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Benedict had them followed brought back and punished by castration. The East window contains medieval glass.

**Esholt**

Stones from the site were used to build nearby St Nicholas Anglican church and other buildings in the town after the Reformation. The subjects for these are taken from the Old Testament on the north side, and the New on the south side.

**Esholt**

It seems to have fallen into a state of disrepair and disarray by 1378 when an inquisition found the expenses of the house far outstripped the revenue. . When it came to a choice of Saint to whom the Abbey should be dedicated there was no shortage of choice.

**Houses of Cistercians nuns: Priory of Esholt**

However the conflict of Stephens reign also saw the Earl of Albemarle, William le Gros expel the canons for a time in his private feud with a neighbour.

**Esholt Priory Charter 1485**

There had formerly bee a Saxon foundation of church and nunnery on the site, but foundation was confirmed by new charters in the reign of Henry I. On 22 September 1315 Archbishop Greenfield wrote to the Prioress of Esholt peremptorily ordering her to remove within six days all the secular women boarders over the age of twelve years, and to admit no more without special licence.

**Esholt Priory Charter 1485**

It is even claimed Robin Hood attended Mass there. On their way to York to enlist the help of Archbishop Thurstan, the party were taken in by Gundreda d'Aubigny. It is known that a church was on the site in 1170.

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Fitz John founded the Priory as a penance for fighting for the Scots at the battle of the Standard.

## **Richard III Society**

Agnes was the daughter of Henry, 4th Lord Scrope, sister of John 5th Lord, friend and advisor to Richard III. Robins supposed grave is still to be seen on private land around 650 yards away. The Woolpack was used as the exterior of the Woolpack in Emmerdale.

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