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The family still own the site but English Heritage Archaeological excavations have been conducting excavations. The Priory chapel remained unaltered. Esholt Old Hall, Church Lane As long ago as the there was a nunnery at Lower Esholt which was part of the Syningthwaite Priory nearby.

Esholt Priory Charter 1485

Like most of its kind the Abbey was not solely a place of worship.

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Richard II granted permission to crenellate the walls and the four gates, Kirk Gate, New Gate, Nun Gate and Bayle Gate.

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The old chapel was still in existence in 1691. The monks, whose number grew to fifteen, and lay brothers worked in farming, smelting, mineral mining and in their mill.

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The whole was a cell of St Wandrilles and probably the mother Abbeys most northern English possession.

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The heiress Alice married Sir William Chaworth.

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Kirklees was dissolved in 1539 at which time there were eight nuns in residence and the estate was valued at £29-18-9d. It was founded in 1152 as a house for thirteen canons of the Premonstratensian order by Roald, the Constable of the castle.

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