

Greasley dowsing Sunday 10th April 2005.

- ✚ Findings from various sources indicate that there was a thriving community at Greasley.
- ✚ The findings indicate that a settlement existed here at least from roman times and they in all probability took over from the indigenous population.
- ✚ Buildings found, by dowsing, date from 400AD up to 1700AD.
- ✚ One large building around 1100 appears to have been a most important building for the community at that time. It was possibly like a council chamber or a courthouse.
- ✚ There are remains that could be excavated at a later date with permission.
- ✚ Two buildings, not far from the footpath were there around 1300AD.
- ✚ One building between the stile and the gate, close to the old road, was used between 1660 and 1770AD.
- ✚ There are other buildings from 900 to 960 of a wooden construction, which have been built over by more substantial dwellings.
- ✚ Findings by P Kendall, sent by email, state that: -
- ✚ The last permanent residence in the lower of the fields was in 1485, a family group of 5, 3 of whom died (plague?) and two moved away.
- ✚ In 1430 nine resident in the field.
- ✚ In 1400 twenty resident. Four family groups occupying 17 structures. These were split into 4 dwellings, 11 work related and 3 community buildings.
- ✚ These findings are consistent with other findings with the exception of the one building near the roadside.
- ✚ The indications for this building suggest a later date but with maps being available from 1610 to 1774 it may be possible to check this. Re surveying may be required.
- ✚ All findings give positive indications that a village did exist.
- ✚ These dwellings may have altered as different materials were found and older buildings replaced or other families moved in. Most of the workers would be farming stock and linked to the castle.