

Romans at Crewe Farm

200 – 400 A.D.



A 1971 excavation at Crewe Farm
found evidence of a Roman Rural Settlement
within a rectilinear enclosure;
this was a progression from earlier circular enclosures.

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Crewe Farm, Kenilworth, Warws (SP 3145 7240)

The excavation in advance of Kenilworth By-pass has revealed a rectilinear enclosure, probably three acres in extent. Evidence of two palisade trenches indicate at least two phases of occupation. This was borne out by the discovery of the post-holes of a substantial rectangular timber building which produced many sherds of RB pottery. This building had replaced an earlier circular structure which had been deliberately dismantled. The later structure had in turn also been dismantled and the site was seen to be traversed by cart tracks which had been packed by gravel at various stages, sealing in them fragments of Roman pottery. This may indicate the presence of a third building within the enclosure, the site of which remains to be discovered. Occupations would appear to date from II AD and continue at least until IV. The site is peripheral to the Roman farm and field system centred at Glasshouse Wood.

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