# 1. Parish: Weston

Meaning: V	Vestern town
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- 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<br/>soils, slight risk water erosion<br/>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,
1937	Main crops:	barley, clover, wheat on lighter lands Wheat, barley, roots

1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar
		beet

6. Enclosure:

## 7. Settlement:

1961 Ribbon type development well scattered along line of main road and by-road to Ellough. Development possibly influenced by River Hundred and later by the railway which is routed through the parish. Scattered farms.

Inhabited houses: 1674 - 13, 1801 - 23, 1851 - 46, 1871 - 54, 1901 - 50, 1951 - 59, 1981 - 60

## 8. Communications:

Road:	Beccles – Blythburgh road
	Roads unsafe for travelling and practically impassable for
	several months of the year (18 <sup>th</sup> cent.)

Rail:1891 2½ miles Beccles station: Ipswich–Lowestoft Line,<br/>line to Beccles opened 1854, closed for goods 1966.<br/>Tivetshall–Lowestoft line, line to Beccles opened<br/>1863, closed 1965.

## 9. Population:

- 1086 39 recorded
  1327 64 taxpayers paid £2 17s. 3d. (includes Gt. Redisham and Ellough)
  1524 - 10 taxpayers paid £1 17s. 2d.)
  1603 - 61 adults
  1674 - 13 households
  1676 - Not recorded
  1801 - 170 inhabitants
  1831 - 233 inhabitants
  1851 - 243 inhabitants
  1871 - 250 inhabitants
  1901 - 217 inhabitants
  1931 - 226 inhabitants
  1951 - 211 inhabitants
  1971 - 180 inhabitants
- 1981 172 inhabitants

## 10. Benefice: <u>Rectory (1831), Discharged Rectory (1855)</u>

1254	Valued £13	6s.	8d.
1291	Valued £13	6s.	8d.
1535	Valued £10		

	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	<u>St. Peter</u> (Long chancel, nave, N. porch, W. tower)
11.	<b>Church</b> 1086	
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**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
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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
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## 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:

1844The Duke of Marlborough public house and 1 brewer1891/1912The Duke of Marlborough public house

## 24. Personal:

# 25. Other information:

Walpole Hall: Manor house.

War memorial cross erected in churchyard 1920.