

**LIVING HISTORIES,
LASTING JOURNEYS**
Sharing the heritage of
St Leonard's Flamstead



How is a village made?

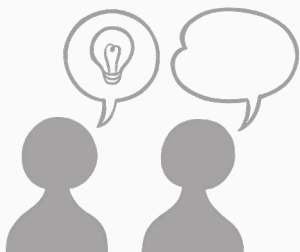
The making of the village of Flamstead
and St Leonard's Church



Learning Objective

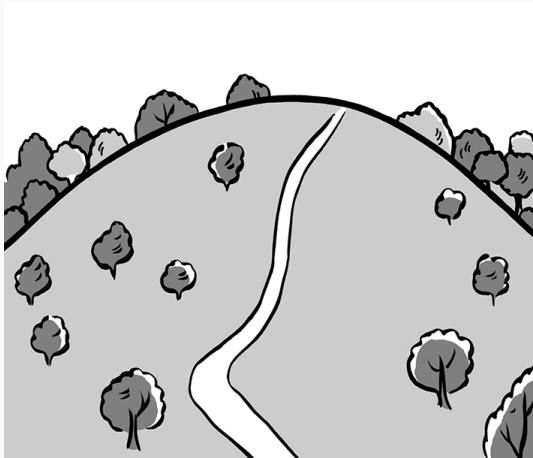
To learn how the village of
Flamstead grew around
St Leonard's Church.

What do you know about villages?



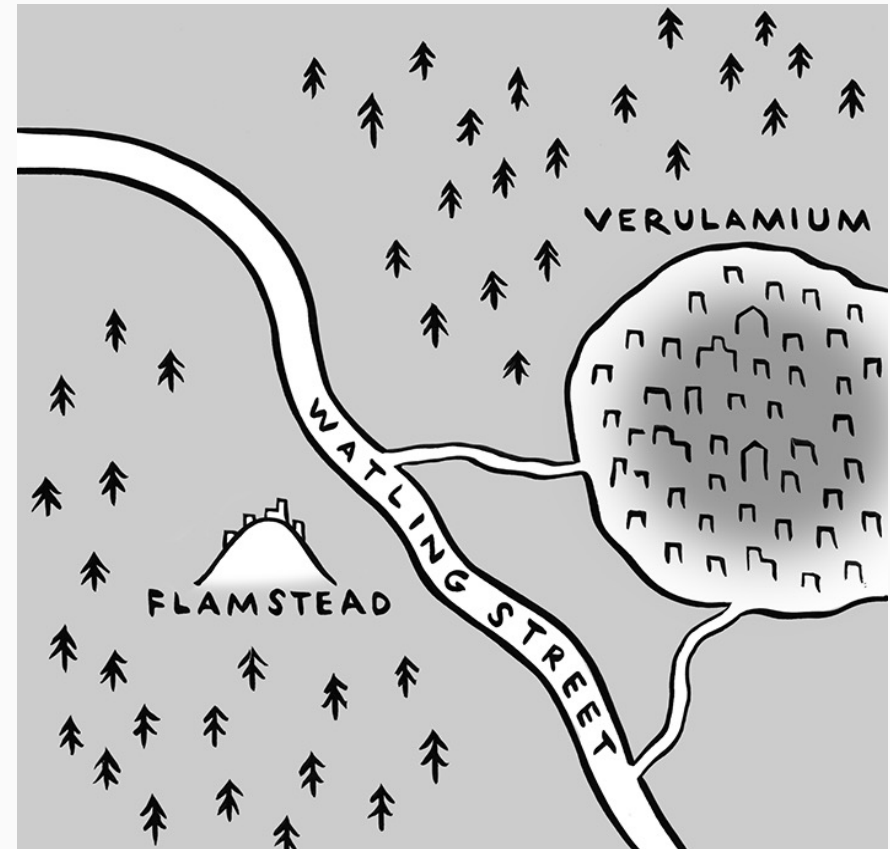
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How to make a village in 3 easy steps



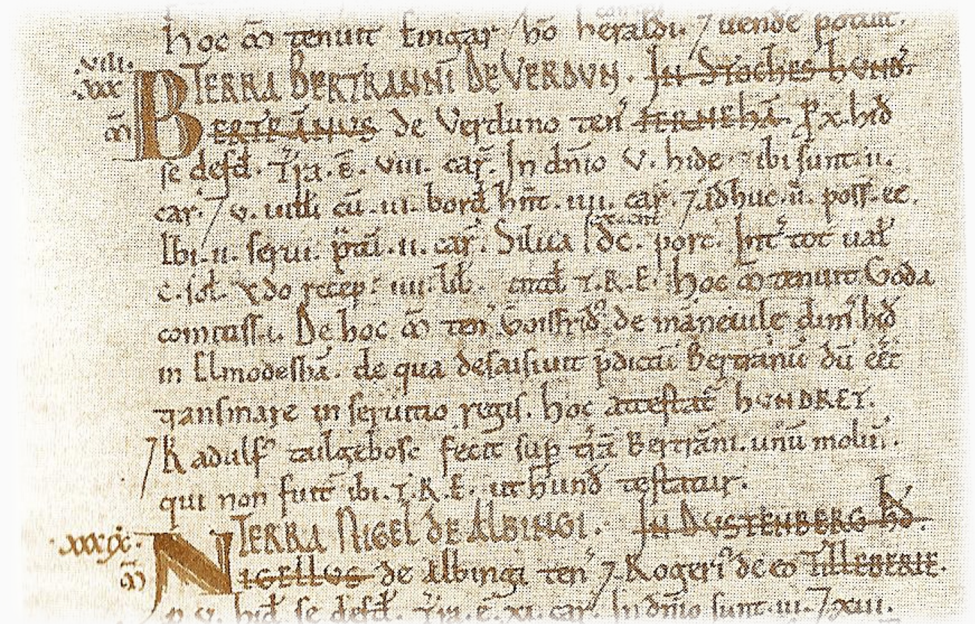
Step 1: Find a suitable place for your village

- Flamstead is built on a hill.
- It is close to the Roman road called Watling Street.
- The Romans built the city of Verulamium, now called St Albans.
- After the Romans left Britain, the area around the city became lawless.



A village named in the Domesday Book

- In 1086 Flamstead belonged to the de Tony family
- It was a reward for Ralph de Tony
- He fought in the Battle of Hastings in 1066 for William the Conqueror
- We know this from the Domesday Book.

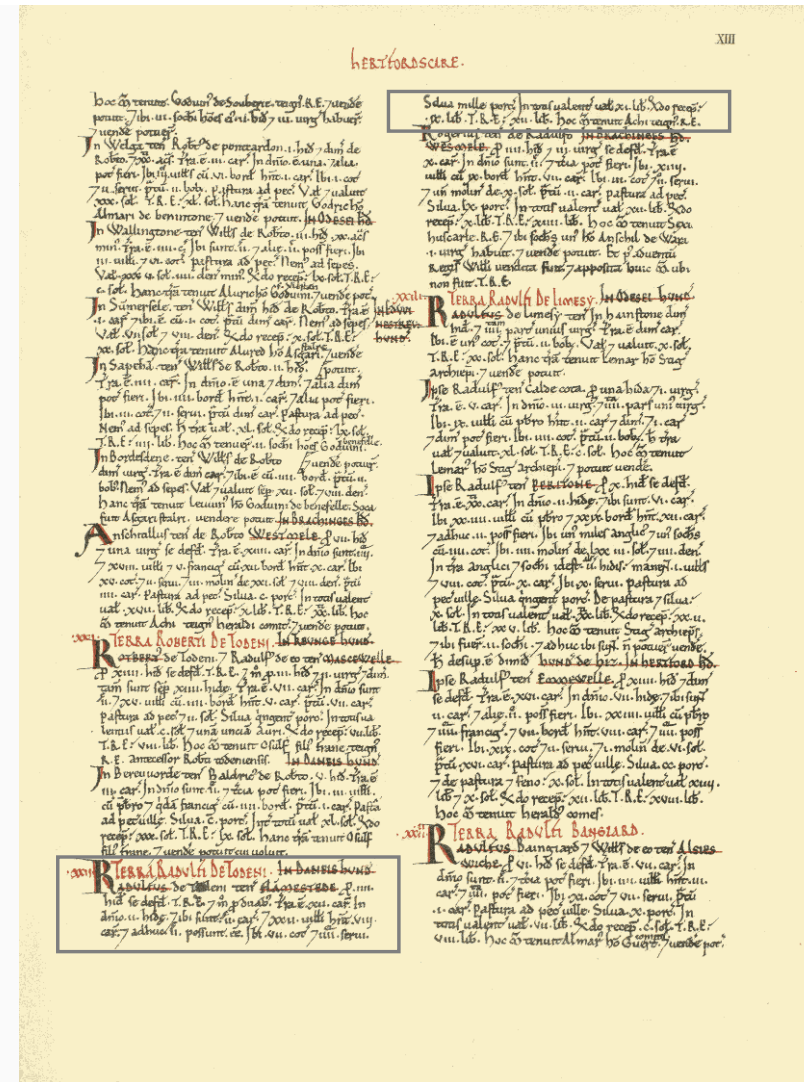


Detail of a [page from the Domesday Book](#).

Flamstead in 1086

The Domesday Book says there are

- 22 villagers
 - 7 cottagers
 - 4 slaves
- It says Flamstead has
- 12 fields or ploughlands and woodland
 - one thousand pigs



[The page of the Domesday book listing Flamstead.](#)

Step 2: Build a church



- The stone church was built to worship God
- It was also a way for the Lord of the Manor to show how important and rich he was.



(Lord of the Manor - landowner)



Lord of the Manor
of Flamstead

Christina of Markyate



Christina of Markyate

- Flamstead was thought of as an important religious place because of Christina of Markyate.
- She lived near the site of the Church.
- In the 12th Century she was often visited by abbots of St Albans to ask for her advice.



(St Leonard & Christina of Markyate)

Who lived and worked in Flamstead?



Architect



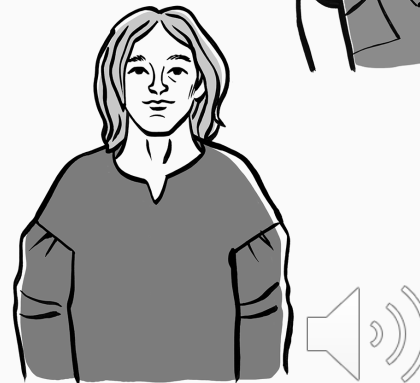
Stone Mason



Blacksmiths



Master Mason

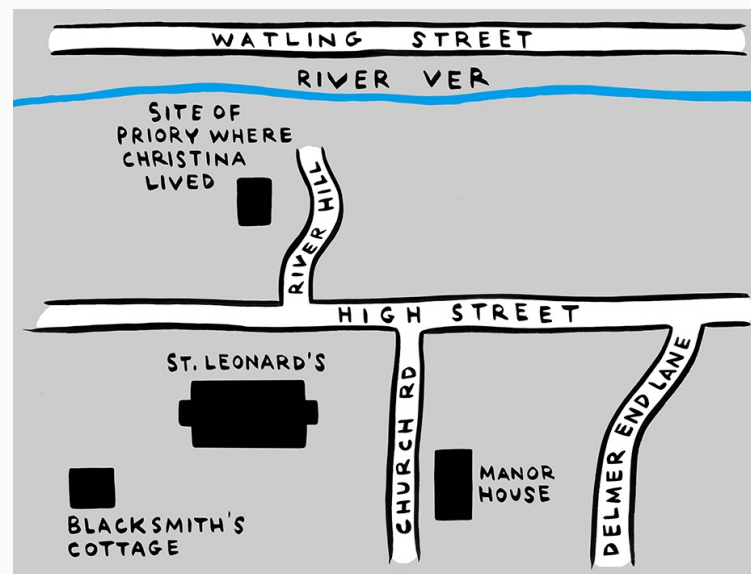


Carpenter

(who's who of church builders)

Traces of Flamstead's History Today

- Today you can see evidence of where these people may have lived
- Blacksmith's Cottage is at the edge of the Churchyard
- Was this the old site of the blacksmith's forge who worked on St Leonard's Church?
- What could other cottages have been called?



Step 3: Grow a community

- In 1299 Robert de Todei was granted permission to hold a market in Flamstead every Thursday
- Travellers would stop to rest as they made their way along Watling Street to London or the Midlands
- Around the same time a fair was held each November to celebrate St Leonard



(St Leonard & Christina of Markyate)



St Leonard

A community growing alongside St Leonard's

- The Village grew as the church building grew
- People worshipped in the Church
- They gathered in the Church for special events.



Flamstead today

The Village of Flamstead has

- about 1300 residents
- 1 shop
- 3 pubs
- 1 school
- 2 churches
- Many community groups / events

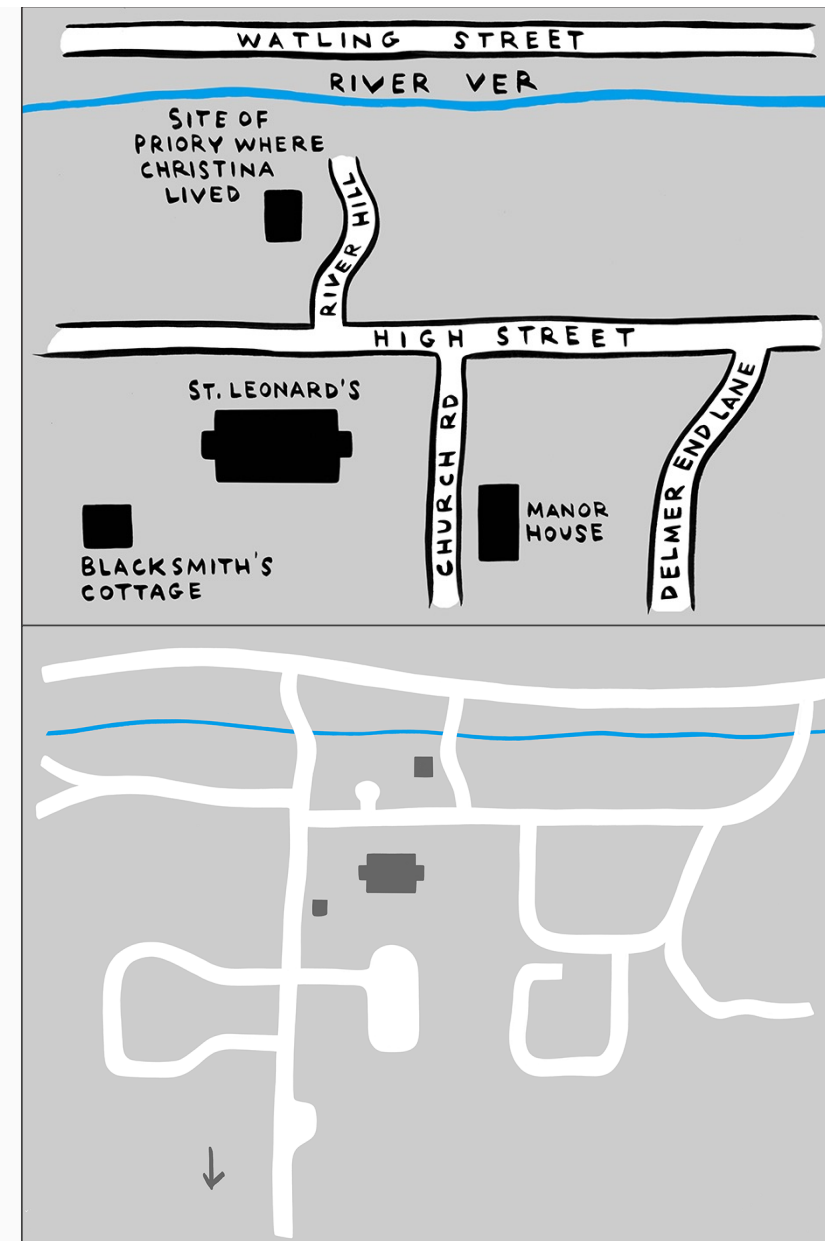


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Task 1: Flamstead then and now

Look at these two maps. The top one shows Flamstead in medieval times; the bottom one shows modern-day Flamstead.

- What differences can you see between these two maps?
- Look at the street names of Flamstead today on [Google Maps](#). What do they tell us about the history of Flamstead?



Task 2: What has St Leonard's Church seen?

If St Leonard's Church could talk,
what would it tell us about
Flamstead?



Master Mason

Create a Mind Map



(Master Mason)

Task 3: Send a postcard from medieval Flamstead

- Imagine you are a visitor to Flamstead and St Leonard's Church in medieval times
- Draw a picture on a postcard and write on the back what you have seen

