

Cheshire West and Chester Council / Chester Civic Trust

LOCAL HERITAGE LIST

NOMINATION FORM

Ref: 36

Name of building, structure or feature (if any) Skips Lane (collection of different houses)

Address/Location Skips Lane, Christleton, Chester CH3

Present use (if any) Residential

OS Grid Reference (if address unknown) SJ 445 651

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

- Aesthetic Value
- Historic Association
- Social and Communal value

(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:

What do hire boats, tow-bars, scouting and horse-boxes have in common? They have all played a significant part in making Skips Lane what it is today.

Until the early 1920s there were no houses on what was a farm track. Over the next 60 years or so, the track became noted for its pleasant houses, many the homes of a variety of successful self-made businessmen. Although it is many years since a new house has been built on Skips Lane, there has been a steady stream of building activity. Many of the original houses have been substantially extended and the area remains a desirable place to live. '

'The proximity to the canal gives the obvious link to Hire Boats.'

'For many years the postal address was Rowton Bridge before eventually being named Skips Lane after the nick name of Miss Smith (the skipper of the Scout group) who lived in one of the first houses to be built on the track'

<http://www.christleton.org.uk/site/2009/images/A%20Hop%20Along%20Skips%20Lane.pdf>



The entrance to David Wain's boyard in about 1965



Early days of the boatsheds in what is now the garden of 2 Waterside Court with Skip's house in the background.