

Cheshire West and Chester Council / Chester Civic Trust

LOCAL HERITAGE LIST

NOMINATION FORM

Ref: 10

Name of building, structure or feature (if any) Well Cap and Pump

Address/Location Village Green, Christleton

Present use (if any) Historical feature

OS Grid Reference (if address unknown) SJ 441 656

**Reasons for nomination** (please include at least one of the defined Criteria for Selection)

- Rarity
- Historic Association – In use before the water supply was introduced to the village in 1888
- Landmark status - The public well in the centre of the village by the church

(PTO)

Nominated by: CHG

Address: c/o Christleton Parish Council

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

CIVIC TRUST ASSESSMENT (*Office use only please*) REF No \_\_\_\_\_

Visited or reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Criteria \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Criteria \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

(Tick one)  **Recommended for inclusion**  **Not recommended**  **Undecided**

CWac COUNCIL DECISION (*Office use only please*)

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

(Tick one)  **Accepted for inclusion**  **Not accepted**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide one or more photographs  
(print here or identify loose photographs)



The circle in the paving is directly over the well shaft.



Please provide any historical evidence or reference data:

This used to be a fully functional well. It is around 60 foot deep and it is accompanied by a water pump used to access clean water prior to the introduction of public water supply in 1888. Was used after for watering animals. It needed repairs in 1874 and was out of operation for a few weeks.

#### Reference

**'Christleton – A History of a Cheshire village' – Frank A Latham (ed), 1979**

For many years this well was the main drinking water supply to the village – other smaller wells are known to have existed in gardens near the village centre, but they are all believed to be filled in.

The date of excavation of the shaft is not known, but it is 5 ft diameter, cut through the sandstone rock and is 62 ft deep – when checked in 1995 it contained 23ft of water. The well is capped by a rough brick and sandstone arch which was reinforced with a concrete slab in 1995 for safety, at the request of Cheshire County Council Highways Dept. The slab is now covered with stone paving showing the well shaft position – an access opening in the paving is covered in an oak lid. Below the paving is a duct linking the well to the adjacent memorial shelter (listed) which housed a pump for a few years at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century There is a light in the shaft, linked to the street lighting control. The renovation work in 1995 was done in conjunction with the Chester City Conservation Officer.

**Reference: Eric Kenyon, 2015**