

## Crick, Northamptonshire

Crick is a village in the Daventry district of Northamptonshire, close to the border with Warwickshire and near the town of Rugby. Crick is by-passed by the A428 main road from Rugby to Northampton, and is a short distance east of junction 18 the M1 motorway. The Daventry International Rail Freight Terminal DIRFT is situated close to Crick, west of the motorway junction. The population of Crick in the 2001 census was 1,460.



The Grand Union Canal passes near Crick, and the village is well known for its canal marina and the annual Crick Boat Show. There is also a long canal tunnel nearby.

The village of Crick probably takes its name from the Celtic word for 'hill' (*Cruc*). Crick's Hill, alongside the canal, is one of a number of popular walks in and around the village. It seems likely that the village first came into existence somewhere in the post-Roman period - though Crick's western parish boundary is formed by the Roman Watling Street, and traces of a single Roman building were found within the area of the present-day village, so there has been occupation in this area for a very long time!

Earlier still, this area was inhabited by Bronze-age and Iron-age tribal groups, and many traces of pre-Roman round-houses have been excavated in a series of archaeological digs around the M1 and DIRFT industrial sites.



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