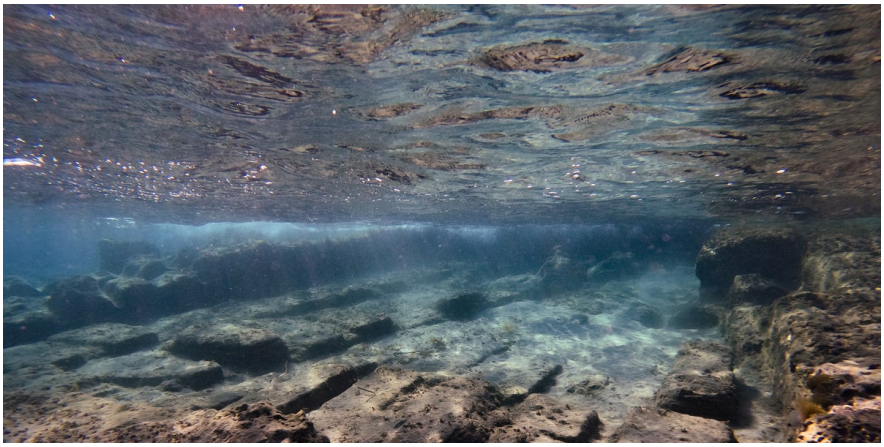
HOW DID A MEDIEVAL TOWN END UP BENEATH THE NORTH SEA?



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Divers exploring the seabed near Cromer in Norfolk have mapped 25 man-made features linked to Shipden, a medieval coastal town swallowed by the sea. Historical records show that Shipden had residents, farmland, pigs, a harbour, manor houses and two churches. Storms, flooding and coastal erosion gradually destroyed the settlement, while a later explosion in 1888 may have damaged or scattered its remains. The search continues for proof of the town's lost church.

WHY IS THIS INTERESTING?

Shipden makes medieval history feel real and local while showing that coastlines and settlements can change dramatically. The story also gives students a useful example of how historians compare written records, physical remains and local legends. It raises questions about how confidently we can reconstruct a place that has partly disappeared.

THINK LIKE A HISTORIAN

"Which evidence would best prove that Shipden's church really existed?"

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