

# HIGHAM

Higham is a hamlet in the water meadows of the Stour valley, a mile from the A12 and about nine miles each from Ipswich and Colchester.

It has always been small. In 1086 there were eleven inhabitants and today there are fifty eight inhabited houses.

The tiny flint built church stands down by the river. The tower was erected around 1200AD and the rest was gradually added. The church was severely damaged by the Iconoclast Dowsing in the 1640s and was left un-repaired and out of use for more than twenty years. It was much restored in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century and is still in use.

The 1066 Norman Survey stated that Higham consisted of four manors, each of one carucate. Today Higham Hall and Higham Lodge, both rebuilt at the beginning of the nineteenth century, stand on two of the original manor sites. Pound Farm was a manor house and Higham Place, an Elizabethan house on the Green, may have been the site of the fourth manor. Around the period the Bentley-Hadleigh railway line was opened in 1847 several cottages in the village were altered, enlarged or rebuilt for the families of London commuters.

Today it is largely a village for commuters. There are no shops and even the former public house and post office are both private houses. Point to point races are held four times a year on the racecourse off the Hadleigh Road on the north side of the village.



*St. Mary's Church*

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