

Cheshire West and Chester Council / Chester Civic Trust

LOCAL HERITAGE LIST

NOMINATION FORM

Ref: 12

Name of building, structure or feature (if any) Methodist Church and Surroundings

Address/Location Little Heath Road, Christleton

Present use (if any) Place of worship

OS Grid Reference (if address unknown) SJ 44197 65908

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

- Group Value – It is a group of assets including the church and the garden
- Landmark Status – Strong communal and historical association
- Social and Communal Value – Holds around 80-100 people for religious ceremonies

(PTO)

Nominated by: _____

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)



Please provide any historical evidence or reference data:

The church is a significant feature on the road north from the village centre. It is in an attractive brick style which was also used on some other Methodist churches in the area. Recent work to replace the porch and improve access have enhanced the building along with the garden and seating area.

Before the opening of the chapel in 1888, worship had already started in a cottage in 'The Square'. The chapel holds around 80-100 people. The hall and smaller room are also let for community use.

Reference:

[http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/e/e3/The Methodist Church, Christleton, Cheshire - DSC07946.JPG](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/e/e3/The_Methodist_Church,_Christleton,_Cheshire_-_DSC07946.JPG) - Wikipedia

The Chapel was erected in 1888 by J. Youd, builder, of Chester, despite his tender of £277 being £3 higher than the lowest! Over the next 10 years the building was extended and the school, vestry and a small kitchen added. As with many Methodist churches of the period, there are dedication stones set in the walls, many now in poor condition, recording the support of local Methodist organisations and leaders. One stone recording the date of the first phase of the scheme has been renovated and is set in the wall inside the Church. Since 1988 the porch, kitchen and toilets have been updated and internal features modified without changing the basic character of the building

Reference:

- **Methodist Church Centenary Souvenir Book 1988**
- **'Christleton, The History of a Cheshire Village' – Frank A. Latham (ed), 1979**