

Lincolnshire HER Information Foston

Name: Settlement of Foston

HER Number: 34973

Monument Types

PIT (Early Medieval/Dark Age to Medieval - 950 AD to 1539 AD)

SETTLEMENT (Early Medieval/Dark Age to Modern - 950 AD to 2050 AD)

DITCH (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

FIELD SYSTEM (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)

RIDGE AND FURROW (Medieval - 1066 AD to 1539 AD)



St Peters Church Foston

Associated Finds

SHERD (Early Medieval/Dark Age to Medieval - 410 AD to 1539 AD)

ANIMAL REMAINS (Early Medieval/Dark Age to Post Medieval - 950 AD to 1800 AD)

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The settlement of Foston has its origins in the Anglo-Saxon period, and survives to the present.

Grid Reference: SK 860 430

Map Sheet: SK84SE

Parish: FOSTON, SOUTH KESTEVEN, LINCOLNSHIRE

Full description

(The record for the post-medieval settlement of Foston (PRN 34974) has now been amalgamated with this one.)

The settlement of Foston is first mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086. There was a large berewic of a manor at Long Bennington at Foston, and a much smaller manor, both belonging to Count Alan. The minimum population at that time was about 49. The name of Foston is a hybrid Anglo-Saxon name which suggests that this was an earlier Anglo-Saxon settlement taken over and partially renamed by the Danes. This theory is supported by the finding of four sherds of early Saxon Charnwood ware dating from the fifth to the early eighth century (see 34972). {1}{2}

During a watching brief on Long Street, late Saxon remains were revealed. A pit was recorded which contained finds dating from the late ninth century to the early eleventh century in local fabric pottery and the first reported occurrence of Lincoln kiln type pottery in the area. Two pits were exposed, one of which contained two sherds of Saxo-Norman pottery dating between the early/mid 12th and early 13th centuries. One sherd was of Lincoln fine shelled fabric, whilst the other was a fragment from a glazed Stamford ware jug or pitcher. In a further pit part of a Nottingham green glazed jug was recovered dating to the early 13th - early 14th centuries. Slightly to the west of this was a rubble spread, which was dated by the presence of part of another Nottingham green glaze jug. Late medieval/Tudor activity on the site is represented by an east-west aligned ditch, containing a quantity of animal bone, including an articulated pig skeleton. 15th-16th century Nottingham and Lincoln wares were also recovered. It was possibly part of the church and cemetery boundary. The topsoil over the entire development area contained an abundance of pottery dating from the seventeenth century onwards. {3}{4}



Windmill Foston (demolished)

Earthwork ridge and furrow has been noted on aerial photographs. {5}

A small sherd of medieval green glazed pottery with finger decoration was recovered from a garden at Nocton Cottages in 1976 (SK 8605 4308). {6}

42 households were recorded in Foston chapel in 1563. {7}

By the early nineteenth century there were 243 people living in Foston, which rose by the mid nineteenth century to 519, and fell again to 297 at the beginning of the twentieth century. {8}{9}

During a watching brief at SK 8593 4288 a series of pits were recorded. There are at least nine pits and possibly more, as it has been difficult to ascertain if some of them were extended or if there are actually two separate pits. Pottery dating from the 5th to the 15th century was recovered and it is thought that the pits date from the 15th century. Although there are many potential uses for these pits, such as disposal of organic waste or small scale quarrying of clay for 'mud and stud' buildings no function has been attributed to them. {10}{11}

Unstratified artefacts including medieval pottery and worked bone were recovered during a watching brief on land adjacent to Back Lane, Foston (PRN 34973a - SK 85998 42984). No archaeological features were recorded but the artefacts indicate that medieval deposits may have been present at this site prior to recent development. {12}{13}

More information

<http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results.aspx>

http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MLI34973&resourceID=1006

MONUMENT NO. 1071402

PREHISTORIC OR ROMAN ENCLOSURE -

Potential Prehistoric or Roman enclosure seen as cropmarks.

More information

http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=1071402&resourceID=2

MONUMENT NO. 1071404

County: Lincolnshire

MEDIEVAL FIELD SYSTEM 1066 - 1540

MEDIEVAL RIDGE AND FURROW 1066 - 1540

Probable Medieval field system of ridge and furrow seen as earthworks.



Ridge and furrow earthworks of Viking Way bridleway in Foston

http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=1071404&resourceID=2

Name: St Peter's Church, Foston

HER Number: 30179

Type of record: Building

A medieval church, it retains Norman, Transitional and Early English features.

The church of St Peter, Foston, has architectural features dating to the late 12th century and early 13th century as well as later work of the 15th and 16th centuries. Parts of the church were rebuilt in 1859 by Charles Kirk. For the full description and the legal address of this listed building please refer to the appropriate List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest.

More information

http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MLI30179&resourceID=1006

Name: Site of windmill, south of the Great North Road, Foston

HER Number: 30178

Type of record: Monument

More information

http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MLI30178&resourceID=1006

Name: Early Saxon pottery from Long Street

HER Number: 34972

Type of record: Monument

http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MLI34972&resourceID=1006

Name: Undated features at Long Street

HER Number: 35017

Type of record: Monument

http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MLI35017&resourceID=1006

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Type of record: Monument

http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MLI34973&resourceID=1006

Name: Coin found, east of chapel, Foston

HER Number: 30188

Type of record: Monument

http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MLI30188&resourceID=1006

Name: Former site of Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Foston

HER Number: 39323

Type of record: Monument

http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MLI99322&resourceID=1006

Name: Neolithic arrowhead found, Foston

HER Number: 30180

Type of record: Find Spot

http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=MLI30180&resourceID=1006

LAND ADJACENT TO BACK LANE

MEDIEVAL - OCCUPATION SITE

http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=1924528&resourceID=304

<http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archsearch/record.jsf?titleId=1924528>

LONG STREET/EAST OF SCHOOL LANE

UNCERTAIN - KILN

UNCERTAIN - PIT

UNCERTAIN - GULLY

EARLY MEDIEVAL - FEATURE

MEDIEVAL – FEATURE

More information

<http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archsearch/record.jsf?depositorId=1153126&collectionId=304>

http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/Gateway/Results_Single.aspx?uid=1832363&resourceID=304