

As in Wheatley, evidence has been found of Roman and Saxon settlement in Holton. However, the moat, dug to form the defence for a building erected by the Norman baron, Roger D'Ivry, is the most significant and lasting man-made feature of the landscape. We do not know what the 11th century building was like, but it was obviously altered over the years to suit the changing needs and tastes of new owners.

The engraving of 1797 shows an imposing façade, which would indicate a rather grand house, but the rear view, dated 1800, gives a totally different impression.

When Elisha Biscoe bought the property in 1801 he had it demolished, and built a new Georgian mansion which faces the moat and the site of the old moated building. It is now part of the Wheatley Park School.