

DOMESDAY BOOK

Filby Village

If one accepts the Domesday Book the village of FILBY was spelled FILEBEY or PHILEBY, but the first county map in England - that of Norfolk County, spells it as FILBYE and it is properly located. This is one of the earliest surname spellings found in church registers. The name is of Danish extraction and with the invasion of Norsemen around 800 AD it may have been the site of a wintering place for the invaders.

There are 25 towns in the East and West Flegg Hundreds, of which 14 end in 'BY' which means 'place of'. The site of Filby village was moreover easy to defend, it was accessible by water and there was ample food from fish and game from what is known as FILBY BROAD.

PLACE: FILBY

- **Hundred:** [East Flegg](#)
- **County:** [Norfolk](#)
- **Total population:** 47.3 households (very large).
- **Total tax assessed:** 7.3 geld units (quite large).

Filby appears in 6 entries in Domesday Book.

🦉 ENTRY 1 🦉

- **Taxable units:** Taxable value 3.1 geld units. 24.0 villtax.
- **Value:** Value to lord in 1066 £2. Value to lord in 1086 £2.5. Value to lord c. 1070 £2.5.
- **Households:** 6 villagers. 2 smallholders. 3 freemen. 14 free men.
- **Ploughland:** 1 lord's plough teams. 5 men's plough teams.
- **Other resources:** Meadow 16 acres.
- **Livestock in 1066:** 2 cobs. 1 cattle. 7 pigs.
- **Livestock in 1086:** 2 cobs. 1 cattle. 10 pigs.
- **Lords in 1066:** [Earl R\(alph\) the constable](#); [free men, fourteen](#).
- **Lord in 1086:** [Rabel the engineer](#).
- **Tenant-in-chief in 1086:** [Rabel the engineer](#).
- **Phillimore reference:** 55,2

🐉 ENTRY 2 🐉

- **Taxable units:** Taxable value 1.5 geld units.
- **Value:** Value to lord in 1086 £0.2.
- **Households:** 1 villager. 4 smallholders. 3 free men.
- **Ploughland:** 1 lord's plough teams. 1.5 men's plough teams.
- **Other resources:** Meadow 4 acres. 1 salthouse.
- **Livestock in 1086:** 1 cobs.
- **Lords in 1066:** [St Benet of Holme, abbey of](#); [free men, three](#).
- **Lord in 1086:** [St Benet of Holme, abbey of](#).
- **Tenant-in-chief in 1086:** [St Benet of Holme, abbey of](#).
- **Phillimore reference:** 17,61

🐉 ENTRY 3 🐉

- **Taxable units:** Taxable value 1.1 geld units.
- **Value:** Value to lord in 1066 £0.4. Value to lord in 1086 £0.8.
- **Households:** 3 smallholders. 1 free men.
- **Ploughland:** 1 lord's plough teams. 0.5 men's plough teams.
- **Other resources:** Meadow 2 acres. 2 salthouses.
- **Lord in 1066:** [free man, one](#).
- **Overlord in 1066:** [Estgar](#).
- **Lord in 1086:** [Tuold](#).
- **Tenant-in-chief in 1086:** [William of Warenne](#).
- **Phillimore reference:** 8,13

🐉 ENTRY 4 🐉

- **Taxable units:** Taxable value 1.0 geld units.
- **Value:** Value to lord in 1086 £0.3.
- **Households:** 1 smallholder. 4 free men.
- **Ploughland:** 2 men's plough teams.
- **Other resources:** Meadow 4 acres. 2.5 salthouses.
- **Lord in 1066:** [free men, four](#).
- **Overlord in 1066:** [Alwy \(of Thetford\)](#).
- **Lord in 1086:** [Stanhard \(son of Alwy\)](#).
- **Tenant-in-chief in 1086:** [Roger Bigot](#).
- **Phillimore reference:** 9,91

🐉 ENTRY 5 🐉

- **Taxable units:** Taxable value 0.7 geld units.
- **Value:** Value to lord in 1066 £2. Value to lord in 1086 £4.0.
- **Households:** 2.5 smallholders. 13.5 free men.
- **Ploughland:** 2.5 men's plough teams.
- **Other resources:** Meadow 13 acres. 5 salthouses. 1 church. 0.04 church lands.
- **Lords in 1066:** [free man, one](#); [free men, ten](#); [free men, two and one half](#).
- **Lord in 1086:** [Hugh](#).
- **Tenant-in-chief in 1086:** [William of Ecouis](#).
- **Places mentioned in this entry:** [Filby](#); [Mautby](#); [Thrigby](#).
- **Phillimore reference:** 19,37

🐉 ENTRY 6 🐉

- **Taxable units:** Taxable value 0.4 geld units.
- **Value:** Value to lord in 1086 £0.3.
- **Ploughland:** 1 men's plough teams.
- **Other resources:** Meadow 2 acres.
- **Lord in 1066:** [free man, one](#).
- **Overlord in 1066:** [Alwy \(of Thetford\)](#).
- **Lord in 1086:** [Roger Bigot](#).
- **Tenant-in-chief in 1086:** [Roger Bigot](#).
- **Phillimore reference:** 66,84