

## Debenham

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Debenham is a large village which has a population of around 1500. The village is situated in Suffolk, England, and is approximately 14 miles north of Ipswich. As you come into Debenham, you pass the Debenham High School. This is where children aged 11/12 to 17/18 come from some of the tiny villages and farms around Debenham, as well as children from the village itself. It is quite a large school, with adjoining tennis courts and football and rugby pitches. There are a lot of houses and housing estates, and by turning right by the school, you come to a brand new housing estate, where most of the houses are either in the process of being built, or have only been built for about three years, because they are so new. There is also a playing field with swings, slides and climbing apparatus, as well as a small football pitch. There are more houses, including my Granny and Grandad's down the main street, called Gracechurch Street, for about another 1/2 mile, until there is a T junction leading into the main part of the village.

If you turn left, you go downhill, into the part of the town where 70% of all the shops are. The first thing that you come to on your left, is the village green. There is a large amount of grass here, and round the ends there are flower beds, which are usually in full bloom during the summer months. Then there are the shops. There is a large array of different shops, including a sub-post office, gift shops, a home shop (for furniture, carpets, and do-it-yourself items), and the main super market, where all types of food are available, as well as small toys, and small gifts. The shops carry on for a little while more, before being replaced by farms, and countryside. By carrying on along the road, you can go to the village of Eye, and the town of Diss and the city of Norwich. On the right hand side coming down the hill, there are antiques and card shops, as well as small lanes leading off to a series of houses.

If you turn right at the T junction, you see all the other shops. There is also another, small patch of grass to the right. There is another series of houses, and if you turn left at the next junction, you come to the place where my Grandad works, Bloomfield's Agricultural Engineers. They make combines and tractors, and sell them to farmers all over Norfolk and Suffolk. On the right, there is a newsagent, an antiques hall, an estate

agents, and an Indian restaurant. Further down, there is a hotel, a bank, and a petrol station. Again, the village gradually disappears and the road leads to Ipswich and the port of Felixstowe. The Deben Water runs through Debenham and completes the beautiful village of Debenham.

Excellent work Kevin!

Please read this out.