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Scientists find underwater medieval church

ATEAM of scientists from the University of Southampton have helped find Britain's answer to Atlantis with the discovery of a medieval church.

Led by Professor David Sear the team joined experts from Suffolk Underwater Studies to locate the village of Dunwich in Suffolk, which was a thriving community before being swallowed up by the North Sea more than five centuries ago.

The finding of the church has been called a significant breakthrough in unravelling the mystery.

Stuart Bacon, 75, director of Suffolk Underwater Studies, said: "We've found the ruins of a medieval church called St John's, which was the biggest in Dunwich. I've been looking for it for about 35 years."

The 13th century church tumbled down the cliffs in about 1540.

The scientists are using special acoustic imaging technology to uncover clues about the lost city as part of a £25,000 project.

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