



Early medieval landscape

The landscape would have been open; few hedges, and those only high enough to keep stock and deer out of the rare, enclosed fields; few trees outside and managed woods.

The open fields were made up of strips. There is some evidence for names in the 13th century.

All the marshy land seems to have been a vast common shared by Kirby cane and Geldestone, called the Micklefen.

Ellingham houses were scattered around the common/open field edge.

