres meadow, 1 cob, 4 cattle, 20 pigs, 100 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

1969 Trist: More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

c.1808 Approx. 52 acres at Westerfield Green, Westerfield enclosed under Private Acts of Lands 1807

7. Settlement:

- 1972 Railway forms boundary to south running E–W
Small compact development on edge of Ipswich with
ribbon type settlement extending along road to
Witnesham. Church situated on southern edge of
development
Few scattered farms
- Inhabited houses: 1674 – 8, 1801 – 7, 1851 – 11,
1871– 72 (includes portion within
Ipswich), 1901 – 63 (includes portion
within Ipswich), 1951 – 41, 1981 – 46

8. Communications:

- Road: To Ipswich, Tuddenham St. Martin and Witnesham
1891 Former tollhouse on Turnpike road
- Rail: 1891 Rail station: Ipswich–Beccles line opened 1854,
still operational
Westerfield–Felixstowe line opened 1877, still
operational

9. Population:

- 1086 – 50 recorded
1327 – 18 taxpayers paid £1 16s. 10d.
(includes Swilland)
1524 – Not recorded
1603 – 40 adults
1674 – 8 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 246 inhabitants
1831 – 327 inhabitants
1851 – 324 inhabitants
1871 – 314 inhabitants
1901 – 63 inhabitants
1931 – 127 inhabitants
1951 – 116 inhabitants
1971 – 118 inhabitants
1981 – 144 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory

- 1254 Valued £5 13s. 4d.
1291 Valued £6
Portion of Prior of Filchestone 13s. 4d. £6 13s. 4d.
- 1535 Rectory built c.1474
Valued £11. 10s. 7½d.

Valued £47 16s. 10d. 1720
 1831 Glebe house. Gross income £300 p.a.
 1844 Tithes commuted for £350/352 p.a.
 1891 3 acres glebe. Old fashioned residence
 1912 Nett value £209. 3 acres glebe and residence
 New rectory built 1980

Patrons: The King (1603), Bishop of Ely (1831), Bishop of Norwich (1891 –)

11. Church St. Mary Magdalene
 (Chancel, nave, porch, W.tower)

1086 ½ church + 7½ acres land
 Norman Masonry re-used in nave window and SE corner of tower
 14th/15th cent. Main structure including tower
 15th cent. 2 acres 1R to keep church in repair
 1867 Restoration

Seats: 130 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

13. Manorial:

1066 Manor of 1 carucate held by Barn a free man under patronage of Ralph the Constable
 1086 Manor of 1 carucate belonging to Count Alan and held by Norman
 13th cent. Sir William Weyland owns
 c.1434 Sir Thomas Tuddenham owns (linked to Cavenham, Wangford, Eriswell, Sutton and Brandeston)
 1552 William Dameron owns passing via marriage and inheritance to
 circa 1640 Anthony Collett
 1829 Mileson Edgar owns (linked to Coddendam, Hemingstone, Witnesham, Wickhambrook and Badinham)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844 £324 rental value
 1891 £2,826 15s. rateable value
 1912 £1,067 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844–1912 Land sub-divided

17. Resident gentry:

18. Occupations:

1500–1549	1 husbandman
1550–1599	3 yeomen
1600–1649	2 yeomen, 3 husbandmen, 1 ploughwright
1650–1699	1 yeoman, 1 clerk
1831	55 in agriculture, 15 retail trade, 2 professionals, 20 in domestic service, 2 others
1844	Blacksmith, 2 shoemakers, beer and swine dealer, 2 gardeners, victualler, joiner/shopkeeper, doctor, schoolmistress, 2 corn millers, 8 farmers
1891	Brewery. East Anglian Horse Establishment
1912	Brewer/wine and spirit merchant, farm steward, bailiff

19. Education:

	Bequest for education by Bridge Collet 1662
1818	1 endowed Sunday school (18 attend), 1 endowed preparatory school (8 attend)
1833	1 daily school (10 attend), 1 Sunday school (50 attend) National school build 1840 Diocesan school formerly held in converted North porch of church, used as Sunday school 1891, benefits from above bequest
1912	Children attend school in Westerfield in Ipswich
Note:	6 poor boys taught in school 1675 Poor girls were also taught in the school and a schoolmistress provided for the purpose 1679

20. Poor relief:

1776	£59 4s. 2d.
1803	£78 7s. 11½d.
1818	£191 8s.
1830	£269 7s.
1832	£267 12s.
1834	£218 11s.

21. Charities:

Colletts and Brooks Charity:

1662	by will of Bridget Collett. Cottage and 4 acres in Claydon for education let at £10 p.a. 1840 applied to education and purchase of bonnets, cloaks, shoes and books
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1775 Bequest of James Brooks: Interest on £300 applied to purchase of clothes and religious books for poor children, remainder applied to purchase of coals for those not receiving relief

Poor Houses:

1840 2 tenements let at £6 p.a. applied to supply of clothing for children

22. Other institutions:

1844 Poor houses (2 tenements)
Toll house converted to police station 1882
1891 Police officer listed

23. Recreation:

1844 Beer dealer, The Swan public house
1891 The Swan public house and The Station hotel

24. Personal:

Henry Munro Cautley: d.1959, expert on medieval churches, author of 'Suffolk Churches' 1937, plaque on wall of church

25. Other information:

Westerfield Hall: 1656. Dutch gables on projecting wings, front refaced 1700.
'Memoranda in the oldest register of the parish of Westerfield', East Anglian Notes and Queries, New Series Vol. IV, p.298.
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