

# 1. Parish: Weston

**Meaning:** Western town

2. **Hundred:** Wangford

**Deanery:** Wangford (-1914), Beccles (1914-1972), Beccles and South Elmham (1972-)

**Union:** Wangford

**RDC/UDC:** (E. Suffolk) Wangford RD (1894-1934), Wainford RD (1934-1974), Waveney DC (1974-)

Other administrative details:

Beccles Petty Sessional Division  
Beccles and Bungay County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,567 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

**Mixed:**

- a. Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion
- b. Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay
- c. Deep well drained sandy and coarse loam soils, some with slowly permeable subsoils and slight seasonal waterlogging. Risk wind erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		Wood for 20 pigs, valued 5s. + 400 herring Carrots and turnips were being grown by the more enterprising farmers in the Waveney Valley (Thirsk)
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 Also has similarities with sheep-corn region where sheep are main fertilising agent, bred for fattening, barley main cash crop
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, roots



1831 Curate, stipend £60 p.a. No glebe house. Gross income £270 p.a.  
Incumbent also holds vicarage of Benhall and rectory of Stratford.  
Tithes commuted for £350 p.a. 2 acres 29P glebe. No rectory house 1846  
Valued £260 1855

1912 Nett value £220. 1 acre glebe and residence

Patrons: The Crown (1280–1831), Lord Chancellor (1912)

**11. Church** **St. Peter**  
(Long chancel, nave, N. porch, W. tower)

1086 Church which free men of the King hold, 20 acres, valued 3s.  
Norman N. doorway, stoup at entrance  
13<sup>th</sup> cent. Chancel  
14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> cent. S. brick doorway  
1903 Porch restored

**Seats:** 120 (1915)

**12. Nonconformity etc:**

3 persons not receiving communion 1597

**13. Manorial:**

**Weston Manor**

1086 Manor of 40 acres belonging to the King in the hands of Hakon  
1086 Manor of 40 acres belonging to the King in the hands of Aethlric under patronage of Gyrth  
1086 manor of 30 acres belonging to the King in the hands of Sprotwulf under patronage of Gyrth  
1280 Hugh de Berry owns  
1329 de Barsham and Garneys families own (linked to Beccles)  
1535 Consists of 10 messuages, 8 tofts, 500 acres arable land, 60 acres meadow, 500 acres pasture and 2 acres wood  
1595 Thomas Kempe owns  
1704 Sir Edward Ward owns (linked to Bexley, Norfolk)  
1809 Thomas Farr owns (linked to Beccles)  
1894 R.H. Inglis Palgrave owns

**14. Markets/Fairs**

**15. Real property:**

1844 £1,592 rental value

1891 £1,925 rateable value  
1912 £1,594 rateable value

**16. Land ownership:**

1844–1912 Land sub-divided

**17. Resident gentry:**

1680 3 gents recorded

**18. Occupations:**

1550–1599 3 yeomen, 1 thatcher

1600–1649 4 yeomen, 2 husbandmen

1650–1699 5 yeomen

1831 47 in agriculture, 2 in retail trade, 6 in domestic service, 6 others

1844 1 brewer, 1 victualler, 1 junior joiner, 1 miller, 11 farmers

1912 10 farmers, 1 market gardener, 1 gamekeeper, 1 shopkeeper, 1 publican

**19. Education:**

1912 Children attend school in Beccles

**20. Poor relief:**

1776 £60 7s. 9d.

1803 £137 3s. 2¼d.

1818 £217 7s.

1830 £231 16s.

1832 £257 7s.

1834 £246 12s.

**21. Charities:**

**22. Other institutions:**

**23. Recreation:**

1844 The Duke of Marlborough public house and 1 brewer

1891/1912 The Duke of Marlborough public house

**24. Personal:**

**25. Other information:**

Walpole Hall: Manor house.

War memorial cross erected in churchyard 1920.