

## Blisworth

*The Revd. Mr Bullyer Curate of this parish Certified me that we had been twice with him and that ye Register was looked over.*

2.1: *The Farthest extent is from Thorp to Stoke Brewern Computed to be 3 Miles: Bounded by Thorp: Milton: Cortenhall: Rhode: Stoke Brewern: Shittlanger: Tyfffield & Gayton. Cortenhall lyes east: Gayton West: Thorp North: Tiffield South: No. of Houses is 56, all inhabited: the poor's houses are 6: Hamblett, or Innship, sw clo: is the Woodhouse & belongs to Mr Pickering of Bugbrook.*

2.2: **Seats:** *One, in which Mr Plowman now Lives & was formerly the dwelling house of Sir Robert Wake, who Owned the whole town: 'Tis now upon ye De of Grafton hold:*

**Church Lands:** *about 2 acres in each Field, in the whole 6 Acres, sett annually for about 50 and of long standing, supposed to have been Given by the family of the Wakes:*

2.3: *A free School Given to this Town by the Wakes, Whose yearly Income Comes to about £10, It is given for the teaching of Latin as well as English &c, & ye Reverend Mr Bullyer ye present Curate is the headmaster:*

2.4: *Nihil [ie. no alt. places of worship, &c]*

2.5: *The Duke of Grafton owns the whole Town in Generall, excepting one farm House and a small Cottage: the Lord Leimpster & ye said De of Grafton are Sole Lords of the Mannour: The Lord Leimpster's Court being kept at Forster's Booth, which is for ye Game, for all Wayfts & Strays: at ye De's Court which is Leet and Baron, they put on their Officers, Choose ye Jury &c: 'Tis kept at this Town Twice a Year.*

*The Reverend Mr Robert's of Rutland ye present incumbent, His Living worth about £100 p annum:*

2.6: *Their procession is annual & on Cross Monday: Their Wake or Feast follows St John Baptist.*

2.7: *Hills: 1 Cliff Hill: 2 South Gutter hill: 3 Westbridge Hill:*

*Parks: Formerly One, a place now called Blisworth Park:*

*Rocks: In this field is a Rock of good Red Stone; & Another of White Stone in a place called Salt-Way:*

*Woods: One, called Blysworth wood, & affords every year a Sale: They have a very Large Common which enters Common with Rhode, called Blysworth Plain:*

*Warrens: There was formerly One, but now totally Destroyed, still retains ye Name of ye Coney-Green:*

*Brooks: One, which rises by ye Town's side from South gutt Springs, passes thro' this field on the South-West, drives an overshott wheel and thence runs for Milton, joins Lady Bridge, & then takes its Course for Upton Mill where it joins the River Nyne:*

*Springs: 1 Sow gutter: 2 Well Spring: both simple - the 3: is Ramwell Spring, a Mineral Water, & Accounted good for Sore and Weak Eyes:*

2.8: *The Road from Northampton to Oxford lies thro' part of this field: as also another from Northton to Foucetsr:*

*Crosses: 1st: is at Thorp Corner - 2nd: parts Cortenhall, Milton & Blisworth - 3rd: parts Rhode, Blysworth & Stoke Brewern - 4th: parts Shittlanger and Blisworth - 5th: parts Gayton, Tiffield & Blisworth: There is still remaining part of a stone Cross; and some suppose it has been formerly a Markett Town; but This is a meer Notion: Some small part of this parish is Inclosed: all the Rest is Open Field:*