



The Saxons at Paxton

- ❖ Over one and half thousand years ago the Saxons arrived in Britain. (400 to 1066AD)
- ❖ After the Romans, the Saxons came and settled here.
- ❖ Evidence for the Saxons at Paxton was unearthed during the quarrying at Paxton Pits in 1960s.
- ❖ The finds included pieces of pottery and quern stone, a burial urn, evidence of buildings and a kiln.
- ❖ From the clues from the past we know the Saxons were farming here and making their own pottery from the local clay dug from the earth.
- ❖ There would have been a number of small settlements and small farms in the area.
- ❖ The 'ton' in Paxton comes from an Anglo Saxon word meaning 'farm'.

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