



# The great debate: modern documents

Pottery found suggests Houghton was a busy village in the mid-1200s. From 1250 onwards we find a lot less pottery. By the early 1300s there is very little pottery.... A big problem for the people of Houghton was that they only had small areas of land to farm. Most of the village had less than 8 acres, which couldn't provide enough food for an average family.

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