

1. Parish: Weybread

Meaning: Strip of acre on the road

2. **Hundred:** Hoxne

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Union: Hoxne (1935–1907), Hartismere (1907–1930)

RDC/UDC: (E. Suffolk) Hoxne RD (1894–1934), Hartismere RD (1934–1974), Mid Suffolk DC (1974–)

Other administrative details:

Hoxne Petty Sessional Division
Harleston County Court District

3. **Area:** 2,501 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 peat soils associated with clay over sandy soils, in part very acid, high groundwater levels, risk of flooding near river.
d. Deep well drained sand and coarse loam soils, some sandy soils affected by groundwater, risk wind and water erosion.

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		25 acres meadow, wood for 116 pigs, 3 mills, 1 cob, 4 cattle, 30 pigs, 30 sheep, 2 oxen, 4 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. Also has similarities with sheep-corn region where sheep are main fertilizing 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, beans, turnips, pasture.
1969 Trist: More intensive cereal growing and sugar
beet.

6. Enclosure:

7. Settlement:

1980 River Waveney forms natural parish and county boundary to north. River crossings to Harleston and Needham. Associated wet lands restrict development in these areas. Roman road runs through centre of settlement from NW–SE. Small well space development. Church slightly situated to west. Few scattered farms.

Inhabited houses:

1674 – 76, 1801 – 87, 1851 – 156, 1871 – 145, 1901 – 135, 1951 – 134, 1981 – 143

8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Harleston, Mendham, Fressingfield, Syleham and Needham.

Rail: 1891 2½ miles Harleston station: Waveney Valley line opened 1855/60, closed for passengers 1953, closed for goods 1966.

Water: River Waveney: Act passed to make Waveney navigable 1670, decline marked by beginning of rail travel 1852.

9. Population:

1086 – 41½ recorded (includes Domesday vill of Instead)

1327 – 34 taxpayers paid £3 19s. 5d.

1524 – 52 taxpayers paid £14 8s. 8d.

1603 – 145 adults

1674 – 89 households

1676 – Not recorded

1801 – 662 inhabitants

1831 – 708 inhabitants

1851 – 745 inhabitants

1871 – 670 inhabitants

1901 – 571 inhabitants

1931 – 503 inhabitants

1951 – 443 inhabitants

1971 – 397 inhabitants

1981 – 413 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Vicarage (1831) Discharged Vicarage (1844)

1254	Valued £13 6s. 8d.
1291	Valued £10 13s. 4d.
1535	Valued £4 15s.
1603	Valued £4 15s.
1831	Curate, stipend £84 p.a. Glebe house unfit for occupation. Gross income £110 p.a. Valued £102 1835
1844	Residence built 1838, enlarged and improved 1865 9 acres 1R 11P glebe Vicarial tithes commuted for £90 6s., Rectorial tithes for £543. 1s. p.a. 1840
1891	Valued £150
1912	Nett value £200 p.a. 10 acres glebe and residence.
Patrons:	Thomas Gawdys (1603), J.E. Daniel (1831), T.W. Rodwell (1912)

11. Church: St Andrew
(Chancel, nave, aisles, S. porch, round W. tower)

1086	½ church + 8 acres, ½ plough, valued 16d.
Norman	Base of tower, upper stages 14 th cent.
14/15 th cent.	Main structure
1864	Restoration

Seats: 263 (1915)

11a. Other religious institutions:

12. Nonconformity etc:

1597	Vicar is unlicensed and does not wear the surplice.
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13. Manorial:

1066	Manor of 2 carucates held by 1 free man
1086	Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Robert Malet and held by Humphrey
1215	Nicholas de Shelton owns
1281	Sir Oliver de Ingham owns (linked to Withersdale)
c.1490	Sir William Calthorpe owns (linked to Erwarton and Hepworth)
c.1576	Sir Thomas Gawdy owns (linked to Brockford, Stonhams, Freston, Tattingstone and Woolverstone)
c.1658	Sir Daniel Deligne owns
1765	Richard Aytons owns
c.1802	Jennings Booty owns
1885	Mrs Hazard owns

Sub-Manors:
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Eithane/Earsham al Essam

1225 Robert Hovel owns (linked to Market Weston)
1442 Henry de Walpole owns
1684 Nicholas Jacobs owns
1855 William Richards owns

Finges in Istead

1609 Thomas Paulett owns
1633 John Hobart owns (linked to Mendham)
1764 Philip Coleman owns
1885 William Cook owns

Weybread Rectory

Suggested to have been part of lands of Butley Abbey
1544 Giles Bridges owns (linked to Wingfield)
1626 John Coleman owns
1633 William Sancroft owns
1720 Sir John Hind Cotton owns
1724 Walter Plumer owns (linked to Metfield, Withersdale,
Chediston, Cookley and Halesworth)
1834 John Cutts owns (linked to Halesworth)
1855 Henry Crabtree owns
1909 Henry Edwin Garrod owns (linked to Laxfield and Wilby)

14. Markets/Fairs:

15. Real property:

1844 £3,268 rental value
1891 £3,505 rateable value
1912 £2,663 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844/1891 Land sub-divided
1912 Capt. Sir F.E.S. Adair and Mrs E.L. Jarrould, principal
owners

17. Resident gentry:

1679 Mr Hobard
1891 Capt. J.G.J. Hanmer RN and Rev. H.S. Oriel MA

18. Occupations:

1500–1549 1 husbandman, 1 carpenter
1550–1599 1 yeoman, 2 husbandmen

1600–1649	18 yeomen, 4 husbandmen, 1 spinster, 1 labouring man, 1 linen weaver, 1 potter, 1 cloth fuller, 2 blacksmiths
1650–1699	7 yeomen, 1 spinster, 1 tanner, 1 tailor, 2 carpenters, 1 butcher
1831	134 in agriculture, 35 in retail trade, 2 professionals, 1 in labouring, 21 in domestic service, 4 others
1844	Victualler, acting overseer, cattle dealer, accountant, 3 beerhouse keepers, 3 blacksmiths, 2 boot/shoemakers, 2 corn millers, 24 farmers, 3 shopkeepers, 2 wheelwrights
1912	Sub-postmaster, 3 school teachers, blacksmiths, coach builder/wheelwright, 24 farmers, 2 boot/shoemakers, 2 publicans, 3 millers, wheelwright, carpenter, shopkeeper, thatcher, 2 farm bailiffs, poultry breeder, grocer, beer retailer. Iron foundry recorded 1891.

19. Education:

1818	1 day school
1833	4 daily schools (30 attend), 1 Sunday school (23 attend)
	National school built 1842/3, 130 attend 1891, average attendance 1912 97

20. Poor relief:

1776	£183 11s. 4d.
1803	£455 0s. 0½d.
1818	£869 10s.
1830	£508 5s.
1832	£668 8s.
1834	£763 9s.

21. Charities:

Poor's Land:

1840	8 acres let at £12 p.a. applied to distribution of clothing to poor
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Harling's Dole:

1731	by will of Mr Harling: £1 5s. from land called Potters Pitts applied to distribution of bread to poor
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Chancel Farm:

1891	17 acres let at £29 p.a. applied to churchwardens accounts but £25 p.a. to repairs of chancel when applicable
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22. Other institutions:

1912	Waveney Valley Agricultural Association
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23. Recreation:

1844 The Heath House public house, 3 beerhouses
1891 The Heath House public house, 2 beerhouses
1912 The Crown Inn and The Heath House public houses, beer
retailer

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

'Medieval Pottery Roof Ventilator from Weybread', PSIA Vol.30, p.284.
Indication of probable pottery kiln site within the parish
c.13/14th cent.)

'A New Iron Age Terret from Weybread', by E.A. Martin. PSIA Vol.34,
p.137.

Publish parish registers 1687–1837. Suffolk Parish Registers:
Marriages, Vol. IV, p.45.

Instead Manor House: former seat of Hobart and Astley families,
farmhouse containing old oak wainscot 1844.