

WISSINGTON

Wissington is Nayland's sister parish which lies over the A134, filling the gap between Nayland and Bures. With a long history of its own it was joined forcibly to the civil parish of Nayland in 1883, where it still remains in an occasionally uneasy alliance.

It is known as Wiston to almost all its residents and Wiston Road is the name of the road leading to Wiston from Nayland. It is also the name of the church, the Hall and the Mill although there are also Wissington Grange and Grove as well as other houses more recently named.

It has about 76 houses and a population of about 200. Once it was a purely agricultural parish and it still has two large farms, two medium sized farms and one small one, while many fields are let for grazing, some have been planted with trees and one old farm has an air field. In 1901 the East Anglian Sanatorium opened which in the 1950s changed to the Jane Walker Hospital, both a source of much employment in Wiston and Nayland until the Jane Walker closed in 1991.

Nowadays the important centre of the hamlet is the little Norman church down by the river beside Wiston Hall. It is listed grade 1 and is much loved by its parishioners. Wiston is still a separate ecclesiastical parish although it shares its Vicar with Nayland. It has regular services and an active Friends society helps to maintain the fabric with various local events.

The original Sanatorium building, built in Arts and Crafts style, was saved as a listed site and is now converted into eight houses. The remainder of the buildings was replaced by another eight houses.



St. Mary's Church

The old Fox pub closed many years ago and there is no bus service. The inhabitants use the amenities of Nayland, although at the far western end of Wiston some choose to go to Bures or over the river to Wormingford. Wiston remains a beautiful and peaceful place to live.

For more information visit the Nayland and Wiston Community website at:

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