

Cheshire West and Chester Council / Chester Civic Trust

LOCAL HERITAGE LIST

NOMINATION FORM

Ref : 1

Name of building, structure or feature (if any) The Grange

Address/Location The Grange, Village Road, Christleton

Present use (if any) Residential

OS Grid Reference (if address unknown) SJ 442655

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

Age, Aesthetic value, Rarity, Historic association

Nominated by: Christleton Heritage Group (CHG) - David Entwistle (CHS)

Address: c/o Clerk of Christleton Parish Council

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

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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 present building called *The Grange* was built about 1870, replacing a large 18<sup>th</sup> century house. The property is now divided into *The Grange* and *Christleton Grange* (formerly servant quarters and stables). It is a large cluster of brick forms with a Gothic influence that has been carried over in 20<sup>th</sup> century additions. It was built for Canon Lionel Garnett who was Rector of Christleton from 1869 to 1911 and was responsible for the major rebuild of St James's Parish Church at the same time as *The Grange* was built as a new rectory. It is one of a number of former rectories in the village.

Canon Garnett initiated or was closely involved with, often with his great supporter Lady Anne Ince, a number of other developments. These included The Boys and Girls schools, the Institute (see separate entry) and the Lyche Gate at St James Church.

There is an historic association with W.G Grace, the cricketer, who was a friend of Lionel Garnett and it is claimed that he played a match in the grounds of *The Grange* which are now the playing fields of the High School. Also within the area of the High School is the site of the Ice House that belonged to *The Grange* (see separate entry).

*The Grange* is a significant and impressive feature of Village Road – we are surprised that it is not a listed building.

#### Reference

- 'Christleton, The History of a Cheshire Village' – Frank A. Latham (ed), 1979
- 'Christleton 2000 Years' – Christleton Local History Group, 2000