

INDEX OF TREE-RING DATED BUILDINGS IN ENGLAND COUNTY LIST approximately in chronological order, revised to VA51 (2020).

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County – Historic and later	Felling date range	Placename	Address	VA ref HE ref Other refs	Description / keywords	NGR
Norf	1283	Hemsby	Hall Farm Barn, Hall Lane	47.80 Notm RRS 41/2015	Aisled barn of 8 bays. Timber-framed (now brick) and thatched. Curved braces from arcade posts to arcade plates and tiebeams. Reversed assembly? Curved passing braces from wall posts through arcade posts to tiebeams; notched lap joints.	TG 487167
Norf	1355 -60 c.	Denton	The Farmhouse, Lodge Farm	25.25 Sh AML 85/93 (1)	Moated. Hall range raised aisle.	TM 289886
Norf	1356 - 1392?	Castle Acre	Castle Acre Priory	30.123 Sh	'Re-used timber in scissor-braced roof'.	TF 815147
Norf	1366 -1390	Castle Acre	Castle Acre Priory	30.123 Sh	Prior's Lodging. Two elements: a low-pitched roof or ceiling, above which is a scissor-braced roof (so coupled rafter?) This date is from the low-pitched element. Also see 1356 -1392?	TF 815147
Norf	1380 -81	Ingham	Grange Farm barn	34.93 MB CfA 77/2002	Aisled. Slots in aisle posts for passing braces.	TG 385261
Norf	1378 -99	Norwich	Great Hospital, Bishopsgate	34.93 MB CfA 10/2002	This date obtained from west truss in St Helen's Church. Also see 1403 and 1447 - 63.	TG 236090
Norf	1401	Bressingham	Old Boyland Hall	42.105 Oxf	Manorial. Timber-framed wing with 3-bay great chamber. Close-studded, jettied. 2-tier queen post roof.	TM 085844
Norf	1403	Norwich	Great Hospital, Bishopsgate	34.93 MB CfA 10/2002	Rafters and wall plate were dated 'in Parker Ward' roof. Also see 1378 -99 and 1447 -63.	TG 236090
Norf	1396 -1419	Castle Acre	Castle Acre Priory	31.125 Sh AML46/2000	Prior's Lodging. Coupled rafter scissor-braced: also see 1366-1390.	TF 815147
Norf	1400 -32	King's Lynn	St Nicholas's Chapel	46.107 Oxf	Nave roof. Shallow traceried arch braces up to tiebeams which carry queen-post trusses – [raised aisle?] Above the clerestory, short hammer beams carrying angels. 'Recently rebuilt' in a doc. of 1419. North aisle roof 1391 -1415 may be same build. Tracery in nave east truss is of Baltic timber, 1436+ & 1443+.	TF 618204
Norf	1405 -30	Thetford	Abbey Farm – cottage	33.111 Notm	Aisled. Projecting arch-braced tiebeams carry a raised aisle roof.	TL 865835
Norf	1403 -35	Wiggenhall	Church of St Mary Magdalen	39.113 MB RDR 14/2008	South aisle roof. No details of roof.	TF 598114
Norf	1422 /23 i	Wymondham	9 Town Green	50.89 Swan 030	2-storey 3-cell house with fireplace at upper end of hall. Roof of raised aisle form.	TG 109018
Norf	1427	Norwich	Dragon Hall, King Street	30.124 Sh	Trading hall? Crown posts with long upward braces.	TG 236083
Norf	1414 -39	Thetford	Abbey Farm	33.111 Notm	Priory building, later a barn, now domestic. Felling date range for timbers at west end of barn, formerly timber-framed, jettied, now part flint rubble. 2 square section crown posts with moulded caps and bases with 4-way braces. (Extended 1533 -36 <i>qv</i>).	TL 865834
Norf	1433 -58	Langley with Hardley	Langley Abbey	46.99 Notm RRS 25/2014	Former stables. Timber-framed and jettied upper storey. Arch-braces to tiebeams, single collars, clasped purlins, curved wind braces. (For west cloister see 1605 /30).	TG 362028

Norf	1437 -63	Oxborough	Oxburgh Hall	35.87 Sh	West range roof: arch-braced collar trusses: also see 1574 -1610.	TF 742012
Norf	1451	New Buckenham	Old Vicarage, Chapel Street	36.83 IT	Remains of hall and service room, both open to roof. Engaged wall shafts, tiebeam. Later roof.	TM 086903
Norf	1447 -63	Norwich	Great Hospital, Bishopsgate	34.93 MB CfA 10/2002	Cloister roof. Also see 1378 -99 and 1403.	TG 236090
Norf	1473	New Buckenham	Oak Cottage / Yellow Cottage, Market Place	36.85 Notm	Jettied. Crown posts. Edge-halved and bridled scarfs, soffit tenon joists.	TM 089904
Norf	1494	Feltwell	St Mary's Church	41.98 Notm RDR 66/2009	Nave roof, shallow pitch. Main trusses have arch-braced tiebeams, pierced spandrels; 6 struts up to principals (braces from central pair form an arch) . Intermediate trusses have arch-braced angel brackets under tiebeams, moulded principals. Single tier of tenoned purlins and ridge piece.	TL 715907
Norf	1484 -1509	Loddon	Hales Hall, Litchmere Lane – Barn	46.99 Notm RRS 58/2014	Brick barn, 10 bays. E roof has wall-posts, arch-braced tiebeams, queen posts with short curved braces to upper tiebeams and arcade plates, crown posts with curved braces up to collar-plates, tenoned side purlins, curved wind braces. W roof (same date-range) also has arch-braced tiebeams, queen posts with short curved braces to upper tiebeams, but 2 tiers of side purlins. (For hall see 1583 -1608, for The Bothy see 1594).	TM 369960
Norf	1485 -1509	Potter Heigham	St Nicholas Church	45.111 Notm RRS 34/2013	False hammerbeam trusses over nave. Wall posts, arch braces to false hammer beams, traceried spandrels, 2 tiers of tenoned purlins + ridge piece, bosses. (For N aisle roof see 1533 -58).	TG 419199
Norf	1498/9	King's Lynn	Marriot's Warehouse	30.123 Sh AML 11/99	Re-used timbers. Also see 1569/70 and 1583/4.	TF 616196
Norf	1518	Blakeney	The Old Rectory	43.91	Flint & brick main range both of 1518. Main roof – 5 trusses – tiebeams, principals, collars. Truss 3 tiebeam is arch-braced. One end of wing roof is hipped.	TG 032434
Norf	1510 -35	Aldeby	Aldeby Hall	45.112 Notm	(Now in central range of 18thC country house) – timber framing includes these dated ceiling joists. (For 'barn' see 1614 -26)	TM 444928
Norf	1520 -35	Attleborough	Church of St Mary, Church Street	35.100 Oxf CfA 5/2004	Bell frame.	TM 049954
Norf	1533 -36	Thetford	Abbey Farm	33.111 Notm	East extension of former priory building. Includes re-used crown posts? (For primary framing see 1414 -39).	TL 865834
Norf	1532 - c.1540	Thetford	The Barn, Abbey Farm	24.47 Sh AML23/93	Barn. (Crown post end not dated)	TL 865835
Norf	1543	Tacolneston	Tacolneston Hall	42.95 IT	Tripartite house, floored from outset. Close studding. Also see 1618.	TM 138955
Norf	1533 -58	Potter Heigham	St Nicholas' Church	45. 111 38.110 Notm RDR 2/2007 & RRS 34/2013	North aisle roof. 9 principal rafter trusses, some braced from wall posts. Single tier of purlins. (For nave roof see 1485 -1509).	TG 419199
Norf	1540-68	Tharston & Hapton	Marsh View & School Cottage	42.95 IT	Tripartite house, always floored, originally with 2 framed stacks. 'Queen post roof'. King strut in service bay.	TM 176965
Norf	1549 -74	Blakeney	The Old Rectory, Wiveton Road	51.130 Notm	Barn, opposed cart entrances. 6 tiebeam trusses, tall queen struts, double collars (?), 2 tiers purlins. Note – some empty mortices, and only tiebeams dated.	TG 032434
Norf	1546-82	Forncett	18 Bentley Rd	42.94 IT	Tripartite plan, 1½ storeys. Timber-framed. Hall floored from outset. 'Queen-post roof' [or queen-strut?]	TM 142939
Norf	1558-63	Terrington St Clements	14 Emorsgate	42.106 Oxf	Mid rail, wall-plate, tiebeam, 2 straight braces.	TF 537204
Norf	1551 -79	Oxborough	Oxburgh Hall (NT)	35.87 Sh	North range east roof. (Also see 1574 -1610).	TF 742012
Norf	1569 /70	King's Lynn	Marriot's Warehouse	30.123 Sh	Warehouse. Re-used timbers. Also see 1437 -63, 1498/9,1583/4, 1601 -37, 1748 c.	TF 616196
Norf	1573	New Buckenham	Old Swan, King Street	36.84 IT	'... side purlin roof with clasped collars' [?]	TM 087903
Norf	1574 -1585	Paston	Great Barn, Bacton Road	30.124 Sh AML 54/99.	Barn. Stone. Tiebeam & collar trusses alternate with hammer-beam trusses. Queen struts. Documented construction in 1581.	TG 321345

Norf	1583 /4	King's Lynn	Marriot's Warehouse	30.123 Sh	Warehouse. Tiebeams. (Also see 1498/9 and 1569/70).	TF 616196
Norf	1583 /4	Waxham	Waxham Great Barn	36.75 MB CfA 67/2004	Barn. Gables and display side have diamond brick patterns. 20 principal trusses alternate between queen struts on arch-braced tiebeams and hammer-beams. Three tiers of tenoned purlins.	TG 439262
Norf	1579 -98	Garvestone	Gunton's Farmhouse	32.72 MB CfA 37/2001	Queen struts, clasped purlins, wind-braces.	TG 016069
Norf	1579 -1604 & 1594	Loddon	Hales Hall, Litchmere Lane – The Bothy	46.99 Notm RRS 58/2014	5 clasped purlin trusses at W end. (Re-used timbers in extension 1410 -35 and 1468 -93). (For hall roof see 1593/4; for barn see 1494).	TM 369960
Norf	1574 -1610	Oxborough	Oxburgh Hall (NT)	35.87 Sh	Rafter in West range, prob. re-raftering of roof of 1437 -63 (qv) and also see 1551 -79.	TF 742012
Norf	1589 -1614 & 1594	Loddon	Hales Hall, Litchmere Lane – hall range	46.99 Notm RRS 58/2014	Roof (east end and middle). Collars, tenoned purlins. Ground floor east ceiling 1583 -1608 & 1594. (For The Bothy see 1594; for barn see 1494).	TM 369960
Norf	1594/5	Tacolneston	Old Manor Farmhouse	42.95 IT	Kitchen added to rear of hall range. Also see 1579-1615.	TM 143946
Norf	1579-1615	Tacolneston	Old Manor Farmhouse	42.95 IT	Parlour wing. Close-studded. Edge-halved bridled scarf. Lower tier of purlins tenoned, upper tier clasped, with wind-braces. Also see 1594/5.	TM 143946
Norf	1597	Tittleshall	Godwick Great Barn, Godwick	44.94 Notm RDRS 14/2013	Brick. 11 alternating hammer beam & queen-strut trusses. Wall posts on corbels, arch-braced hammer beams, hammer posts, principals, collars. Arch-braced tiebeams, rafter struts, collars. 3 tiers of side purlins.	TF 904221
Norf	1598	Aslacton	Eagle Farm	42.94 IT	Parlour wing, 2 storeys with attic. Close studding. 2 tiers of tenoned purlins with wind braces to upper tier. Elaborate and notched chamfer stops, ovolo and diamond mullions.	TM 149919
Norf	1615	Pulham Market	Manor Farm	42.94 IT (2)	Hall and service end of tripartite house. Primary floored attic. Principals, collars, 2 tiers of tenoned purlins, wind braces. Sliding shutters 1599+.	TM 211884
Norf	1605 -30	Langley with Hardley	Langley Abbey	46.99 Notm RRS 25/2014	Former west cloister range (13thC stone walls). Roof has tiebeams, principals, lower and upper collars, 2 tiers of tenoned purlins. (For stables see 1433 -58).	TG 362028
Norf	1617/18	Tacolneston	Tacolneston Hall	42.95 IT	West wing added to house of 1543 (qv). Notched chamfer stops in parlour. East wing date range 1613-49 overlaps; arched collar: lower tier of staggered purlins, upper tier with 'cranked inverted arch windbraces'.	TM 138955
Norf	1601 -37	Oxborough	Oxburgh Hall (NT)	35.87 Sh	Moated. Manorial. East range northern roof. Also see 1748 c.	TF 742012
Norf	1614 -26	Aldeby	Aldeby Hall - barn	45.112 Notm	Barn? Brick, 8 bays, 2 storeys + attic. 7 tiebeam trusses. 2 tiers of side purlins.	TM 444928
Norf	1624	New Buckenham	Pinchpot, Chapel Street	36.83 IT	Lobby-entrance house. Serpentine braces face down street. Diminished haunch soffit tenons, straight bracing, joists set on edge. No roof details.	TM 086904
Norf	1617-40	Tacolneston	St Mary's Farm	42.95 IT	Parlour wing. 2 storeys + attic. Single tier of staggered tenoned purlins, inverted arch wind-bracing.	TM 149941
Norf	1645	Forncett	Riverside Farm	42.94 IT	3-bay timber-framed building originally with framed chimney. 'Queen post roof' [or queen strut?] King strut in service bay wall. Wall plate has face-halved scarf joint.	TM 167944
Norf	1640 -63	Tibenham	Tibenham Farm	38.115 DCL	5 bay un-aisled barn. Arch-braced from jowled posts to straight tiebeams. Principal rafters retain evidence of roof with collars, tenoned purlins, wind braces.	TM 124881
Norf	1654 /55 1655	Great Yarmouth	160 King Street	51.141 Oxf RRS 111/2019	Four collar and rafter trusses.	TG 525074
Norf	1685	Felbrigg	Felbrigg Hall (NT)	30.123 Sh AML 65/98	'Samwell wing' roof.	TG 193394
Norf	1682-1706	Dereham	Church of St Nicholas	- Notm RDR 42/2008	North transept roof: knee-braced tiebeams, one tier of side purlins and a ridge beam support an integral panelled ceiling.	TF 986133
Norf	1694 -1725	New Buckenham	Burrage House/Old Post Office, King St	36.83 IT	The 3 dated timbers all appear to relate to remodelling.	TM 086904
Norf	1748 c	Oxborough	Oxburgh Hall (NT)	35.87 Sh	East range southern roof.	TF 742012
Norf	1790	Thrigby	Postmill	15.69 FI	Samples from main post.	TG 46- 12-

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