

THE PARLIAMENTARY GAZETTEER REPORT ON THE PARISH OF
WILLOUGHBY, COUNTY OF WARWICK. Published, 1843-44.

WILLOUGHBY ,

a parish in the Rugby division of the
hund. of Knightlow, union of Rugby, county of Warwick. 4~ miles
north-west of Daventry.

Living, a discharged vicarage in the
archd. of Coventry and dio. of Worcester; rated at £9"4s"4d.;
nett value £217. Tithes commuted in 1759. Patrons, the president
and fellows of Magdalene college, Oxford.

The church is a structure of plain
exterior, with a low square embattled tower. The western window
possesses considerable beauty in the details. The interior
consists of a chancel, nave, and aisles; the first of which is
separated from the rest of the building by an obtusely pointed
arch. The aisles are separated
from the nave by rows of clustered columns, and from the interior
of the tower by a lofty arch. The font is a large cylindrical
vessel of stone, on a square pedestal.

The Primitive Methodists have a
place of worship here.

In this parish various liberal
benefactions have been given for charitable purposes.

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The average amount of these is now £500; and is expended in repairing the church; in weekly payments to the parishioners; in a salary of £40 to a schoolmaster for teaching all the poor children in the parish; in apprenticing poor children; and various other charitable purposes.

The village extends along the road from London to Holyhead. It consists principally of thatched houses, but a few have recently been built of a better description.

It has derived from a recent discovery of some saline and sulphureous springs, the properties of which are similar to those of Harrogate.

Acres, 2,290.

Houses, 87.

A.P. £3,399. (assessed property)

Population in 1801, 319.

Population in 1831. 376.

Poor rates in 1838, £239"13s.

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