

# West Backworth: systematic survey of a deserted medieval village

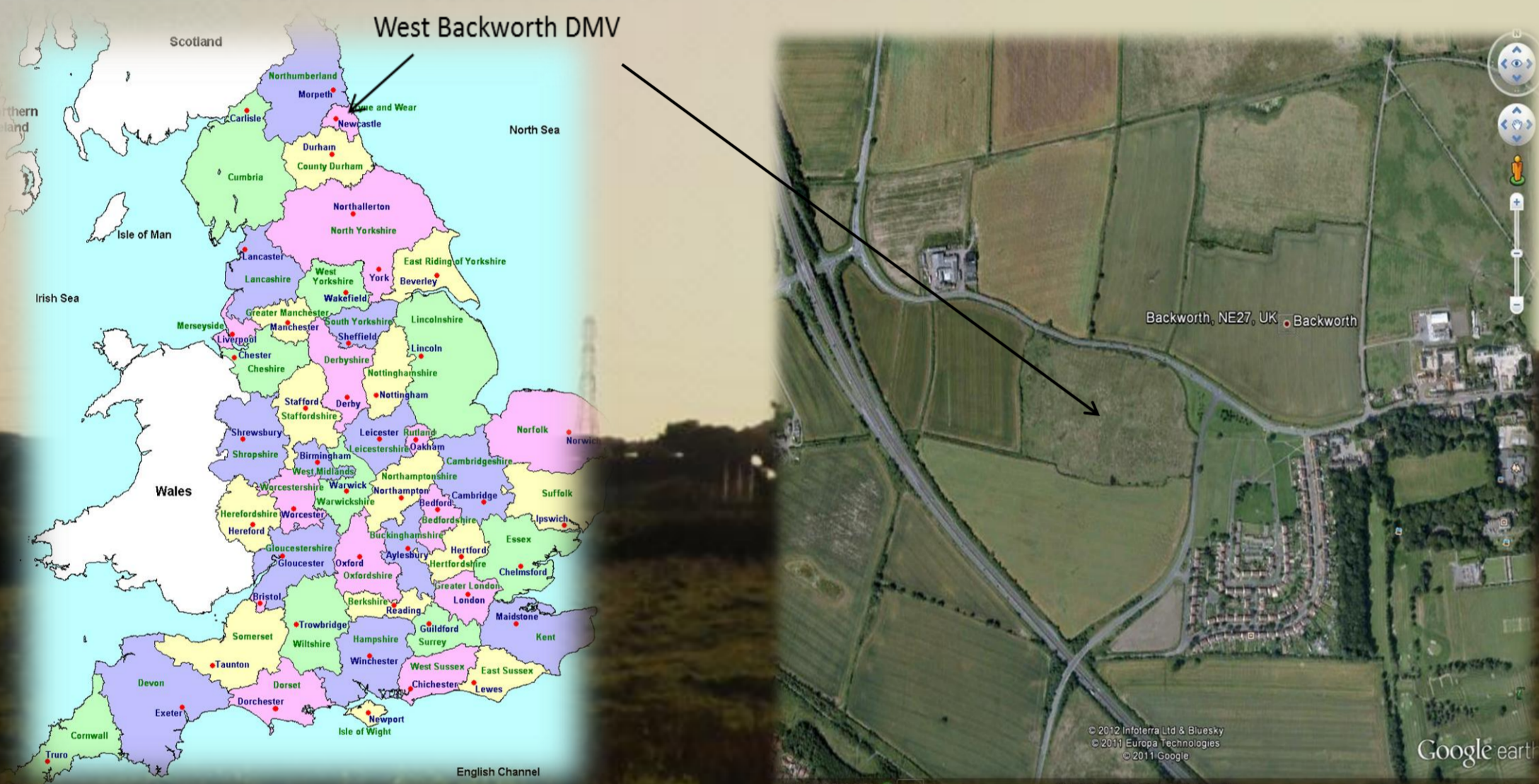
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## Where is West Backworth, and why study it?

An irregular shaped field of humps and bumps marks the site of West Backworth, Tyne & Wear. Although a scheduled monument, West Backworth has never been studied in any detail, and is an exceptional example of a deserted medieval village in the North Tyneside region.

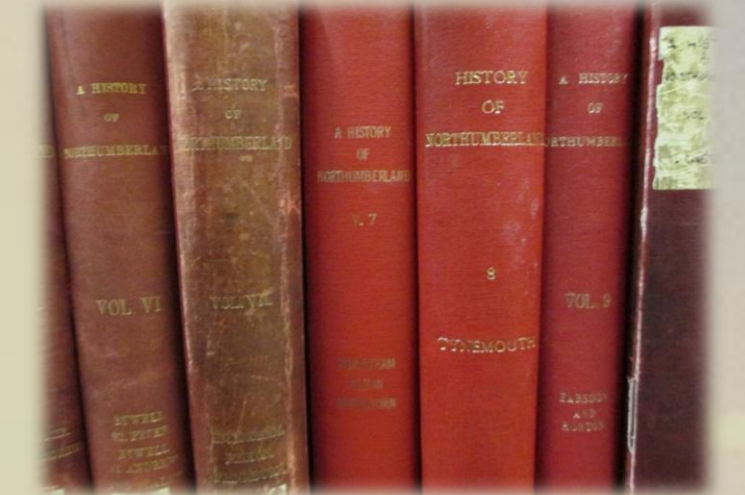


## Aims and objectives

- To build a comprehensive documentary record of the village and the surrounding area by utilising all known resources such as maps, written documents and aerial photographs.
- To survey and interpret the physical remains of the village through topographic survey.

## Documentary Evidence

- Maps
  - Aerial photographs
  - Written sources
  - Online repositories
- When used together, these sources illuminate the history of West Backworth.



Using Geographic Information Software (GIS) to integrate aerial photographs and maps.

## Topographic Survey



Total Station survey



Preliminary results incorporated into GIS



GPS survey

## Interpretation

