1. **Parish: Chediston**

   **Meaning:** Cedd’s stone (Ekwall)

2. **Hundred:** Blything

   **Deanery:** Dunwich (1868), Dunwich (North) (1868-1914), N. Dunwich (1914-1972), Halwesworth (1972-)

   **Union:** Blything

   **RDC/UDC:** Blything RD (1894-1934), Blyth RD (1934-1974), Suffolk Coastal DC (1974-)

   **Other administrative details:**
   - Blything Petty Sessional Division
   - Halesworth County Court District

3. **Area:** 2,492 acres (1912)

4. **Soils:**

   **Mixed:**
   a) Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay
   b) Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils. Slight risk water erosion

5. **Types of farming:**

   1086 12 acres meadow, wood for 188 pigs, 5 cattle, 20 pigs, 62 sheep, 7 goats
   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
   1813 Young: Large acreages of hops grown
   1818 Marshall: Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products
   1937 Main crops: Wheat, barley, beans, turnips, mangold-wurtzel, some pasture
   1969 Trist: More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**
7. Settlement:


8. Communications:

Road: Roads to Wissett, Cookley, Halesworth and Linstead Parva

9. Population:

1086  —  36 recorded  
1327  —  48 taxpayers paid £3. 8d.  
1524  —  29 taxpayers paid £6. 3s.  
1603  —  149 adults  
1674  —  45 households  
1676  —  Not recorded  
1801  —  368 inhabitants  
1831  —  409 inhabitants  
1851  —  434 inhabitants  
1871  —  401 inhabitants  
1901  —  283 inhabitants  
1931  —  242 inhabitants  
1951  —  241 inhabitants  
1971  —  235 inhabitants  
1981  —  211 inhabitants

10. Benefice: Vicarage (united with Halesworth)

1254  Valued £13. 6s. 8d.  
1291  Valued £16. 13s. 4d.  
Vicar of same £4. 13s. 4d.  
Portion of Rumburg 13s. d. £21. 19s. 0d.  
1535  Valued £6. 7s. 6d.  
1603  Impropriation valued £6. 7s. 6d.  
1650  Valued £50  
1674  Parsonage house has 7 hearths  
1831  1 curate, stipend £188 p.a. Glebe house unfit for residence  
1844  Old parsonage house. 60 acres 2R 15P glebe. Modus of £230 p.a. as commutation of the tithes  
1912  Joint value £300 p.a. 20 acres glebe and cottages. Residence in Halesworth

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

   1086 5 parts of church + 16 acres
   Norman Core of nave walls, windows in chancel
   13th cent. Main structure, lower stage of tower (remainder 15th cent.)
   14th cent. Doorway (built up) to N. of nave
   15th cent. Alterations
   1643/44 William Dowsing (Puritanical Vandals) 2 inscriptions and 7 popish pictures removed
   1905 Restoration
   NOTE: Pulpit (1637) was formerly in Cockley church

   Seats: 150

12. Nonconformity etc:

   1603 5 recusants, 1 refuses Holy Communion
   1606 3 popish recusants, 1 person refuses to have his children baptised
   1863 1 person refuses communion
   1863 Primitive Methodist chapel built

13. Manorial:

   1066 Manor of 55 acres held by Godwin, a free man of the Queen
   1086 Manor of 55 acres belonging to Roger Bigot held by Robert of Vaux
   1066 Manor of 100 acres held by Edric under patronage of Robert Malet’s predecessor and the Abbot of Ely
   1086 Manor of 100 acres belonging to Roger Bigot
   1066 Manor of 30 acres held by Ledman and Stanhard, freemen under patronage of the King and Queen
   1086 Manor of 30 acres belonging to Roger Bigot
   1066 Manor of 26 acres held by Leofric a free man
   1086 Manor of 26 acres belonging to Roger Bigot

**Bavants al Norton Bavents**

   1263 Links with Blythford and Combs (Hubert de Bavent)
   14th cent. Links with Barton Mills and Cavanham (Shardelow family)
   1547 Ralph Everard owns passing to the Norton family by inheritance
17th cent. Links with Cookley (Pettus family)
1666/88 Links with Cookley (George Fleetwood)
1722 Links with Cookley (Walter Plumer)
1833 Links with Cookely (George Parkyns)

Sub-Manors:

Wrights al Glemham's

13th cent. Sir Richard de Boyland
16th cent. Sir John Glemham
Circa 1547 Robert Norton owns (absorbed by main manor)

Hovells

- 1275 Links with several manors throughout Suffolk (Robert Hovel)
1403 John Loveday owns
1841/42 Absorbed by main manor (George Parkyn) (farm of 188 acres)

14. Markets/Fairs

Circa 1276 Licence to hold fair to Wrights al Gelmhams manor

15. Real property:

1844 £2,421 rental value
1891 £2,603 rateable value
1912 £1,900 rateable value

16. Land ownership:

1844 George Parkyns, principle owner
1891 Trustees of George Parkyns, principle owners
1912 Eugene F.L.L. de Lacroix, principle owner

17. Resident gentry:

1674 Sir John Pettus
1679 Sir John Pettus, Roger Young
1713 John Ewer, High Sheriff
1844 George Parkyns
1912 E.F.L. Leguen de Lacroix

18. Occupations:

1550–1599 1 yeoman, 1 tailor, 1 smith, 1 tanner
1600–1649 12 yeomen, 2 husbandmen
1650–1699 1 spinster, 17 yeomen, 1 sailor, 3 husbandmen, 1 clerk, 1
sailor from ship ‘Albemarle’
1844  Shoemaker, wheelwright, land agent/valuer, corn miller, gamekeeper, victualler, 18 farmers
1912  Sub-postmaster, schoolmistress, 4 farm bailiffs, shopkeeper, 14 farmers, 2 wheelwrights, shoemaker, publican

19.  Education:

1818  1 Sunday school (22 attend)
1833  2 daily schools (228 attend, 1 Sunday school (50 attend)
       Some children attend school at Halesworth
1891  Parochial school (40 attend)
1912  Public Elementary School, average attendance 39

20.  Poor relief:

1776  £80 spent on poor relief
1803  £159. 3s. 2½d. spent on poor relief
1818  £370 spent on poor relief
1830  £392. 18s. spent on poor relief
1832  £617. 12s. spent on poor relief
1834  £582. 4s. spent on poor relief

21.  Charities:

   Town Estate

1840  Farmhouse, barn, stable and 30 acres, let at £30 p.a. to church repairs

   Almshouse

1575  by deed of Henry Claxton. 3 tenements, occupied by 3 poor families

   Sagars Charity

1840  Annuity of 20s. p.a. payable to St. John the Baptists day from 3 acres at Cookley called Bowers, applied to the poor

   Henry Smith’s Charity

1840  £15/£20 p.a., ¾ of which is applied to meal distributed among poor. Residue put by for lean years

22.  Other institutions:

1546  Guild of St. John Baptist. Yearly value £1. 6s.
1575  Almshouses built by Henry Claxton, rebuilt 1832
23. **Recreation:**

1844/1912 THE WELLINGTON/DUKE OF WELLINGTON public house

24. **Personal:**

25. **Other information:**

Chediston Hall: Tudor in origin, largely rebuilt (1830’s) in Jacobean style to design by Blore. Traces of moat exist.

Demolished (1955)

Grange – moated

**Archaeological sites:**

Burnt flint patches (CRN 641, 2132, 2140, 2141)

Burnt flint patch, B.A. pottery, animal bone and worked flint (CRN 646)

I.A./Rom. Metal working site, kiln, furnace, mould, pottery etc. (CRN 652)

Ned. Earthworks: moat (CRN 1257)

Med. moated sites (CRN 2103, 2104, 2105, 2124, 2126)

Rom. Building (CRN 2118)

PMed. brick kiln (documentary evidence) (CRN 2125)

Cropmark, field system (CRN 2128)

Burnt flint patch, I.A. pottery (CRN 2142)

Gravel road, trackway (CRN 2146)

Med. industrial site, kiln, pottery etc. (CRN 2485, 2486)

**Stray finds:**

Pal. Worked flint (CRN 636/659)

Rom. Pottery (CRN 2120/2121, 658)

Quern stone (CRN 2319, 2122)

Neo. Flint arrowheads (CRN 660, 2102, 2131)

Worked flint (CRN 2136, 2117, 2127)

Flint axe (CRN 2267, 2144, 2133)

Med. millstones (CRN 2106)

PMed. Iron crucible (CRN 2107)

Mes. Microlith (CRN 2134, 2113)

Flint axe (CRN 2116)

Worked flint (CRN 2135)

B.A. bronze axe (CRN 2119)

I.A. pottery (CRN 2145)

Scatter finds: Neo. Worked flints (CRN 2115, 2129, 2130, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 637, 639, 643, 645)

Mes. Worked flint (CRN 638, 644)

I.A. pottery (CRN 640)

Neo. Worked flint (CRN 2100, 2101)

Med. worked flint (CRN 2108)
Pottery (CRN 2123, 2137, 2139)
Rom. Pottery (CRN 2138, 2143)