

I am disappointed with the rather prosaic naming of wards – they are mainly based on the largest parish in the ward and clearly are the result of a somewhat lazy approach to this task.

Moreover, all sense of history has been lost. Some of our current ward names have retained links with the past – with the ancient hundreds of south Suffolk, names that recall Samford, Cosford and, indeed with the district itself, Babergh, so I would like to propose some renaming. I have come up with an initial list of names, just addressing those wards where there is no obvious dominant parish or where there are a lot of parishes, making the choice of one as the ward name a bit arbitrary.

Chelmondiston	East Samford
Copdock and Washbrook	North Samford
Polstead	retain Lower Brett
Assington	Mid Babergh
Bures & Nayland	South Babergh
Bildeston	North Cosford
Whatfield	East Cosford