

# 1. Parish: Creting St Peter (also known as West Creting)

**Meaning:** Craeta's people (Ekwall)

2. **Hundred:** Stow

**Deanery:** Stow ( -1931), Bosmere (1931- )

**Union:** Stow

**RDC/UDC:** E. Stow RD (1894-1934), Gipping RD (1934-1974), Mid Suffolk DC (1974- )

## Other administrative details:

1934 Civil boundary change, part of parish transferred to Stowmarket U.D.  
Stowmarket Petty Sessional Division and County Court District

3. **Area:** 1,352 acres land, 6 acres water (1912)

4. **Soils:**

**Mixed:**

- a) Slowly permeable calcareous/non calcareous clay soils. Slight risk water erosion
- b) Well drained calcareous coarse/fine loams over chalk rubble, non calcareous in places, slight risk water erosion
- c) Stoneless clay soils over peat, variably affected by groundwater. Risk localized flooding.

5. **Types of farming:**

1086		24 acres meadow, 26 cattle, 54 pigs, 2 horses, 102 sheep, 2 mills and 4 <sup>th</sup> part mill
1500–1640	Thirsk:	Wood-pasture region. Mainly pasture, meadow, engaged in rearing and dairying with some pigs keeping, horse breeding and poultry. Crops mainly barley with some wheat, rye, oats, peas, vetches, hops and occasionally hemp.
1804	Young:	Large acreages of hops grown
1818	Marshall:	Course of crops varies usually including summer fallow as preparation for corn products
1937	Main crops:	Wheat, barley, beans
1969	Trist:	More intensive cereal growing and sugar beet

6. **Enclosure:**

**7. Settlement:**

1958 Parish contains two extremely small sites of settlement (a) at West Creting Green and (b) at Mill Lane. Church and rectory isolated.  
River Gipping forms southern boundary with adjacent wet lands restricting development. Some scattered farms.

**Inhabited houses:** 1674 – 10, 1801 – not listed, 1851 – 48, 1871 – 49, 1901 – 49, 1951 – 64, 1981 – 65

**8. Communications:**

**Road:** Roads to Stowmarket and Stonham Earl

**Rail:** 1891 2 miles Needham Market station: Ipswich – Bury St. Edmunds line opened (1845), closed (1967), reopened (1971)

**Water:** River Gipping: Gipping Navigation Act 1790. Navigable to Ipswich. Decline began with advent of railways (circa 1846)

**9. Population:**

1086 — 65 recorded  
1327 — 20 taxpayers paid £1. 16s. 2d. (includes Creting Magna)  
1524 — 14 taxpayers paid £2. 11s. 6d.  
1603 — 72 adults  
1674 — 10 households  
1676 — 40 recorded  
1801 — 106 inhabitants  
1831 — 166 inhabitants  
1851 — 255 inhabitants  
1871 — 224 inhabitants  
1901 — 231 inhabitants  
1931 — 293 inhabitants  
1951 — 235 inhabitants  
1971 — 198 inhabitants  
1981 — 185 inhabitants

**10. Benefice: Rectory**

1254 Valued £5  
Portion to Prior of Eye £0. 13s. £5. 13s.  
1291 Valued £10  
Portion to Prior of Eye £0. 13s. 4d. £10. 13s. 4d.  
1535 Valued £10. 2s. 6d.  
1831 Glebe house. Gross income £320 p.a. Incumbent also holds Vicarage of Battisford.  
Modus of £401. 10s. p.a. in lieu of tithes (1839)  
1844 Has “handsome residence” with pleasant grounds. 7 acres glebe  
1912 Valued £260

**Patrons:** Justice Clench (1603), George Peake (1831), Rev. Edward Paske (1844), Col. H. Paske (1891), Mrs. Knapton (1912)

**11. Church**      **St. Peter**  
(Chancel, nave, S. porch, W. tower)

1086            1 church + 10 acres/10 acres free land  
Norman        N doorway to nave  
14<sup>th</sup> cent.      Early 14<sup>th</sup> cent. tower  
14<sup>th</sup> cent.      Main structure and some 15<sup>th</sup> cent. windows

**Seats:**            120

**12. Nonconformity etc:**

1611            9 persons not receiving communion  
1836            House set aside for worship  
                  Congregational chapel built, seats 75 (1876)

**13. Manorial:**

1066            Manor of 1 carucate held by Aelfric son of Brown under patronage of Withgar  
1086            Manor of 1 carucate belonging to Bishop of Bayeux held by William de Bouville

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1066            Manor of 2 carucates held by Withgar a free man of the Abbot of Ely  
1086            Manor of 2 carucates belonging to Geoffrey de Mandeville  
1275            Links with Boulge, Alderton, Dallinghoo (John de Boville)  
1397            Links with Badingham (Sir Robert Carboniel)  
1481            Links with Levington, Nacton, Ramsholt, Shottisham and Sutton (Sir John Wingfield)  
1541            Links with Shottisham, Stokerland and Sutton (William Ferneley)  
18<sup>th</sup> cent.      Links with Combs (John Daniel)  
1798            Thomas Bragrove owns  
1885            Edward. T. Smith owns

**Sub-Manors:**

**Brasin's/Brasier's Hall al Thorney Mumpliers**

14<sup>th</sup> cent.      John Moumplers owns  
16<sup>th</sup> cent.      Links with Trimley St. Martin, Trimley St. Mary, Walton and Blythford (Sir James Hobart)

1515 Possibly absorbed by main manor (Humphrey Wingfield)  
 Circa 1570 Links with Bucklesham, Nacton, Blythburgh and  
 Stowmarket (Robert Broke)  
 1835 Links with Stowmarket (Edward Beck)

**14. Markets/Fairs**

**15. Real property:**

1844 £1,655 rental value  
 1891 £1,896 rateable value  
 1912 £1,492 rateable value

**16. Land ownership:**

1844-1912 Land sub-divided

**17. Resident gentry:**

1679 Richard Keble  
 1680 2 gents  
 1912 Rev. E.D. Rook BA

**18. Occupations:**

1500-1549 1 husbandman  
 1550-1599 1 yeoman, 1 weaver, 2 husbandmen  
 1600-1649 2 yeomen, 1 husbandman  
 1650-1699 2 yeomen  
 1844 Yeoman, 5 farmers  
 1912 7 farmers, carpenter, blacksmith

**19. Education:**

1818 1 Sunday school on Madras system (18 attend)  
 1912 Children attend school in Stowupland

**20. Poor relief:**

1776	£51. 1s. 5d.	spent on poor relief
1803	£156. 9s. 0½d.	spent on poor relief
1818	£207. 2s.	spent on poor relief
1830	£366. 11s.	spent on poor relief
1832	£348. 10s.	spent on poor relief
1834	£205. 17s.	spent on poor relief

**21. Charities:**

**22. Other institutions:**

**23. Recreation:**

**24. Personal:**

**25. Other information:**

Creeting Hall: Tudor construction

Wet woodlands declared nature reserve (1982)

Village sign erected (1983)

**Archaeological Sites**

Circular Med. moat and pottery (CRN 5372)

Ring ditch (CRN 3670)

Stray finds:           Med. quern (CRN 5374)

Scatter finds:       Rom. Pottery (CRN 5373)