

Cheshire West and Chester Council / Chester Civic Trust

LOCAL HERITAGE LIST

Ref : 1A

NOMINATION FORM

Name of building, structure or feature (if any) Ice House (within the grounds of Christleton High School)

Address/Location Christleton High School, Village Road, Christleton, Chester CH3 7AD

Present use (if any) No present use

OS Grid Reference (if address unknown) SJ444 654

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

- Age
Rarity

(PTO)

Nominated by:

Address: c/o The Clerk of 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 Ice House was situated in the grounds of a former rectory (now *The Grange*) in Village Road, and is today buried in the ground just to the right of the main entrance to Christleton High School. It is marked by an iron grid, which covers the original vent hole. It was called an Ice house because ice was collected from local ponds, and presumably the canal, to take down into this deep pit dug into the sandstone, where meats and fruit could be taken to store during the winter months, providing a steady supply of food in other seasons when it was most needed.'

'The Ice House was still visible in the 1950's and there are a number of older residents who remember playing in it.'

'By 1890 there were two large areas of water connected by a causeway at the Pit, with the area extended by Robert Townsend as a pond for fish, being one of them. Fish of course would have been a valuable addition to the food supply available to villagers, and they were also able to make use of the ice which formed in the winter to stock up the Ice House which existed near the present main entrance to the High School in an area of the Village known as "The Bottom of the Wood".'