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Bjudby is a village in the parish of Blacksta in Södermanland. At the settlement site there are pre-Christian graves and two rune stones with interesting inscriptions. Early records of the village name include *byudby* (1378) and *biwdhby* (1400).

The final element of *Bjudby* is *-by* 'farm; village'. The first element may refer to a dish- or bowl-like topographical formation near the village and contain a word corresponding to Old West Scandinavian *bjóð* neut. 'table; dish' or a derivative thereof.