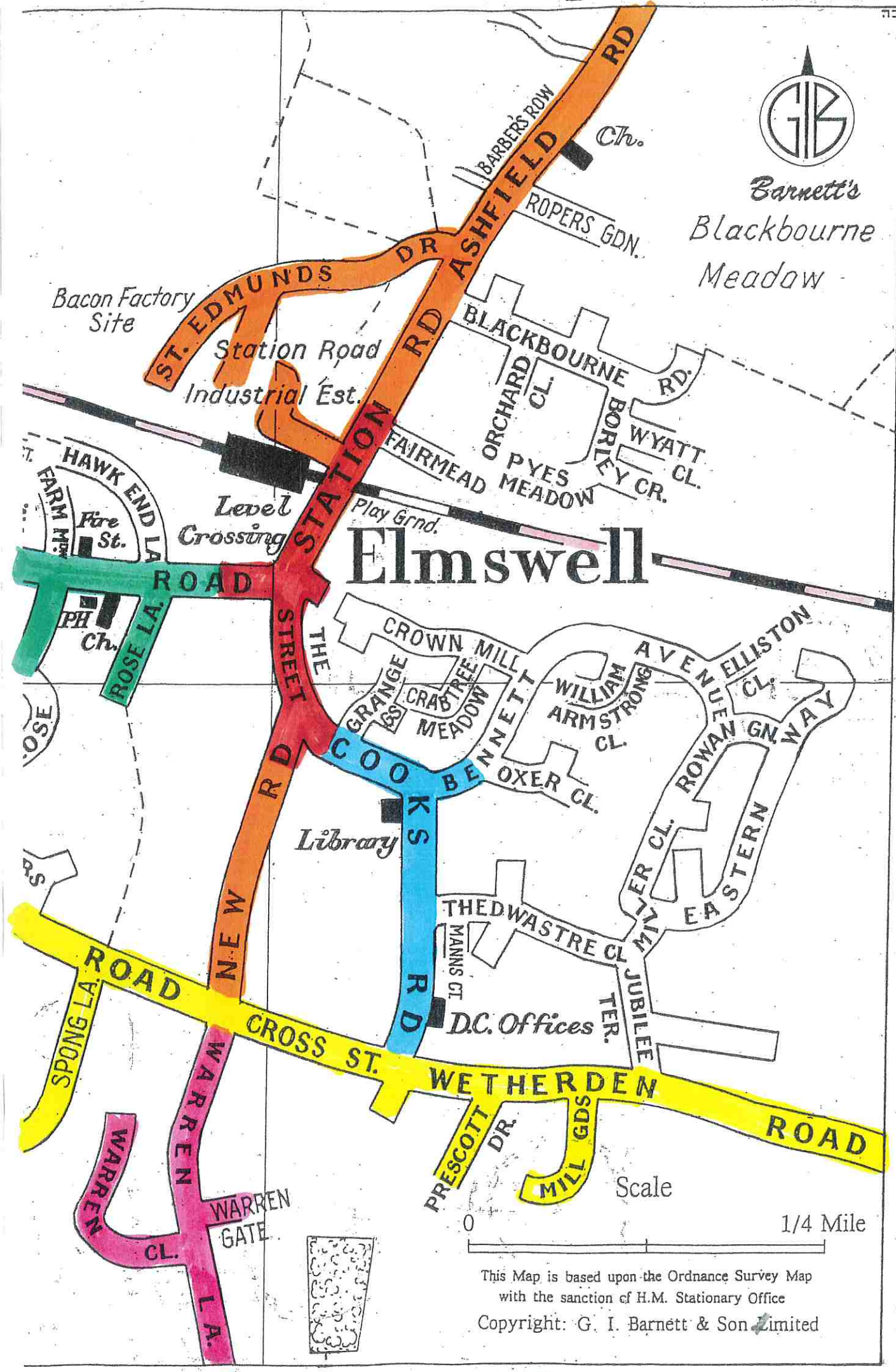
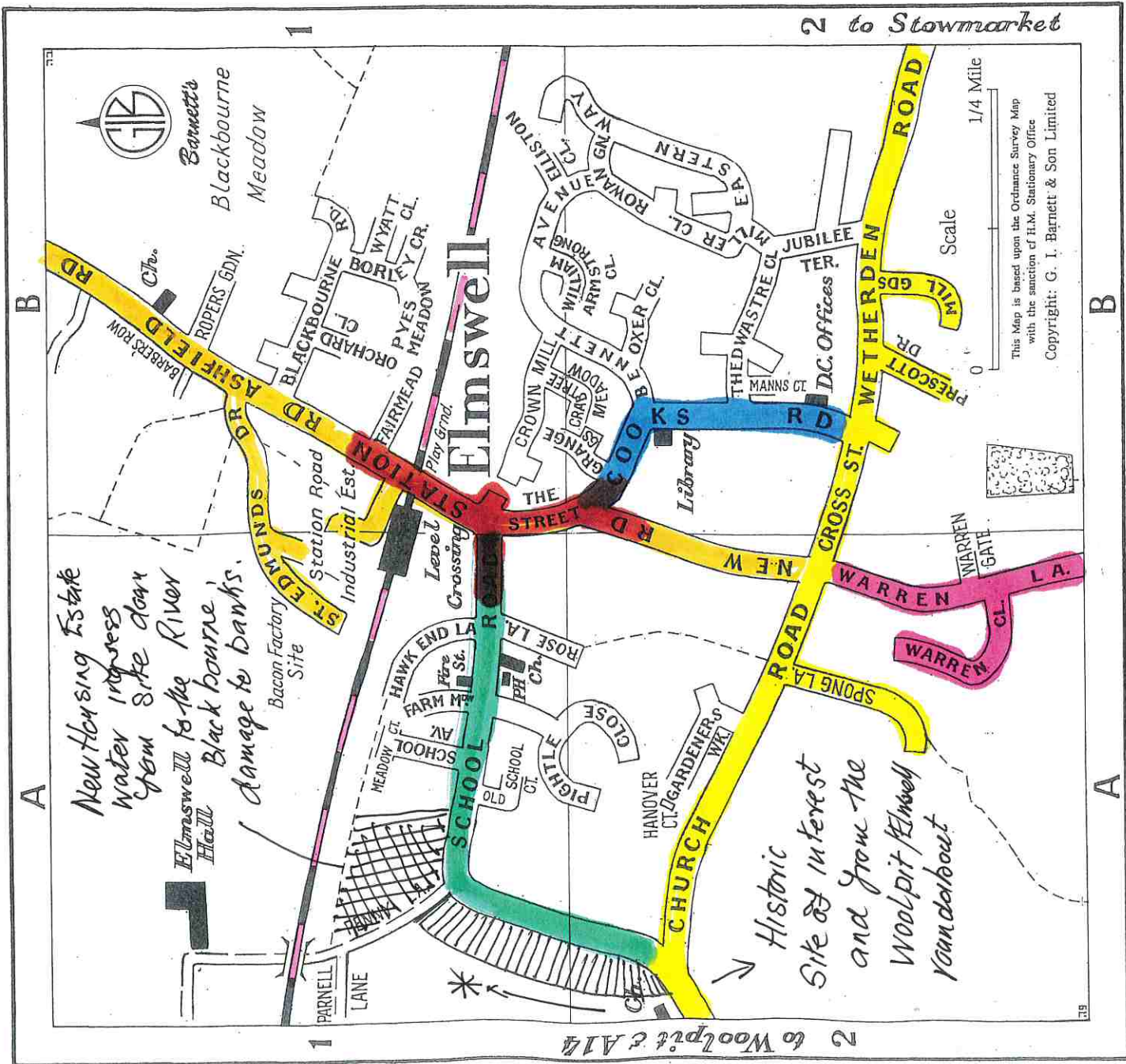


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Ref 59/3

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To: communications_crm_outreach@rnmk.com

Date: Thursday 7 August 2025 at 12:22 BST

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Ref 59/2.

Collect: 12/06/25 - 19/06/25 U5959 Elmswell School Road on road sign opposite metal field gate

Site: 3374

Report Sheet	Combined	Channel 1	Channel 2
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Response By E-mail (Emily Wood) (15/07/2025 11.27 AM)

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In the meantime, please let me know if you have any other questions.

Best wishes

Emily

Snr public affairs manager

Auto-Response By (Administrator) (14/07/2025 06.55 PM)

Thanks for getting in touch! Your information has been received and has been logged in our system.

Your unique reference number is: 250714-000637

If you would like to report something else then please [click here](#).

We will keep you updated by email but if you need to contact us in the meantime, please call our national helpline on 03457 11 41 41 and quote the above reference number.

Customer By CSS Web (Stephen Govier) (14/07/2025 06.55 PM)

A Care Home is being planned to be built in School Road, Elmswell this will increase the number of vehicles using the village roads each day, having an impact on the level crossing at Elmswell, causing a backlog of vehicles. Could you tell me on average how many freight trains come through Elmswell on a daily, weekly, monthly or yearly basis.

Could you also tell me if Network Rail propose an increase in freight traffic over the next five years, it would be of help to have this information, thanks Stephen Govier



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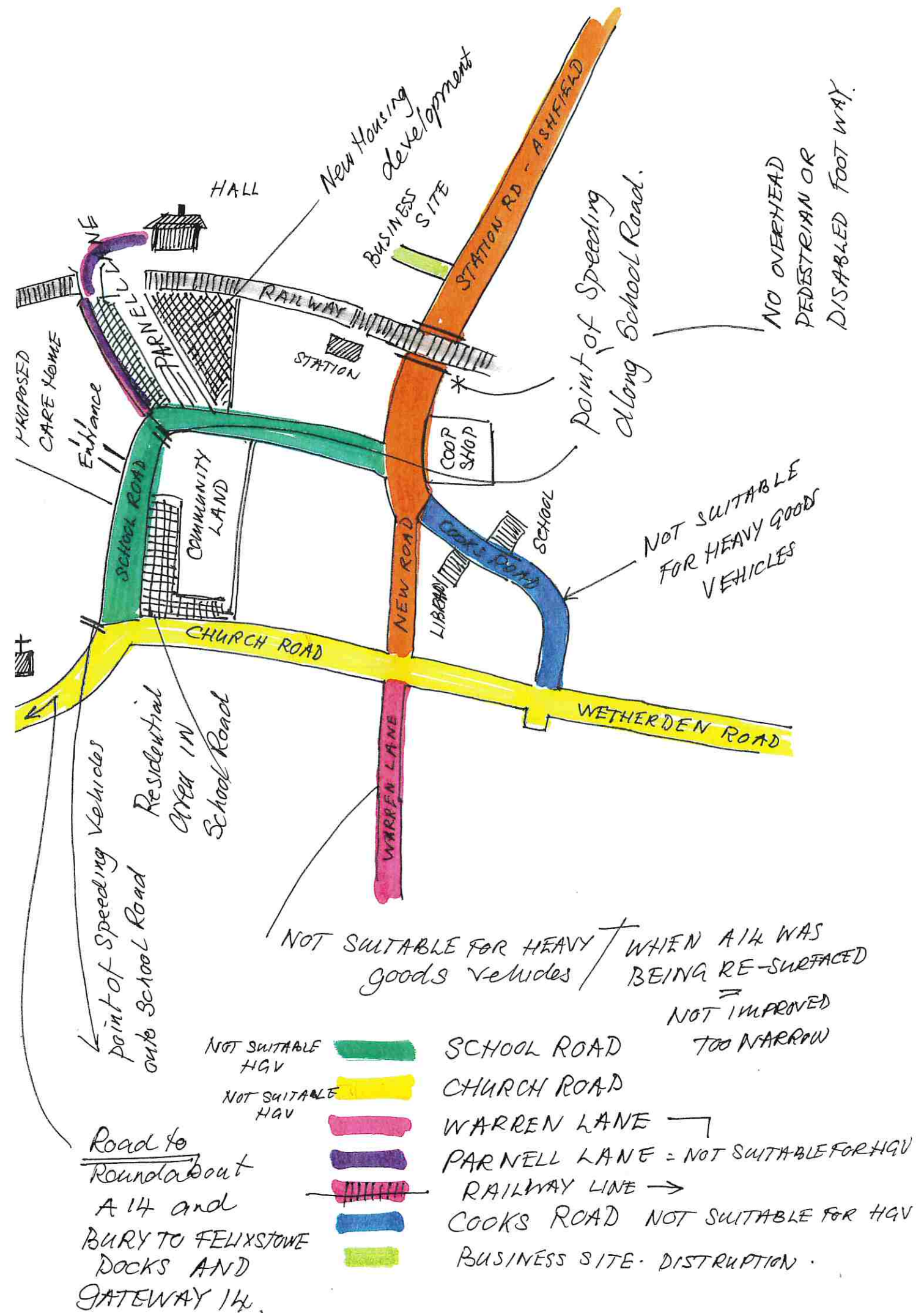
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Traffic is already heavily impacted

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(stephen.govier@yahoo.com)

Suffolk Constabulary
Police Headquarters
Martlesham Heath
Ipswich, Suffolk
IP5 3QS

Our Ref: RJ/ak

Direct Dial: 01473 782702

3 June 2025

Dear Mr Govier:

Thank you for your letter dated 29 May 2025 regarding speeding in School Road, Elmswell

The Constabulary has focused on speeding as one of the 'Fatal Four' offences which result in a serious injury or fatal collision alongside drink/drug driving, using a mobile phone and not wearing a seatbelt.

The Constabulary Safety Camera Team operates a number of mobile enforcement vehicles, which are deployed daily across the county of Suffolk focussed at locations where there is an assessed risk of collisions, where a number of fatal or serious injury road traffic collisions have occurred or where there have been substantiated complaints from local people.

The focus of the Safety Camera Team is casualty reduction, and does have to take into account of a range of factors including reports of collisions, recorded injuries and speed statistics when assessing suitable sites for enforcement activity.

Complaints of speeding are assessed and the Safety Camera Team regularly employs Speed Detection Radar equipment (SDRs) to provide a consistent method of collecting speed data across the county.

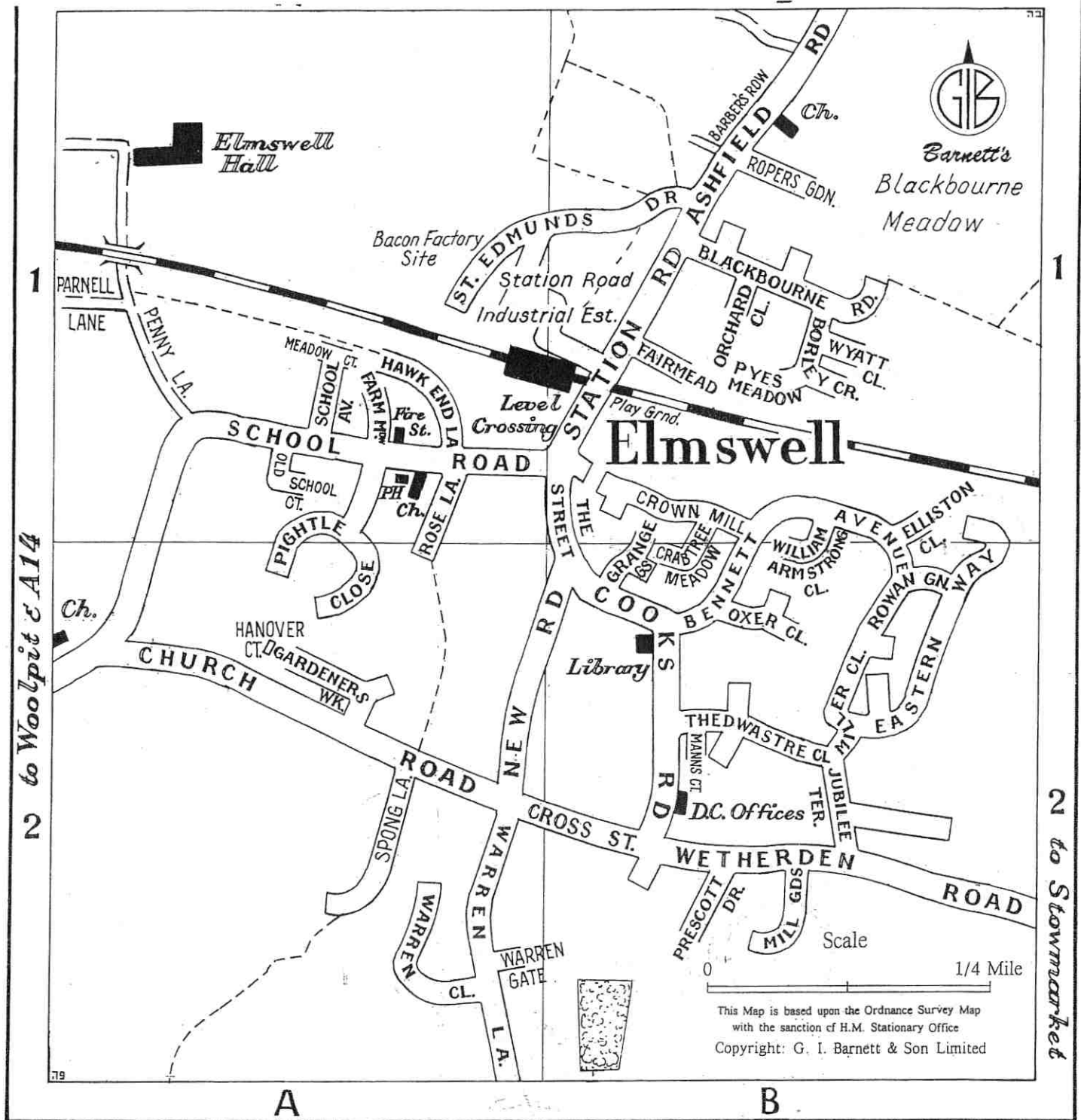
The Safety Camera Team has previously collected speed data at School Road, Elmswell, but this was some time ago and at the time the results did not meet the criteria for setting up an enforcement site. However, the Team will now carry out new research at this location using Speed Detection Radar equipment (SDRs) to assess the potential for speed enforcement.

A copy of your letter has also been passed to the local Community Policing Team (CPT).

Yours sincerely



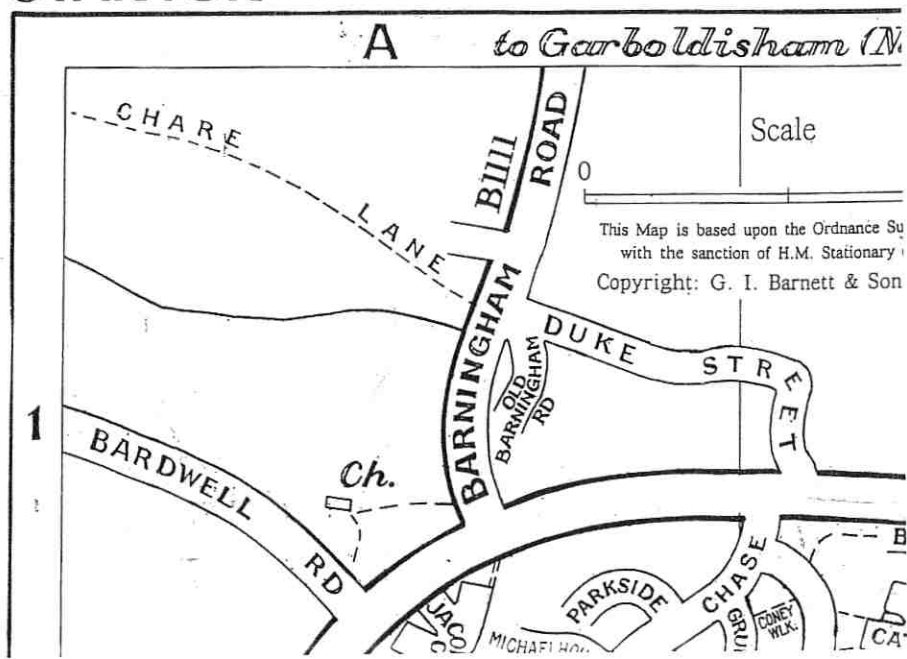
Robert Jones
Deputy Chief Constable



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STANTON



1. Parish:	ELMSWELL
Meaning:	Spring/stream where elms grew (EKWALL)
County:	SUFFOLK
2. Hundred:	BLACKBURN
Denary:	Blackburne (- 1884), Thedwastre (1884-1972), Lavenham (1972 -)
Union:	Stow
RDC/UDC:	(W.Suffolk) Thedwastre RD - 1974, Mid Suffolk DC 1974 -
Other administrative details: Blackbourn Petty Sessional Division Stowmarket County Court District	
3. Area:	2,089 acres (1912)
4. Soils:	a) Slowly permeable seasonally waterlogged fine loam over clay b) Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils, slight risk water erosion c) Fine loam over clay soils, slowly permeable subsoils, slight seasonal waterlogging. Some calcareous/non calcareous slowly permeable clay soils
5. Types of farming:	9 acres meadow, wood for 80 pigs, 3 cobs, 5 cattle, 15 pigs, 18 sheep, 48 goats 245 quarters to crops (1,960 bushels), 31 head horse, 104 cattle, 85 pigs, 207 sheep* 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. Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products Main crops: wheat and barley Tillage: More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet.
6. Enclosures:	1813 MARSHALL: 1937 Main crops: wheat and barley 1959 TILLAGE: More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet.
1814	195 acres enclosed under Private Act of Lands 1811
7. Settlement:	Large yet compact development. Church dislocated to west of main settlement. Railway crosses parish in central position E-W. Disused airfield intrudes into northern sector of parish. These two factors possibly influenced development. Site of Buton Haugh Green (enclosed area) on northern boundary with St. Ashfield. Scattered farms. Inhabited houses: 1674 - 56, 1801 - 72, 1851 - 148, 1871 - 187, 1901 - 202, 1951 - 312, 1991 - 760

8. Communications:	Road: Houghs to Woolpit, Tostock, Great Ashfield and Wetherden Cartway between Bury St. Edmunds and Elmswell has existed through Norton Wood since ancient times 1844 Carrier to Bury St. Edmunds on Wednesday 1891 Carriers to Bury St. Edmunds on Wednesday and Saturday to Stowmarket on Thursday 1912 Remnant of 'Lord's Chariot Way' from Bury St. Edmunds remains as disused road. Rail: 1891 Rail station (level crossing in centre of village). Bury St. Edmunds - Cambridge line, opened (1846), closed for goods (1964), became unmanned halt (1967) Tramline branch of railway existed to Woolpit brickworks (no dates) Siding from railway, also ran to timber yard and sawmill (19th cent.) Private siding to Bacon factory (1964) Main buildings on W. side demolished (1974) Great Ashfield airfield: built (1942) as Class 'A' airfield, RAF station, reverted to RAF (1945), sold (1959/60) returned to agriculture.
9. Population:	1086 - 41 recorded 1327 - 26 taxpayers paid £1. 17s. 8½d 1524 - 46 taxpayers paid £3. 14s. 1603 - 214 adults 1662 - 51 householders paid £7. 11s.* 1674 - 63 households 1676 - 110 adults 1801 - 451 inhabitants * The Hearth Tax Return for the Hundred of Blackbourn 1662* transcribed by S. Colman. FSA Vol. XXII part 2, p.168
10. Benefice:	<u>RECTOR</u> 1254 Valued £10 Portion of Hospital of St. Edmunds 13s. 4d. £10. 1½s. 4d. 1291 Valued £12. 13s. 4d. 1341 Valued £12. 13s. 4d. 1355 Valued £11. 6s. 11d. 1747 Parsonage house with hall, 2 parlours, kitchen, brewhouse, scullery, dairy, barn, stable, hayhouse and neat house + 5 acres ground adjoining. 1831 Glebe house. Gross income £436 p.a. Modus of £500 p.a. awarded in lieu of tithes (1843) Mortgage for building rectory with specification, ground plan and elevation drawings (1864) in existence. Rent charge of £497. 37 acres glebe and residence Net value £348 p.a. 43 acres glebe and residence PATRONS: Sir Robert Gardner (1603), J.W. Lawton (1833), Incumbent (1891) J. Luke (1873), W.A. Macfarlane Grieve (1912)
11. Church:	<u>ST. JOHN THE DIVINE</u> (Chancel, vestry, clerestoried nave, aisles, S. porch, W. tower) 1086 Church + 20 acres free land in arms Believed originally built by monks from Bury St. Edmunds Cont .../

<p>11. Church (cont.)</p> <p>15th cent. Nave, tower and porch, 5 bay arcade. Repair of aisle of St. John Baptist (1471) 1864 Chancel restored, S. aisle rebuilt (1862) 1872 N. aisle rebuilt 1884 Walls coloured Seats: 350 free (1873)</p>	<p>18. Occupations (cont.)</p> <p>* Shearman - one who cuts woollen cloth 1831 1 3/4 in agriculture, 26 in retail trade, 1 professional, 17 in domestic service 1844 Beer seller, wheelwright, cutler/trimmer, schoolmistress, quater-master, joiner, victualler, blacksmith, woodman, 2 bakers, 3 boot/shoemakers, 2 bricklayers, 2 butchers, 17 farmers, maltster, 3 gardeners/nurserymen, 2 grocer/draper, 3 tailors 1891 Brick manufacturer and agricultural implement manufacturer 1912 New roller mills built (1911) Co-operative Bacon Factory opened (1911) Sub-postmaster, 2 schoolmistresses, station master, pork butcher, tailor, shoemaker, 3 millers, 9 farmers, hotel owner, auctioneer, builder/decorator, shoemaker/shopkeeper, oricket bat manufacturer, 2 publicans, corn and flour merchant/stationer, butcher, printers, chemical manure merchant/saddler and harness maker, highway surveyor, carrier, horse slaughtering, wholesale corn merchant, 2 beer retailers baker/confectioner, motor and general engineer, bootmaker, 2 grocers corn merchant, income tax collector, farm bailiff, coal merchant, 2 builders, coal and salt merchant/insurance agent, engineer and agricultural implement manufacturer/ironmonger, cycle agent, timber merchant/saw mill, blacksmith, private school proprietor, insurance agent, brick manufacturer. W.W. Hawes (printers) established (1906)</p>
<p>12. Nonconformity etc.:</p> <p>1603. 5 recusants 1606 5 recusant papists (3 members of Mannock family) 1611 7 popish recusants (2 members of Mannock family) 1779-1839 5 houses set aside for worship Wesleyan/Methodist chapel opened (1804), pulled down (1898) and new chapel erected. While in the building services were held in building next to railway station (office of 'Jewers' in 1959) 'Baptist church (1887-1987)' Centenary booklet 'A Short History of a Village Methodist Society 1799-1959' by Rev. D.A. Bullen (1959) 'Elmswell Methodist Chapel' by J. Duncan (1964)</p>	<p>19. Education:</p> <p>1818 1 Sunday school on Madras system (20 attend) 1833 3 daily schools (50 attend), 1 Sunday school (established church) (55 attend), 1 Wesleyan Methodist Sunday school (80 attend) 1844 School for instruction of poor supported by rector St. John's Church school founded (1864) by Admiral Sir George Seymour, held in trust for education of children of the parish in principles of the Church of England. Under Government inspection Average attendance (1912) 40. School Board established (1886) Board school built (1890) replacing former iron structure. Accommodates 170 pupils, average attendance (1912) 115. Plans to convert into offices (1987) New primary school opened (1985) although old school appears to have continued to function until January 1986 when it closed. 1912 Private school for girls.</p>
<p>13. Manorial:</p> <p>1066/1086 Manor of 2 carucates belonging to the Abbot of St. Edmunds Extent and customary of the lands (1357) - Add.MSS in British Museum 1536 Sir Thomas Darcy owns (linked to Stowmarket, Woolpit, Great Ashfield, Bardwell) 1590 Sir Robert Gardner owns (linked to Winston and Woolpit) 18th cent. Christopher Galthorpe owns. The line of descent is here disputed. 1905 W.A. Macfarlane Grieve owns</p>	<p>20. Poor relief:</p> <p>1776 £218. 12s. 3d. spent on poor relief 1803 £246. 17s. 6d. - ditto - 1818 £820. 3s. - ditto - 1830 £671. 2s. - ditto - 1832 £613. 3s. - ditto - 1836 £510. 13s. - ditto -</p>
<p>14. Market/Fairs:</p> <p>1912 Livestock market held here every Monday by Messrs. Hugh Bobby & Co.</p> <p>15. Real property:</p> <p>1844 - £2,293 rental value 1891 - £4,041 rateable value 1912 - £4,131 rateable value</p> <p>16. Land ownership:</p> <p>1844-1912 Land sub-divided</p> <p>17. Resident gentry:</p> <p>1679 Gardiner Ketleborough 1844 Rev. J.T. Lawton 1891 Capt. Alexander (10th Hussars), Rev. W.A.C. Macfarlane MA 1912 J.C. Leatherdale JP</p> <p>18. Occupations:</p> <p>1500-1549 1 rough mason, 1 mason 1550-1599 7 husbandmen, 11 yeomen, 1 ploughwright, 1 shearmen* 1600-1649 1 husbandman, 16 yeomen, 1 servant, 1 blacksmith, 2 spinsters, 1 tailor 1650-1699 16 yeomen, 2 banners, 1 watchmaker, 1 tailor, 1 cordwainer, 1 linen weaver, 1 clothier, Cont.../</p>	<p>21. Charities:</p> <p><u>GARDINER'S ALMSHOUSE AND CHARITIES:</u> 1614/15 Almshouse built containing 5 rooms to house 6 poor widows and pension of 16d per week each + yearly supply of ready made gowns of coarse blue cloth/stuff. 3 widows should be from Elmswell and 3 from Woolpit. Allowance for purchase of land to support of almshouse, amounting to £31 p.a. Cont.../</p>

21. Charities: (cont.)

CHURCH AND POOR ESTATE: 1706 by Decree of Commissioners of Charitable Uses: 25 acres 3R 16P in Woolpit and Elmswell let at 884. 10s. P.a. applied to the benefit of the poor and support of the church

22. Other institutions:

Almsouse built by Sir Robert Gardiner (1614) - See Charities. Restored (1967)
 'The Tabernacle', an 'iron building' built (1887) seats 300
 The waste Sub-Committee of #. Suffolk Local Pension Committee meet on 2nd Saturday of each month in the Council school
 Memorial Hall built (1956)
 The waste RDC offices opened in parish (1959)
 Village Hall and playing fields in existence (1979)

23. Recreation:

1844 Beer seller, RED LION public house
 1891 2 beerhouses, THE FOX and THE RED LION public houses
 1912 2 beer retailers, THE FOX hotel, THE RAILWAY TAVERN and THE LION public house.
 1920 Football team
 20th cent. Cricket team, badminton and darts clubs, and Womens Institute

24. Personal:

25. Other information:

Abbots of St. Edmunds had country seat in parish. Said to have entertained Henry VI here (1433)
 Churchyard contains remains of ancient cross (1912)
 'Collections towards the History and Antiquities of Elmswell and Campsey Ash' by J.J. Nichols (1790)
 Elmswell common consisted of 188 acres pre-enclosure
 Map of Elmswell manor (1627)
 Ltr's collection of documents relating to Bastardy (18th cent.)
 Grange Estate: 38 houses built at Eastern Day/Hilliers Close (1982)
 Hann's Court: opened sheltered accommodation for elderly (1980)
 Great Court of St. Edmund was held by the Abbot in the parish (as well as elsewhere) (pre 1536)
 Inventory (photocopy of) of Elmswell Hall in parish folder (1752)
 'St. Edmunds Bacon Factory Ltd.'. East Anglian Life (April 1964)
 Transcripts of wills (1453-1476) in parish folder
 2 windmills valued 26s. 8d. (1283)
 * 'A Suffolk Hundred in 1283' by E. Powell (1910). Concentrates on Blackbourn Hundred - gives land usage, livestock and the taxes paid.
 Elmswell Hall: originally Elizabethan but with much alteration.
 List of field names from 1842 title map in parish folder.
 'Elmswell' by E. Rayner. East Anglian Magazine Vol. 31 p.213.
 Anglia V.V. programme (1962) specifically about 'Annual Bacon Fair'.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES:

Elmswell Hall, moated site (C.M. 6895)
 Rom. pottery kiln (C.M. 6896)

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Possible longth Roman road (C.M. 6899)
 St. Johns Church (C.M. 6900)
 Sundry finds: Rom. coin (C.M. 6898)
 Scatter finds: Rom. Bronze ring (C.M. 6902)
 Rom. pottery (C.M. 6894, 6897)
 coin, pottery (C.M. 6901)

NOTE: C.M. = Computer Record No.