

## GEODIVERSITY IN FOREST HEATH

The oldest Chalk in Suffolk underlies this district; hard bands were once much used for buildings. Flint occurs in the Chalk in the Brandon area and was once in demand (for guns) over much of the world; it is also seen in many buildings. Some of the earliest flint implements of humans in north-west Europe have been found here in gravels of a long-lost river system destroyed by the vast ice sheets which deposited 'ice age' clays and sands. The former extent of present day river systems is preserved as gravel terraces above the modern flood plains.

Beck Row; Aspal Close Local Nature Reserve. Solution hollows(?).

Brandon Heritage Centre. Includes flint-knapper's workshop.

Cavenham Heath National Nature Reserve and RIGS. Fine river terraces to view. [www.sssi.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.sssi.naturalengland.org.uk)

Lakenheath Maidscross Hill. Former gravel working which yielded Palaeolithic implements. [www.forest-heath.gov.uk](http://www.forest-heath.gov.uk)

Lakenheath Church. Fine example of local building stones.

Mildenhall, High Lodge. Site of Palaeolithic implements find; no section visible.

Santon Downham: High Lodge Forest Centre. *Arts for All* column has good geo-interpretation panel. Former marl pit on 'blue' walk.

[www.forestry.gov.uk/highlodge](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/highlodge) Lingheath former flint pits are nearby.



Aspal Close, Beck Row

Brandon  
Heritage Centre

