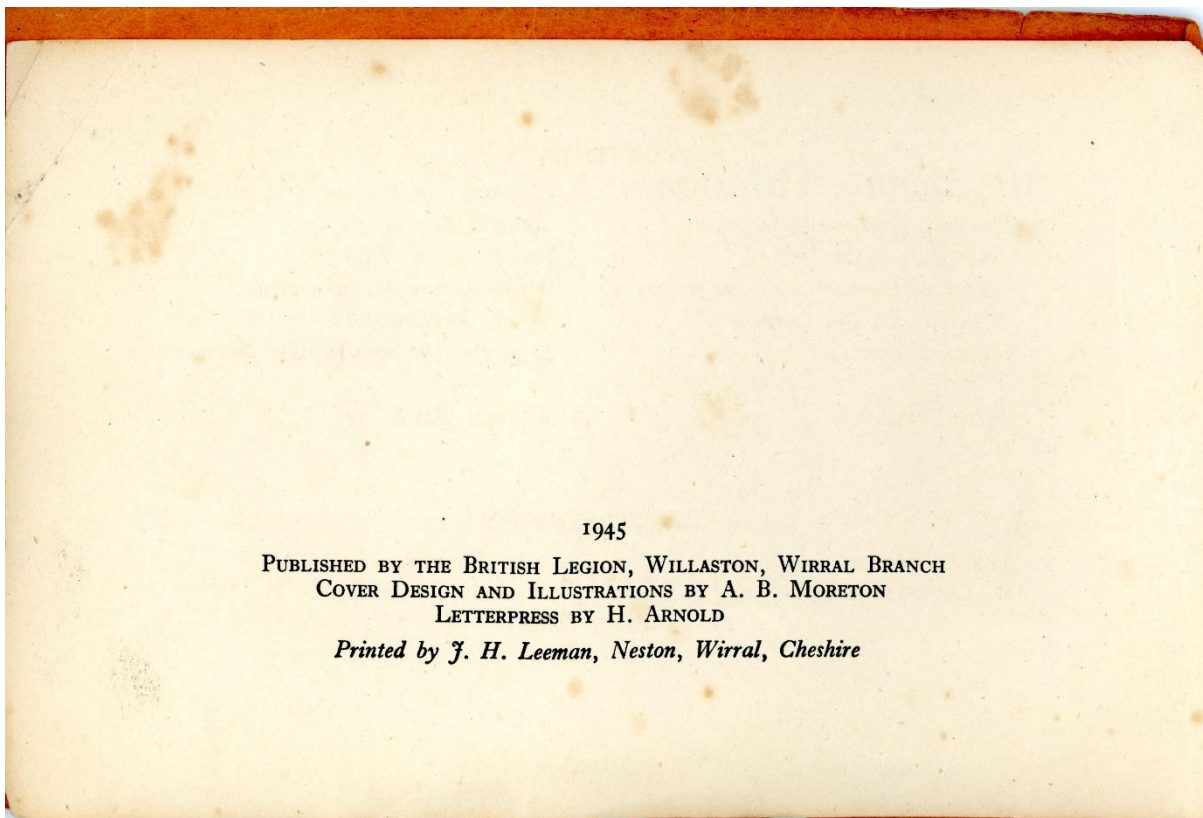
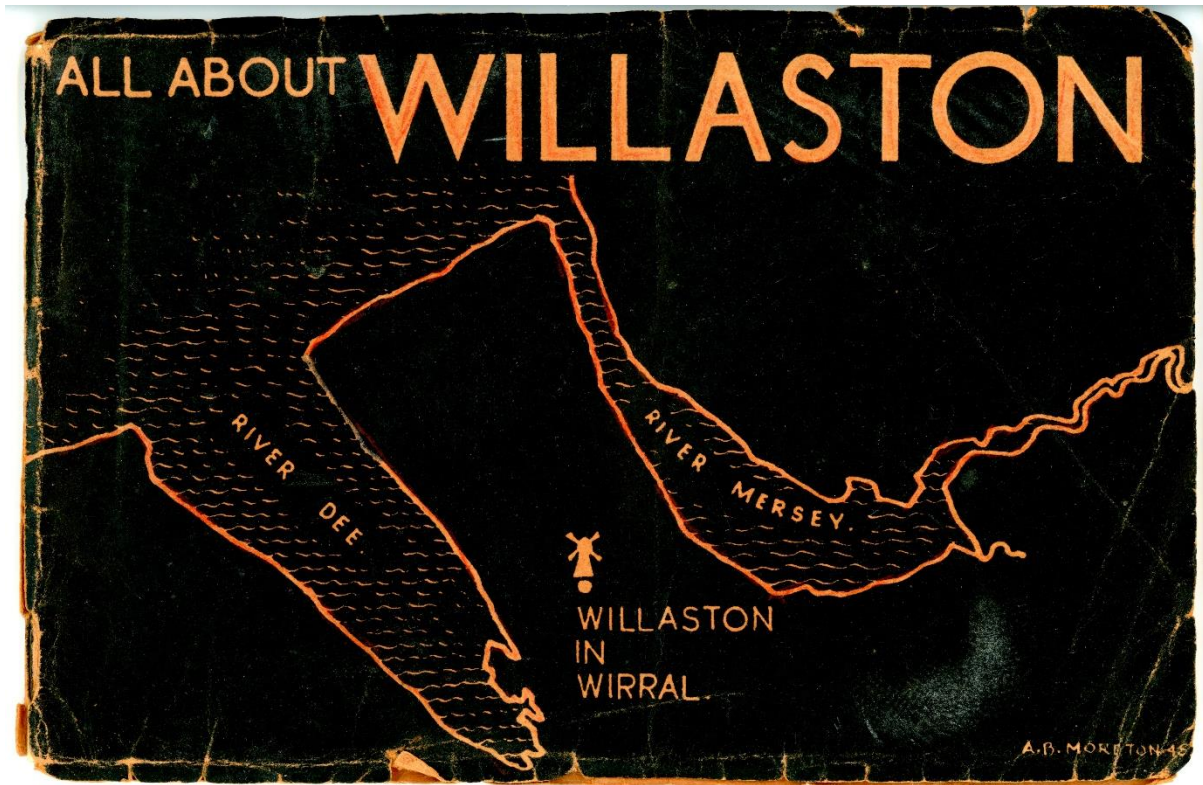


Willaston in 1945

In 1945, the British Legion in Willaston produced a booklet all about the village. This is reproduced below.



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Foreword . . .

This book has been written as a reminder ; firstly, to remind those who live in Willaston of the great variety of interests which can occupy the working and leisure hours of the community ; secondly, to tell those who have gone from Willaston permanently or temporarily, or who have visited or are likely to visit it, what is going on at the present time, so as to stimulate their memories or whet their appetites as the case may be.

It is hoped that it has been presented in a form sufficiently attractive to warrant its use as a pleasing variant to the traditional greeting card sent at Christmas and other occasions.

The Willaston Branch of the British Legion, which has published it, without profit, during Victory Year, expresses its deep sense of obligation to Mrs. Moreton for permission to illustrate it with the charming drawings which she has done so skilfully ; and thanks all others who have contributed towards its preparation.

Willaston . . .

Professor Ekwall whose scholarly "Oxford Dictionary of English Place-Names" is the standard work of reference on this subject, defines Willaston as Wiglaf's-tun. On this basis it seems to have started as a Saxon settlement under the leadership of a warrior chieftain from Western Germany, by name Wiglaf in the Dark Ages between the sixth and ninth centuries. Wiglaf, incidently, is used as a Christian name in Germany today, whilst the Saxon element in our ancestry is commemorated in the names Wednesday and Thursday.

Sandstone being close to the surface, the site, 150 feet above sea level, was dry. Building stone was easily got. Water was available. There was an abundance of trees for use in building, and for fuel ; and as an abode for game to be hunted for food.

The Norman Domesday Book, 1086, refers to the Saxon Wirhael (present-day Wirral) as the "hundred of Wilaveston," probably because the meeting place of the hundred of Wirral was an Edelaue (present-day Hadlow). Despite its then small population the central position of Willaston made it a place of some importance in Wirral.

NOTE.—"Hundred" was a Saxon term for a great hundred (six score) of "hides." A "hide" was the area deemed to be enclosable within an ox hide cut into one long strip. An "hundred" comprised an area of some sixteen to twenty square miles.



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The Old Hall, Willaston

LOCATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

We are almost in the centre of the Wirral Peninsula of Cheshire, being about four miles east of the Dee Estuary, four miles west of the Mersey Estuary, ten miles south of the Rock Lighthouse at New Brighton, and eight miles north of Blacon Ferry on the Dee.

From several points it is possible to see the tower of Liverpool Cathedral, and much of the Clwyd Range of Mountains in North Wales. In addition to the Mill, the Railway Bridges in Damhead Lane and Heath Lane, are excellent view-points.

The main traffic road runs east and west through the village. From the junction with the Chester—Birkenhead Road (Ministry of War Transport No. A 41) at Hooton Green to the Village Green is 2 miles. To the junction with the Chester—West Kirby Road (A 540) at the "Shrewsbury Arms" at Hinderton, is $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles.

Northward runs a well-used road through Clatterbridge towards Birkenhead. Southwards in 1 mile from the Village Green, Hadlow Road joins the Chester—West Kirby Road at a spot where still stands what appears to be a three-step mounting stone, a relic of days when most travel was on horseback. As the stone is in three pieces it may even be of greater antiquity, and have served some other purpose previously.

Crosville Motor Services Limited run Daily and Sunday Services from Birkenhead through Willaston to Burton, and a Wednesday, Sunday and Visiting Day service from Chester through Willaston to Clatterbridge. The journey to Birkenhead is timed to take 35 minutes.

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The direct route from Chester to Meols through Badgers Rake and Fern Bank has been suspended during the War.

The L.M.S. and G.W. Joint Railways single-line branch between Hooton and West Kirby also runs east and west through Willaston. It bi-sects the parish. The southern half, contains a score of houses only, and is among the least populated areas in Wirral.

Hadlow Road Station, erected when the railway was opened in 1866, is a few hundred yards only from the centre of the village.

Hooton Junction Station, from which lines run in four directions, is $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles away. War-time through services are provided to London (Paddington), Pwllheli and Rhyl. Peacetime through services extended also to London (Euston), Ramsgate, Deal, Hastings, Bournemouth, Plymouth, Cardiff and Aberystwyth.

The parish is uniquely provided with several miles of lanes, bridlepaths, by-roads and footpaths for the use and pleasure of inhabitants and visitors, whether mounted or afoot, with very few stiles to impede them.

For example, from almost the centre of Willaston it is possible to travel by pleasant routes about a mile northwards to Willaston Mill, a mile eastwards to Heath Lane Bridge, a mile southwards to Badgers Rake and a mile westwards to Fern Bank. These and other tracks are sign-posted by the Wirral Footpaths and Open Spaces Preservation Society. A wealth of animal, bird, flower and wild fruit life is to be found in them.

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LAND AND WATER

The area of land and water in the parish of Willaston, today, is 1,764 acres, and the population of over 1,500 is housed in over 400 houses. One hundred years ago there were 43 habitations and 213 inhabitants.

A distinctive feature is the manner in which farms are clustered in the centre of the village, thus creating an agricultural community which has served as a core around which the more recent residential development has taken place compactly.

Farming is by far the most important industry in Willaston. The land is of medium to moderately heavy soils, well farmed, and of high productivity in terms of milk and dairy produce. Some splendid herds of dairy cattle have been built up. Credit for this state of affairs is due to landowners and farmers alike.

During the war a considerable area of grassland has been ploughed.

It is an interesting sidelight on the advantage of 'Wilaveston' as a meeting place at the time of Domesday by the reason of its central position that the very successful Wirral Farmers' Shows in aid of the Red Cross have been held at the Hanns Hall Farm which has attained importance as a Research Station.

During the war there is held a Livestock Grading Station at Hooton Station Mart, and an Egg Grading Station at Hooton.

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Characteristic of the fields are the ponds which have developed through the filling of water into one-time marl pits. Many of them are stocked with fish and some are preserved by the Wirral Angling Association. Several are the breeding places of waterfowl.

In peacetime, Beagles have met at Willaston Green and at Scotsmans Corner, and Foxhounds at Badger's Rake, whilst the Wirral Hunt has held its Point-to-Point Meeting at Inglewood.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND [PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

Fronting the Village Green is the stone-built Institute, given in 1891, as a literary institute and reading room. The main hall, which has a parquet floor, is used for Badminton, Dances, Whist Drives and Public Meetings.

Alongside is the Memorial Hut, in wood, consisting of a billiard room, and a room available for small meetings.

The trustees for these two buildings have vested the letting of them in the Village Society. Applications for hire should be made to the Secretary.

Facing the Parish Church is the Church Hall, a wooden structure erected in 1927 at the expense of Mrs. Johnston, and presented with an endowment to the Church in 1937. It contains a stage, with dressing rooms and catering facilities and hence is suitable for concerts and theatricals as well

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as for dances, meetings and shows. The letting is in the hands of the Parochial Church Council. Applications should be made to the Sexton.

In the vacant plot adjoining the hall are cherry trees planted to commemorate the Coronation in 1937 of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, as is indicated by a bronze tablet.

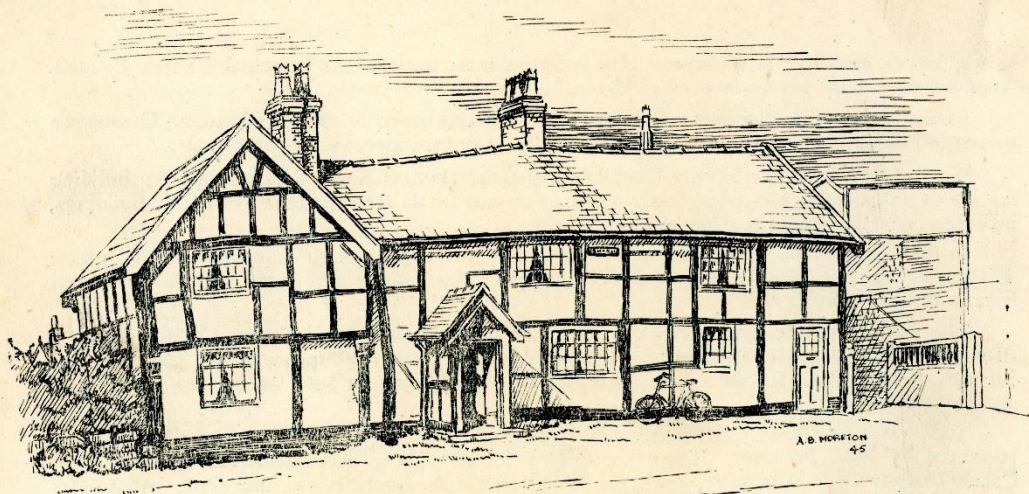
In 1940, the Cheshire County Council erected in Hadlow Road, a large concrete building for use as an emergency cooking centre. Ready cooked meals are distributed to public buildings, including schools, within a wide radius.

In the centre of the Village Green is planted a copper beech tree to commemorate the Jubilee of King George V. Here until 1940 stood the last public water pump in the Village. The well is now cemented over.

The custody of the green was transferred to the Neston Urban District Council in 1933. After the School was demolished, the site was grassed down at the expense of the late Alderman Merritt. The U.D.C. fenced it with posts and chains in return for land taken to widen the road and make a footpath.

Northwards of Christ Church Schools is the Recreation Ground of 14 acres with Pavilion presented by Mrs. Johnston. The responsibility for its upkeep was transferred to the Neston Urban District Council in 1933, when the Willaston Parish Council was dissolved. Allotments are provided by the Urban District Council in a part of the site at a rental of 1/- per plot per year. The ground previously used for allotments was built over in 1941.

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The Red Lion (1631), Willaston

NOTABLE OLD BUILDINGS

Almost fronting the Village Green is the venerable Willaston Old Hall, a handsome Elizabethan dwelling of three low stories, in brick, with sandstone courses, erected in 1558.

Facing it across the Green is a typical Cheshire black and white structure of timber framing with brick filling erected in 1631, the one-time "Red Lion" Public House, whose licence was surrendered a few years ago. The Red Lion was the heraldic device of the Bennett family who built the Old Hall.

Hard by are several sandstone buildings, one bearing the date 1616, and others, the dates 1632 (Manor Farm) and 1663. Much of the sandstone is now overlaid with roughcast. Cheese presses and whey tanks, carved out of solid sandstone, now used as water cisterns, are to be found in several yards. In Hadlow Road is the picturesque Ash Tree Farm, dating from 1697, a good example of the architecture of the time and much visited by students of domestic architecture. It is in an excellent state of preservation.

Willaston Windmill, rebuilt in 1800, stands on the highest point in the parish. It ceased corn-milling in 1885, but, though sailless, is in a good state of preservation. Much of the machinery remains. When a sufficient endowment has been secured it is to be presented by its owners, the Wirral Society, to the Neston Urban District Council, for the enjoyment of the public. Magnificent views of the countryside are to be had from the top.

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The Parish Church, Willaston

RELIGIOUS LIFE

Christ Church, the Parish Church, a Gothic structure in sandstone, consisting of nave, chancel and porch, was erected in 1854, and enlarged in 1926. There are 290 sittings. The register dates from 1865, when the parish was separated from Neston.

The incumbent since 1926 has been the Rev. Canon John Wilkinson, B.A., the Vicar.

In the churchyard is the Memorial to the 34 men from Willaston who gave their lives in the War of 1914-19, and in the porch is the roll of the men and women who have served with the Forces since 1939.

All parishioners have a right to a seat in the parish church, without payment.

The Parochial Council governs the financial affairs of the parish, having taken over in this matter the functions of vestry meetings and churchwardens. It is elected by those whose names appear on the Electoral Roll.

The Churchwardens (Vicar's Warden and People's Warden) are responsible to the Bishop for the order and discipline of church and parish. They are the guardians of the parishioners' rights, and the legal owners of the goods of the church, though not of the freehold of the church which is invested in the incumbent.

Sidesmen are elected to help the churchwardens in the maintenance of order and in other duties, including the collection of voluntary offerings.

The organist and choirmaster is Mr. J. G. Curtis.

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The parish clerk and sexton is Mr. S. Ashton, Meadow Croft, off Neston Road.

The Parochial Council comprising 20 members, administers the Church Hall, erected in 1927, opposite the Church.

The hours of Services are :
8-0 HOLY COMMUNION.
10-0 CHILDREN'S SERVICE.
11-0 MORNING SERVICE.
6-30 EVENING SERVICE.

HOLY COMMUNION after FIRST and THIRD SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES in each month

There is a Branch of the Mothers' Union which meets at the Institute on the second Wednesday of each month, and in the Church for Holy Communion on the third Tuesday ; its objects are to promote the sanctity of marriage and of family life.

The parish is in the Rural Deanery of South Wirral, Archdeanery of Chester and Diocese of Chester.

The Primitive Methodist Church erected in 1889 in place of one erected in 1838, near Cherry Brow, is now a unit of the amalgamated Methodist Church. It seats 100. Information as to its activities may be got from Mr. L. Pugh and Mr. T. Woodfield.

During the War the Members of this Church maintained a Canteen for the use of Service Men and Women stationed in the neighbourhood.

Places of worship for members of other religious bodies are at Hooton and Neston.

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DEFENCE AND ALLIED SERVICES

A platoon of the 21st Battn. Cheshire Army Cadets is located at the Parochial Hall. The Parade Night is Friday. The Girls' Training Corps meets at the Institute, Willaston, on Monday evenings, and at the Methodist Schoolroom, Neston, on Thursday evenings.

The Willaston Troop of Boy Scouts meets at "Stanway" under Major W. Welch, twice weekly.

The Willaston Branch of the British Legion was founded in 1935. It is collecting funds for the provision of a Club for the use of former members of all Armed and Civil Defence and like Services. Its Services Committee administers benevolence to ex-service men and women and their dependants mainly from the Poppy Day Funds.

Former members of the Home Guard of which Willaston Village and the Royal Ordnance Factory each furnished a platoon of the 21st Cheshire Battalion are eligible for membership of the local Association.

Former members of the Cheshire Regiment are eligible for membership of the Cheshire Regt. Old Comrades Association.

Comforts for Service men and women are provided by the Nags Head Cigarette Fund, which makes them cash payments or savings bank lodgments, and by the Services Comforts Fund which makes gifts in kind. Comforts are also provided for soldier patients in Moston Hall Hospital out of the proceeds of social functions.

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During "Salute the Soldier" Week in 1944, and subsequently, a number of functions was promoted, as the result of which £300 was collected and invested in National Savings Certificates in the name of the Willaston Branch of the British Legion to form the "Salute the Soldier Fund." The fund is to be administered by that Branch for the benefit of Willaston Men and Women of the Services, and their dependants.

Several Willaston women enrolled in the Neston Branch of the Women's Voluntary Service at the outbreak of war, and held themselves in readiness to open Reception Centres for evacuees in Willaston. This became necessary on two occasions.

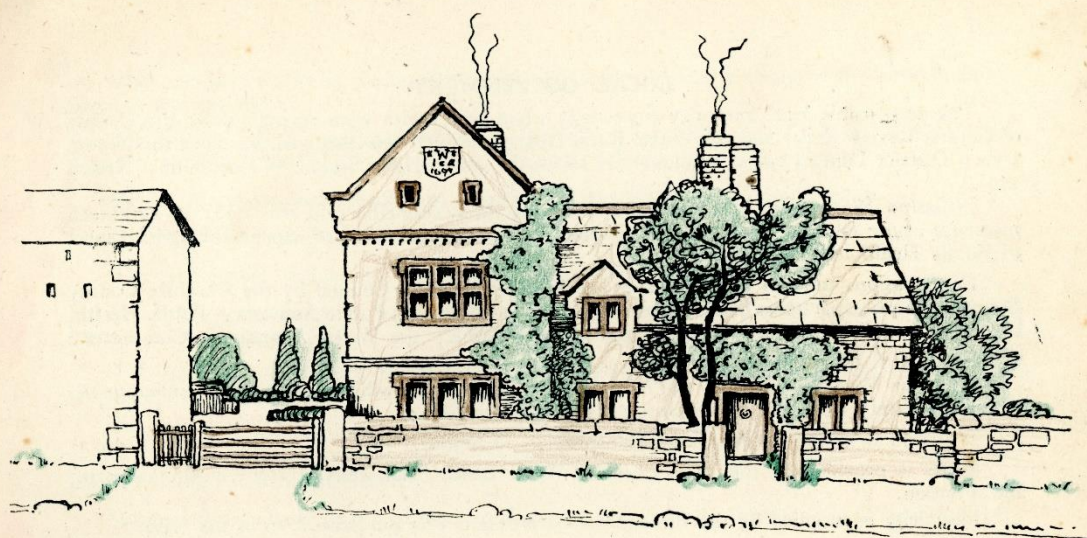
EDUCATION

Public Elementary Education for boys and girls from the age of 5 to the age of 14 is provided at the Christ Church, Church of England Schools, a handsome range of buildings in Neston Road, erected by the parishioners in 1930, to take the place of buildings now demolished, which stood on the Green. A Kitchen was added in 1944.

The Governing Body comprises four Foundation Managers, the Vicar, who acts as Correspondent and Chairman, the two Churchwardens, and one other Willaston resident; a representative of the Local Education Authority, and a nominee from the Neston Urban District Council.

Boys and girls are eligible for scholarships awarded on the results of examinations to Public Secondary Schools maintained by the Cheshire County Education Committee at Bebington and West Kirby.

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Ash Tree Farm 1658

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The responsible local authority since 1933 when boundaries were revised under the County of Chester Review Order and the Wirral Rural District Council was dissolved, has been the Neston Urban District Council whose headquarters are at the Town Hall, Neston. (Telephone : Neston 150).

Willaston Ward, with 1,048 electors, provides three councillors to this body of seventeen members whose rates are now 12s. 10d. in the £., the principal items of expense being in respect of Public Health and Highways.

Contributions towards their expenses are precepted on the Council by the Cheshire County Council, the principal items being in respect of Police, Education, Public Assistance, Public Health, Highways and Bridges, and Maternity and Child Welfare ; the Wirral Assessment Committee ; and the Wirral Joint Hospital Board.

Willaston Ward is a part of the Neston Electoral Division which elects one member to the Cheshire County Council of 23 Aldermen and 69 Councillors.

Willaston is in the Parliamentary Constituency of Wirral.

Water is provided by the West Cheshire Water Board from wells at Hooton Mouldsworth, and Prenton.

Electricity is supplied by the Birkenhead Corporation who purchase it from the Grid.

Gas is supplied by the Ellesmere Port Urban District Council.

Willaston is in the Petty Sessional Division of Wirral, the Courts sitting at Birkenhead, Bromborough and Neston.

The nearest police superintendency is at Bromborough (Telephone : Bromborough 1291). A police constable resides in Crosby Grove, Willaston (Telephone : 162).

Births, Marriages and Deaths are registered at Hoylake, Heswall and Neston.

Quarter Sessions and Assizes are held at Chester.

The responsible coroner is that for the West Cheshire District.

Prior to the establishment of the National Fire Service, fire protection was provided by the Birkenhead Corporation.

The Inspector of Weights and Measures, who acts also as Inspector under several other Acts, is located at Chester.

The parish is within two catchment areas, a small portion towards the southwest within that of the Cheshire Rivers (Dee) Catchment Board, and the remainder within that of the Lancashire Rivers (Mersey) Catchment Board.

Between 6 and 7 p.m. on Thursdays the Willaston Branch of the Neston U.D.C. lending library is open for the exchange of books.

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MEDICAL AND ALLIED SERVICES

There is one Resident Medical Officer, Dr. Wm. Crooke, Street Hey Lane.

A Surgery is maintained also by Doctors Selby and Simpson, at Church House.

The Surgery is open from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Voluntary hospital services are provided by the Neston War Memorial Cottage Hospital (Telephone : Neston 181), and public hospital services by the Wirral Joint Hospital Board at Clatterbridge (Telephone : Thornton Hough 331).

There is a Detachment of the British Red Cross Society, Cheshire, No. 202.

District Nursing and Midwifery services are provided by the Willaston District Nursing Association.

District Nurse : Nurse Lloyd, Grey Cottage, Hooton Road (Telephone : 112) ; (alternative) : Nurse Jones, Burton. Messages may also be left at the Post Office (Telephone : 137).

An Ambulance is maintained at the headquarters of the Urban District, at Neston.

There is a Child Welfare Clinic at the Methodist Schoolroom, Neston, open from 2 to 4 p.m. on Thursdays. Orange juice and cod-liver oil are available for distribution by the Willaston Women's Institute in the Memorial Hut, between 2 and 4 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month.

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

In addition to the organisations which have been mentioned elsewhere, several other bodies provide recreational and social facilities.

The Willaston Angling Club is affiliated to the Chester Angling Association.

The Badminton Court in the Institute is the headquarters of the Badminton Section of the Village Society.

The Billiard Table in the Memorial Hut is the responsibility of the Billiards Section of the Village Society. Facilities are also available for Cards and Darts.

There is a Bowling Green at the rear of the "Nags Head."

The Willaston Amateur Boxing Club, affiliated to the Northern Counties Amateur Boxing Association, promotes Boxing Tournaments in aid of local charities.

The Willaston Homing Society is affiliated to the West Cheshire Homing Association.

A Horse Show and Gymkhana is held annually in August by the Francis Riding School in aid of charities.

The Horticultural Show and Fete held on August Bank Holiday has been suspended during the war, but it is the intention of the Village Society to revive it as soon as conditions allow.

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The Courts of the Lawn Tennis Section of the Village Society are in Hooton Road.

Apart from sections already mentioned, the Village Society, whose aims are Social, Educational and Cultural, with membership open to all residents, covers other fields such as the promotion of Concerts, Dances, Dancing Lessons and Whist Drives.

The objects of the Women's Institute which meets in the Village Institute on the first Wednesday of the month at 2-30 are to improve and develop conditions of rural life by providing a centre for educational and social intercourse and activities. It is also responsible for the distribution of Orange Juice and Cod-liver oil, Milk Cocoa, and Meat Pies (under the special W.I. scheme for rural areas), and for the collection of National Savings. Members help in the collection of Rose Hips and Herbs, and in knitting and collecting clothing for occupied Europe.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

"A Perambulation of the Hundred of Wirral," published in 1909, stated that "the district of Willaston is such an agreeable one that it is certain to lose, in the not distant future, the pleasant flavour of an out-of-the-way place." The development of motor transport and other causes have brought this about, so much so, that the population has since increased fourfold.

Currently, certain aspects of development are controlled by the Cheshire County Council by virtue of powers vested in it by Parliament, for example, in regard to Ribbon Building, Advertisements and Petroleum Filling Stations.

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Indications of official intentions of future developments which may affect Willaston are to be found in the scheme submitted by the well-known town planning expert, Mr. F. Longstreth Thompson, to the Minister of Town and Country Planning which was published in 1945, by His Majesty's Stationery Office as "Merseyside Plan, 1944." Paragraph 81 refers to provision for the expansion of Willaston, and paragraph 160 reads :

"Willaston, in mid Wirral, is an agricultural village, which, on the whole, has not been spoilt by its suburban growth. The building that has taken place has not been only along the main roads, but has been in blocks of land, and a quite definite community has grown up. Since the outbreak of war about 50 houses with a most attractive lay-out have been built in the village

An important part of the Outline Plan is the retention of mid Wirral as an Agricultural Zone. The limited growth of Willaston will not seriously affect this. An area of about 100 acres for future growth, is included in the Urban Zone." (Note : This may result in up to 1,000 more houses, and an increase of the population up to say, 4,000.) "The east-west road through Willaston is a route proposed for improvement for the benefit of traffic across Wirral, which is likely to increase very much with the growth of the Deeside and Merseyside towns. The road through the village is narrow and built-up, and a by-pass is therefore proposed on the north side."

The master plan indicates prospective building developments, compactly outwards from the cross formed by Mill Lane, Hooton Road, Hadlow Road and Neston Road.

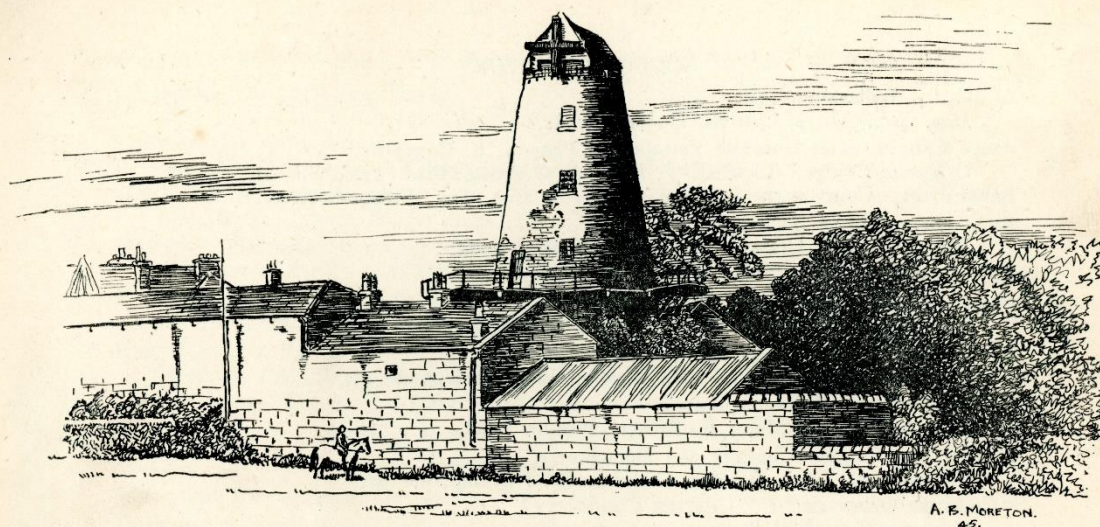
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Mr. Thompson finds no case for the proposed 120 ft. Mid Wirral sub-arterial road through the line of Street Hey Lane, Heath Lane and Scotsman's Lane, but, on the contrary, the Technical Committee for the North-Western Group of the Cheshire Advisory Planning Committee strongly recommends it.

He recommends the electrification of the West-Kirby—Hooton and Hooton—Birkenhead railways.

We have seen that in 1845 Willaston had 43 habitations, and a population of 213. In 1945, it had 425 houses and 1,500 inhabitants. Readers may well be left to make their own estimates of what sort of community there will be in 2045.

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The Mill, Willaston

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SOCIAL DIRECTORY

ANGLING.—Willaston Angling Club.

Hon. Sec.—Mr. J. Cottrell, Hooton Road.

ARMY CADETS.—21st Cheshire Battalion, 1 Platoon, E. Company.

Officer-in-Charge.—Lieut. E. P. Blundell, Overdale Road (Telephone 8).

BADMINTON.—Court at the Institute. *Apply to Hon. Sec.*, Village Society.

BILLIARDS.—(Village Society).

Hon. Sec.—Mr. Craven, "Taylors," Hadlow Road.

BOWLS.—Green at the "Nags Head" Public House.

BOXING.—Willaston Amateur Boxing Club.

Hon. Sec.—Mr. L. D. Musgrove, Mill Lane (Telephone 258).

BOY SCOUTS.—Willaston Troop.

Scoutmaster.—Major W. Welch, Hooton Road (Telephone 43).

BRITISH LEGION.—Willaston Branch.

Hon. Sec.—Sergt.-Major R. Beckett, Neston Road.

BRITISH RED CROSS.—Cheshire 202 Detachment.

Commandant.—Mrs. Balding, Overdale Road (Telephone 105).

"CHESHIRE OBSERVER"; "CHESTER CHRONICLE."

Correspondent.—Mrs. Preston, 3, Cherry Brow.

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CHORAL SOCIETY.—*Chairman* : R. Vahey, The Croft, Hadlow Lane (Telephone 59).
 CIGARETTE FUND.—“Nags Head.”
Hon. Sec.—Mr. B. Carter, Lilac Cottage, Neston Road.
 CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cole, Willaston Grange (Telephone 39).
 GIRLS' TRAINING CORPS.
 Mrs. B. E. Wilson, Badger Butts, Mill Lane (Telephone 97).
 HOMING.—Willaston Homing Society.
Hon. Sec.—Mr. T. J. Cottrell, Neston Road.
 HORSE SHOW AND GYMKHANA, held on a Saturday in August.
 Mrs. Francis, Riding School, Heath Lane (Telephone Willaston 228).
 HORTICULTURAL SHOW, held on August Bank Holiday prior to 1939.
Apply to Hon. Sec.—Village Society.
 LAWN TENNIS.—Courts in Hooton Road. Not in use.
 MOTHERS' UNION.—*Enrolling Member* : Mrs. Todd, Willaston Grange (Telephone 39).
 MOSTON HALL HOSPITAL COMFORTS FUND.—*Hon. Organiser* : Miss H. Jackson.
 MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOTING : Roften Rifle Club.—*Hon. Sec.* : H. Nicholson, 6, Elm Green.
 NATIONAL SAVINGS GROUP.—*Hon. Sec.* : Miss Clayton, Field Gate (Telephone 88).

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NESTON and DISTRICT WAR MEMORIAL COTTAGE HOSPITAL.
Collectors : Mrs. Bawden, Hooton Road ; Miss Clayton, Field Gate ; Mrs. Davies, Cherry Brow ; Mrs. Evans, Lindi, Heath Lane ; Miss Hatch, Dunraven ; Mrs. Higgins, Willow Brow ; Mrs. Moss, Neston Road ; Miss B. Pollard, Smithy Lane ; Miss H. Pollard, Rose Farm ; Mrs. Poole, Hargrave ; Mrs. Werner, The Spinney, Benty Heath Lane.
 NESTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL : Willaston Ward.—
Councillors : Mrs. Halewood, Mr. B. Oxtan, Mr. G. W. Webster.
 NESTON WAR COMFORTS FUND.
Hon. Sec. : Mr. F. R. Poole, Town Hall, Neston (Telephone Neston 150).
 NURSING ASSOCIATION, Willaston District.—
Hon. Sec. and Hon. Treas. : Mrs. Harold Evans, Hooton Road (Telephone 29).
 PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.—
Hon. Sec. : Mr. H. F. Southey, The Hermitage, Briardale Road (Telephone 236).
 SERVICES COMFORTS FUND.—*Hon. Sec.* : Miss Clayton (Telephone 88).
 SALUTE THE SOLDIER FUND.—*Joint Holders* : Mr. H. Arnold and Mr. J. Moreton.
 (*Apply to the Hon. Sec.* : British Legion, Willaston Branch).
 VILLAGE SOCIETY.—*Hon. Sec.* : Mr. H. F. Southey, The Hermitage, Briardale Road.
 (Telephone 236).
 WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—
Hon. Sec. : Mrs. Southey, The Hermitage, Briardale Road (Telephone 236).
 WELCOME HOME AND WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.—*Hon. Sec.* : Miss H. Crabb, Hadlow Road.

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY

(Note.—EARLY CLOSING DAY—WEDNESDAY.)

BANKERS.—Midland Bank Limited, The Green. Tuesdays and Fridays 10-30 to 1-0.

BLACKSMITH—S. Ashton, The Green.

BOOT AND SHOE REPAIRER.—J. Woodfield, Smithy Lane.

BRICKWORKS.—Hooton Brickworks Limited, Hooton Station (Telephone 119).

BUILDER AND DECORATOR.—E. S. Fairclough, Neston Road (Telephone 192).

BUILDING AND PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTORS.—

Sir Alfred MacAlpine & Son Ltd., Hooton Road (Telephone Hooton 2341).

BUTCHERS.—

C. G. Barnes, The Green (Telephone 89) ; A. Mowat, Neston Road (Telephone 10).

CAFE.—The Green Lantern, The Green (Telephone 216). Open 10—6, Mondays 10—2.

CHEMISTS.—Lanceley, Neston Road (Telephone 110).

COAL AND COKE MERCHANTS.—

J. W. Crabb, Hadlow Road ; J. & C. Pollard (Coal) Ltd., Hadlow Road Station (Telephone 26).

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CORN MERCHANTS.—

M. J. Hale & Sons, Neston Road (Telephone 44) ; J. W. Moss, The Green (Telephone 115).

CONFECTIONERS.—

The Green Lantern, The Green (Telephone 216) ; Miss Holmes, adjoining Post Office (Telephone 137) ; Mrs. Hughes, Hadlow Road.

DRAPER.—Miss Aston, Neston Road.

ELECTRICAL AND RADIO CONTRACTORS.—

"Tom Warner," Cranford, Briardale Road ; Wirral Radio and Electrical Limited, Church House (Telephone 230).

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY.—Birkenhead Corporation, Craven Street, Birkenhead (Telephone Birkenhead 3680).

ENGINEERS.—Williams & Williams Ltd., Hooton Road (Telephone Hooton 275).

FARMERS.—C. Argyle, Seidbloom Farm, Adfalent Lane, Hadlow Road.

J. Bibby & Sons Ltd., Hanns Hall Farm (Telephone 225).

J. Dutton, Acres Farm, Mill Lane (Telephone 241).

Mrs. Francis, Cherry Brow Farm, Hadlow Road.

W. R. Glazebrook, The Lydiate (Telephone 118).

C. Hale, Woodcroft Farm, Ness Acre Lane (Telephone 202).

J. R. Hale, Church Farm, Neston Road.

A. E. Jackson, The Green (Telephone 4).

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FARMERS—*continued*

L. W. Murray, Heathfield Farm, Hooton Road.
S. & J. Podmore, Leaswood Farm, New Hey Lane (Telephone 237).
S. F. Pollard & Sons, Corner House Farm, The Green. (Telephone 115)
Mrs. Wilkinson, Old Hall Farm, Hadlow Road (Telephone 16).
Miss Wood, Ash Tree Farm, Hadlow Road.

FISHMONGERS, FRUITERERS, GAME DEALERS, GREENGROCERS and POULTERERS.—

C. & H. Birchall, Hadlow Road (Telephone 211) ; A. E. Jackson, The Green (Telephone 4).

FRUIT GROWER.—R. Whitehead, Heath Lane.

GARAGES.—W. Bebb, Hadlow Road (Telephone 53.)

J. Evans & Sons, Hooton Road (Telephone 114).

Mrs. Lloyd, Neston Road (Telephone 11).

J. G. Parton, Hooton Station (Telephone Hooton 2159).

GAS SUPPLY.—Ellesmere Port Urban District Council (Telephone Ellesmere Port 250).

GENERAL STORES.—Mrs. Flavell, Hooton Road.

GROCERS AND PROVISION MERCHANTS.—

H. Coll, The Green ; J. F. Moss, Neston Road (Telephone 30) ; J. H. Pugh & Son,
Neston Road (Telephone 28).

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GUM TRAGON MANUFACTURERS.—

Tragasol Products Ltd., Hooton Station (Telephone Hooton 3127).

HAIRDRESSERS.—

(Gents) : R. H. Dentith, Neston Road ; (Ladies) : Mrs. Ruddock, The Green (Phone 230)

HARDWARE AND IRONMONGERY.—C. Silverston, Hadlow Road (Telephone 176).

JOINERY MANUFACTURERS.—H. Dodson Ltd., Hooton Road (Telephone 51).

LANDSCAPE GARDENERS.—C. H. Taudevin Ltd., Benty Heath Lane (Telephone 21).

LIBRARY.—Taylors, Hadlow Road ; Miss Aston, Neston Road.

LICENSED VICTUALLERS—

Mrs. Worthington, "The Nags Head" (Built 1733, since rebuilt). Licensed to sell
wine, spirits, and beer, by retail, to be consumed on or off the premises. Permitted
Hours : Weekdays 11-30 to 3-0 and 5-30 to 10-0 ; Sundays 12-0 to 2-0 and 7-0 to 10-0.

HOOTON HOTEL (Residential), Hooton Station (Telephone Hooton 3250).

LIME MERCHANTS.—J. & C. Pollard (Coal) Ltd., Hadlow Road Station (Telephone 26).

MARKET GARDENERS AND NURSERYMEN.—

R. Crossley, Heath Lane (Telephone 181) ; E. Parkinson, Heath Lane (Telephone 2) ;

Mrs. Rothwell, off Overdale Road ; G. W. Webster, off Hooton Road (Telephone 36).

Benty Heath Nursery (Telephone 126).

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MILK RETAILERS.—

J. Bibby & Sons, Ltd., Hanns Hall, Neston Road (Telephone 225).; J. Dutton, Acres Farm, Hooton Road (Telephone 241); Mrs. Francis, Cherry Brow Farm; J. R. Hale Church Farm.

MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICES.—

Crosville Motor Services Ltd., New Chester Road, Rock Ferry (Telephone Rock Ferry 1400).

NEWSAGENTS.—Taylors, Hadlow Road.

NEWSPAPERS.—

"Birkenhead Advertiser," 61, Hamilton Street, Birkenhead (Telephone Birkenhead 2828).

"Birkenhead News," 64, Chester Street, Birkenhead (Telephone Birkenhead 1570).

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.—Dr. W. Crooke, Street Hey Lane (Telephone 27.)

POSTAL AND TELEGRAPHIC ARRANGEMENTS. Willaston Post Office, Neston Road.

Hours of Business.—Weekdays, except Wednesdays, 9-0 to 6-0; Wednesdays, 9-0 to 1-0.

Closed on Sundays, Bank Holidays, Good Friday and Christmas Day.

Business Transacted.—Post Office, Money Order, Postal Order, Savings Bank, Licences, Telegraph and Telephone, etc.

Collections.—Letters: Last Collection, Weekdays, 5-30, Sundays, 4-30.

Parcels: 9-15, 12-45 (Wednesdays); 5-45 (Wednesdays excepted).

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RAILWAYS.—L.M.S. and G.W. Joint Railways.

Hadlow Road Station (Telephone 34); Hooton Station (Telephone Hooton 2135);

Ledsham Station (Telephone Hooton 2177).

RIDING SCHOOLS.—

Mrs. Francis, Heath Lane (Telephone 228); M. Taylor, Crossways, Fern Bank, Damhead Lane (Telephone 172).

SAWMILLERS, Estate Timber.—Cheshire Forests Ltd., The Green (Telephone 14).

SCHOOL.—W. J. Helm, Headmaster, Neston Road.

STATIONERS.—Miss Holmes, Post Office, Neston Road (Telephone 137); Taylors, Hadlow Rd

TAXI PROPRIETOR.—J. G. Parton, Hooton Station (Telephone Hooton 2159).

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.—Hadlow Road.

TOBACCONISTS.—

The Green Lantern, The Green (Telephone 216); Mrs. Flavell, Hooton Road; Miss Holmes, Post Office, Neston Road (Telephone 137); Taylors, Hadlow Road.

WATER SUPPLY.—West Cheshire Water Board, Cross Street, Birkenhead (Telephone Birkenhead 3230).

WINDOW CLEANER.—J. Peers, Heath Lane.

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