



## Saint Neots

Sancte Neotefftop

No relics present

Archæological site, Saxon house

Grid ref ..... unknown

An Anglo-Saxon house excavated by P. V. Addyman in 1961 when house building was planned near the site of previous excavations. Measuring approximately 38' by 20', it was slightly boat-shaped. No building materials were found apart from a few fragments of burnt daub, and so the houses were presumably roofed with thatch or shingles and the timbers fixed with carpentered or pegged joints, as no nails were found. Some of the house timbers had been placed in rows of post holes, but most were morticed into ground sills (as illustrated), and as this seems to be a common technique and will obviously leave very little trace in the archæological record, it is easy to see why such buildings are so rarely recognised.



*A possible reconstruction of an Anglo-Saxon house,  
taken from P V Addyman, CAS 1972*