

1. Parish: Worlingworth

Meaning: (Ekwall)

2. **Hundred:** Hoxne

Deanery: Hoxne

Union: Hoxne (1835–1907), Hartismere (1907–1930)

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Hoxne R.D. (1894–1934), Hartismere R.D. (1934–1974), Mid Suffolk D.C. (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Ecclesiastical change to create Worlingworth with
Tannington 1951
Hoxne Petty Sessional Division
Framlingham County Court District

3. **Area:** 2,473 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:** Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay.

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		16 acres meadow, wood for 100 pigs, 2 horses, 8 cattle, 24 pigs, 25 sheep, 33 goats, 6 beehives
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, roots, oats
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

1832 60 acres in Worlingworth enclosed by formal agreement (1831)

7. **Settlement:**

1958 Railway crosses parish to the west from N-SW
Three main points of development a. Worlingworth
(central church), b. and c. ribbon type settlements at
Shop Street and Fingal Street.
Few scattered farms

Inhabited houses: 1674 – 58, 1801 – 78, 1851 – 174,
1871 – 172, 1901 – 126, 1951 – 140,
1981 – 178

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Horham, Wilby, Tannington, Bedfield, Southolt and
Athelington
1844 Mail cart to Stradbroke daily (am) to Woodbridge daily
(pm)
1891 Carrier to Ipswich Thursday and Framlingham daily

Rail: 1912 Rail station: Haughley-Laxfield line (Mid Suffolk Light
Railway), opened 1904, opened for passengers 1908,
closed for goods 1912, closed completely 1952

9. Population:

1086 – 33 recorded
1327 – 84 taxpayers paid £3 14s. 10d.
(includes Monk Soham)
1524 – 34 taxpayers paid £5 6s. 6d.
1603 – 245 adults
1674 – 76 households
1676 – Not recorded
1801 – 653 inhabitants
1831 – 729 inhabitants
1851 – 811 inhabitants
1871 – 761 inhabitants
1901 – 552 inhabitants
1931 – 495 inhabitants
1951 – 506 inhabitants
1971 – 509 inhabitants
1981 – 523 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Rectory (united with Southolt) (-1951)

1254 Valued with chapel £16
1291 Valued £18 13s. 4d.
1535 Valued £19 12s. 3½d. with Southolt
1674 Parsonage has 7 hearths
Valued £777 1835
Modus of £680 in lieu of tithes 1838
1844 52 acres 2R 15P glebe and residence
1891 Valued £750

1912 Nett value £360 p.a. 50 acres glebe and residence
1951 United with Tannington

Patrons: John Thurston (1603), Lord Henniker (1831)

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

1086 Church + 10 acres free land
c.1300 Chancel
15th cent. Nave and tower
1644 Puritanical Vandals (William Dowsing) removed stone
 cross from top of church, destroyed 5 superstitious
 pictures, 2 crosses on font and Triangle for the Trinity in
 stone. Ordered chancel ground to be leveled, steps
 leveled and holy water font to be defaced.
1866 Note: Font reputedly came from Abbey Church,
 Bury St. Edmunds
 Font cover: (20' high) spire-like with
 canopy and tabernacle work.
 SW of porch is base of churchyard cross.

 Seats: 400 (1915)

12. Nonconformity etc:

1597 Surplice is not worn

13. Manorial:

1066/1086 Manor of 6 carucates belonging to Abbot of St. Edmunds
 valued £8
1539 Anthony Rous owns (linked to Badingham, Bedfield,
 Brundish, Dennington, Fressingfield, Monk Soham,
 Southolt and Clopton)
1565 John Thurston owns (linked to Hoxne and Southolt)
1689 James Clarke owns
1765 Sir John Major owns (linked to Fressingfield)
1909 Lord Henniker owns (linked to Fressingfield)

14. Markets/Fairs

15. Real property:

1844 £3,220 rental value
1891 £3,105 rateable value
1912 £2,335 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1891 Land sub-divided

1912 Lord Henniker, principal owner

17. Resident gentry:

1844 Rev. E. Barlee
1891 Rev. F. French, M.A., J.P.
1912 Major, The Rev. The Hon. V.A. Henniker B.A.

18. Occupations:

1500–1549 1 mercer
1550–1599 6 yeomen, 3 husbandmen, 2 coopers, 1 glover, 1 ploughwright
1600–1649 10 yeomen, 2 husbandmen, 1 cooper, 1 fletcher, 1 weaver, 1 wheelwright, 1 ploughwright
1650–1699 5 yeomen, 2 husbandmen, 1 linen weaver, 1 tailor, 1 spinster, 1 butcher
1831 103 in agriculture, 38 in retail trade, 3 professionals, 3 in labouring, 42 in domestic service, 21 others
1844 Saddler, victualler, 2 grocer/drapers, 2 blacksmiths, 2 school teachers, boot/shoemaker, corn miller, school master, wheelwright, auctioneer, carpenter, 22 farmers, maltster
1912 Sub-postmaster, school teacher, police officer, station master, 2 shopkeepers, 22 farmers, cattle dealer, beer retailer, wine/spirit merchant, grocer/draper, wheelwright, bricklayer, 2 carpenters, blacksmith, miller, auctioneer/land agent, saddler/harness maker, publican, thatcher

19. Education:

Schoolmistress recorded 1597
1689 Baldry Charity Trust for support of schoolmaster and education of poor children of the parish and aided by Godbold Charity 1698
1818 1 free school (56 attend), 2 small day schools (48 attend), 1 Sunday school (80 attend)

19. Education (cont')

1833 1 free school (60 attend, 40 free), 1 endowed school (12 girls attend), 2 daily schools (60 attend), 1 Sunday school (80 attend)
New free school built c.1825 by Mr. John cordy
Ladies boarding school run by Elizabeth Southwell 1844
New school built 1876 to accommodate 135, average attendance 1912 120

20. Poor relief:

1776 £225 12s. 7d.

1803	£474 5s. 11¼d.
1818	£1,075 11s.
1830	£1,177 2s.
1832	£1,102 8s.
1834	£830. 8s.

21. Charities:

Town Lands:

1840	Guildhall and cottages occupied as parish workhouse rent free 103 acres 1R 9P + property let at £131 p.a. applied to church and workhouse repairs, support of Sunday school and distribution of coals to the poor.
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Baldry/Godbolds Charity:

1689	by will of John Baldry: rents and profits to provide schoolmaster
1698	by will of John Godbold: £120 p.a. for maintenance of schoolmaster and provision of bread for poor. Interest on above provides £54 p.a. 1840

22. Other institutions:

	Guild of St. Trinity 1503
1776	Workhouse (35 inmates)
1840	Guildhall in existence
1891	Police officer listed
1912	Worlingworth Horticultural Society

23. Recreation:

1844	The Swan public house
1891/1912	The Swan public house and beerhouse/retailer

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Within church belfry: 15' spit inscribed 'An ox was roasted on this spit weighing 50 stone in this Parish, given by the Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker October 25th, 1810, the day on which his Majesty King George III completed the 50th year of his reign'. Painting commemorates, reproduced in Suffolk Landscape by N. Scarfe. Plate 49 opposite, p.323.

'The Worlingworth Parish Fire Engine', by N. Cribb. PSIA Vol.27, p.51 given to the parish by John Major 1760. Remains in the church.