

Chester Council of Social Welfare

Annual report 1915-16

List of affiliated agencies

1. Chester Town Council

The district was formed on 1 April 1974, under the [Local Government Act 1972](#), by the merger of the existing city and [county borough](#) of [Chester](#) with the [Chester Rural District](#) and [Tarvin Rural District](#). The district council used the name [Chester City Council](#).^[3]

The Chester district was abolished on 1 April 2009, when the new [Cheshire West and Chester](#) unitary authority was formed.^[15] Chester's city charter is retained through the appointment of [charter trustees](#).^[16]

2. Chester Board of Guardians

http://archives.cheshire.gov.uk/what_we_hold/boards_of_guardians.aspx

3. Chester Insurance Committee

4. Chester Juvenile Advisory Committee

<http://www.cvcofcc.org/advocacy>

5. Chester After-care Committee

6. [Chapter of Chester Rural Deanery](#)

7. Chester Evangelical Free Church Council

8. Roman Catholic Clergy of the City

9. [Salvation Army](#)

10. [Chester City Mission](#)

11. Chester District of P.S.A.s

12. Society of Friends- [Now The Quakers](#)

13. [Chester Municipal Charity Trustees](#)

14. Employers of Labour (to be nominated by Chester Town Council)

15. Chester Traders Association

16. Chester Trades and Labour Council

17. [Chester Friendly Societies](#)

18. [St Vincent de Paul Society](#)

19. Chester Co-operative Society Ltd

20. [Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association](#)

21. Cheshire Regimental Benefit Fund

22. Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society

23. Soldiers' Relief Fund Trustees

24. Local Veterans' Fund Committee

25. Chester Branch of Church of England Temperance Society

26. Chester Christian Temperance Society

27. Chester Band of Hope Union Committee

28. Chester Branch of Women's Christian Temperance Association

29. Chester Royal Infirmary

30. Chester and District Working Men's Hospital Saturday Committee

31. Chester District Nursing Association

32. Ladies' Benevolent Society
33. Chester Ladies' Health Society
34. Chester Bedding Loan Society
35. Ladies of Charity
36. Chester Boatmen's Mission

The mission was founded in 1845 on the model of the London City Mission by laymen from several denominations. Paid full-time missionaries and voluntary assistants held evangelistic cottage meetings, organized thrift clubs for the poor, and undertook charity work, notably in Handbridge and Boughton. In the 1850s and again briefly from 1870 four missionaries were employed, but the number was usually two and never more than three after 1872. The headquarters were at first in a barn off Upper Northgate Street, from 1853 in a room over a shop in Crook Street, and later in a mission hall built by Miss M. A. Walker next to the premises in Crook Street in 1881. Besides its cottage meetings, the mission held an annual Race-Week Gospel Campaign during Chester races, which were believed by Chester evangelicals to be a particular occasion for sin. In 1854 the organization opened a mission to canal boatmen, which was later hived off and operated as the Boatmen's Bethel. It came back under the wing of the mission in 1920, from 1924 most services were held in Crook Street, and after 1929 there was only one paid missionary. In 1959, when Crook Street was being redeveloped, the mission moved to the former ragged school in Princess Street, which was given to it by the city council. Thereafter the mission still undertook charitable work but from 1989 could not afford a full-time superintendent and its premises lay under the threat of the redevelopment of Princess Street. It secured instead the part-time services of the experienced former head of the Liverpool City Mission and the promise of a site in Hunter Street. (fn. 214)

<http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=57321>

37. Chester and District Police Court Mission
38. Chester and West Cheshire Branch of the N.S.P.C.C.
39. Chester Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society – charity ceased operating in 1999
40. Chester Rescue Home
41. Chester Working Boys' Home
42. Chester Police Aided Clothing Association
43. Chester Poor Relief Committee (Soup Kitchen)

Also No 43 Chester Poor Relief Committee is not the Soup Kitchen Charity. Sick Poor was administered by Birch Cullimore as part of Chester District Nursing Association - documents in CVA office (boxes under Emma's desk).

44. Chester Diocesan House of Mercy – they no longer exist but continue in its new guise to support Adoption Matters <http://www.adoptionmattersnw.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/St-Bridgets-leaflet.pdf>
45. Lady Egerton's Bounty
46. Chester Young Women's Christian Association
47. Chester Young Men's Christian Association
48. Chester Society for the Home Teaching of the Blind - now Vision Support <http://www.visionsupport.org.uk/index.php/about-us/brief-history>
49. Saltney Relief Committee
50. Chester Blue Coat Hospital
51. Chester Blue Girls' School
52. "Chester Chronicle" Crippled Children's Fund
53. Cheshire Regimental Old Comrades' Association