

# Botus Fleming Parish Council

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Botus Fleming is a small rural parish in south east Cornwall covering about 1.78 square miles (1145 acres). There are two villages in the parish; Botus Fleming village situated around the Parish Church of St Mary, and Hatt village, situated on high ground to the west of the A388 Saltash – Callington road. The eastern boundary of the parish is Kingsmill Lake, a nature reserve and tidal inlet of the Tamar estuary.

The population of the parish today is about 750. In the thirteenth century the parish was called Bothflumet which by the 17th Century had become Blofleming, at which time the population was around 165. Most of the population was employed by the estates at Hatt House and Moditonham House, and there was some copper mining at Wheal Sophia. Botus Fleming was a centre for cherry orchards, which persisted up to the second world war, and was known as the Cherry Village. Fruit and vegetables grown in the parish were sent by boat to Plymouth, but as market gardening declined Moditonham quay fell into disuse, and the settlements became primarily dormitory villages for Plymouth and Saltash.

The church of St Mary, the Church Hall and the Rising Sun Inn provide social centres, and there is a playing field and children's playground in Hatt. The local convenience shop and petrol station at Hatt also includes a post office and off-licence.

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