

Boyton history

In the past, Boyton was a centre for clay and mineral mining, with the goods being shipped out from Boyton Dock on Butley Creek.



In the village itself, and adjoining the church are the Mary Warner Homes, built around a courtyard 250 years ago as almshouses, and still operating today as a charitable organisation.



Modern Boyton

Today, Boyton is surrounded by farmland and is in an area of outstanding natural beauty, with an RSPB bird reserve (Boyton Marshes) close by.

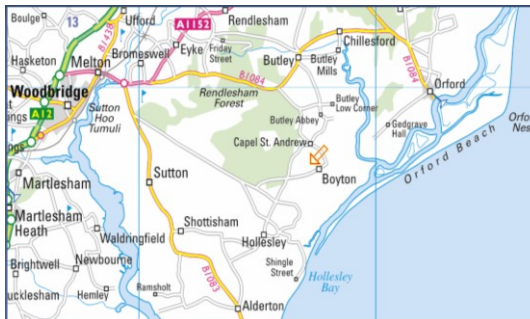
There are many miles of footpaths and bridleways in the area, and the village is close to the Suffolk Coastal Path, which leads from Felixstowe to Lowestoft.

There is a small ferry which operates during the summer, taking walkers and cyclists across the nearby Butley Creek to Orford and beyond. It continues a long tradition of ferry services on the creek, but today the ferryman is accessible by mobile phone for bookings (07913 672499).

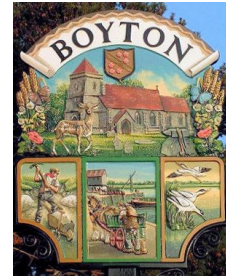
Directions

From Woodbridge take the A1152 then the B1084 past the Sutton Hoo National Trust site, and follow signposts to Boyton.

An online map is available at: <http://tiny.cc/p3ZBT>



St Andrew's Church Boyton Woodbridge Suffolk



Boyton Village

Boyton is one of Suffolk's smallest villages, tucked away in the heart of the country near the Heritage Coast and close to Orford.

Its original Saxon name means Bay Town and the village lies just a mile or so from the sea and from Orford Ness, a long tongue of shingle beach which stretches south from Aldeburgh.



St Andrew's Church

St Andrew's church has served the people of Boyton for nearly a thousand years, and is a Grade II listed building. Originally Norman, it was remodelled in the 14th and 15th centuries, and again in Victorian times.



English Heritage grant

English Heritage has recently made a grant towards the repair of the west tower and staircase of St Andrew's church.

The tower staircase is made of a combination of local crag stone and septaria.

Septaria is a special type of very porous rock, similar to limestone, which has been used from Roman times for rough walling, and is also found nearby in Orford Castle for example. It is very prone to decay and weathering, and is not well suited to load-bearing.



Reconstruction work

The church tower staircase is believed to be a unique survival in Suffolk - and possibly in the whole of the UK, but its poor condition now means it will soon reach the point of structural failure unless repairs are carried out.

To complete the restoration work, St Andrew's needs the support of its friends and visitors.

We hope you will be able to help us achieve the goal of restoring this historic staircase by making a donation to the Friends of St Andrew's (registered charity no 143034) either via our website or by contacting us direct.

If you would like to find out more about helping St Andrew's, please contact: Malcolm Fleetwood (01394 410409) or visit: <http://tinyurl.com/boytonappeal>

