

# 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:**

1975 Small and relatively compact development around central church. Secondary settlement at Chediston Green. Scattered farms.

**Inhabited houses:** 1674 – 39, 1801 – 44, 1851 – 82, 1871 – 78, 1901 – 64, 1951 – 71, 1981 – 73

**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

Patrons: 1299-1481 Prior and Covenant of Pentney, 1540 R. Catrell, 1566 Haman Claxton, 1603 Thomas Baxter, 1613 Felix Maplesden, 1684-1692 Henry Blomfield, 1831 R.P. Ward, 1844 Mrs. E. Badeley, 1891 Sir T.F. Buxton

**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  
13<sup>th</sup> cent. Main structure, lower stage of tower (remainder 15<sup>th</sup> cent.)  
14<sup>th</sup> cent. Doorway (built up) to N. of nave  
15<sup>th</sup> 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  
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)  
14<sup>th</sup> cent. Links with Barton Mills and Cavanham (Shardelowe family)  
1547 Ralph Everard owns passing to the Norton family by inheritance

17 <sup>th</sup> 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**

13 <sup>th</sup> cent.	Sir Richard de Boyland
16 <sup>th</sup> 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)