

# Castle Acre Relgion *'The Past is All Around Us'*

## Castle Acre's Historic Landscape: Making your own map.

Listed below are some of the historic sites we know about – some have exact locations and some are conjectural and are for you to decide, using any evidence given in the notes.

Mark as many as you can on your OS map, to make your own Norman and Medieval Castle Acre.

**The Castle**

**The Priory**

**The Church**

**Norman planned town** occupying a rectangular area immediately to the west of the castle. Dyke Hills - the bank and ditch on the west side and along much of the south side surviving as substantial earthworks.

**Bailey Gate.** The north gate of 12th century.

**The site of the south gate** – where Bailey Street has cut off the southern boundary bank of Dyke Hills.

**A substantial earth bank that extends along much of the north side of Pye's Lane**, across the road from Castle Acre Castle. English Heritage considers that this may be medieval remains of an outer court or manorial enclosure or even earlier Saxon remains.

**Medieval Moat TF 8075 1533**

The field is called 'Moat Meadow' on the tithe map of 1839.

**Moated Site TF 8124 1540**

This is the probable site of a moated medieval manor, known as Foxes Manor.

**The lane** from St James's Green to the common passed this moat but is now a field Boundary.

**The long narrow strip of land** from Back Lane to the moat could have been an access route from the village.

**St James' Green** - the possible site of a medieval market and the fair.

**Medieval House Plots** – the northern side of Stocks Green  
Castle Acre's Three fields – West Field; Middle Field; East Field.