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# Sandbach Today

**A traditional Cheshire market town, Sandbach has a wealth of history, an outgoing and energetic population and a thriving town centre. Its excellent communication links, outstanding schools, multitude of sporting and leisure organisations and beautiful surrounding countryside speak volumes about the quality of life in this attractive, vibrant town.**

Sandbach is renowned for the size and quality of its Thursday Market, held each week on The Commons and throughout the town. The town centre includes some well-known High Street stores but mainly consists of independent local specialist retailers who pride themselves on offering high quality, unusual products at the right price. It also boasts a regular monthly Farmers' and Artisan Market held in the Market Square, beside the historic Saxon Crosses.

The town has two excellent single sex Secondary Schools and six primary schools. There are many clubs and societies within Sandbach covering a variety of sporting activities and voluntary organisations. Some of these groups hold events each year, such as a Beer Festival, Donkey Derby, Firework Displays, Fairtrade and Eco Fair, whilst others hold monthly events, for example Sandbach Concert Series. The town was the home of Foden's and ERF Trucks and celebrates this each April with a Festival of Transport. In addition, the award winning and internationally-acclaimed Foden's Brass Band is still based in Sandbach.

An attractive place to visit or live, Sandbach is easily accessible since Junction 17 of the M6 is only 1 mile from the town centre. The motorway provides immediate access to the north or south of the country and allows a speedy link to Manchester airport for international travel. Sandbach station is situated in Elworth and Crewe mainline railway station is just 6 miles away, connecting travellers to all corners of the UK. For those wishing to enjoy a more leisurely pace the Trent and Mersey canal runs through the south of the town, in the village of Wheelock, and provides an excellent way to enjoy the Cheshire countryside.



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# A Brief History of Sandbach

The Roman road from Middlewich to Chesterton passed through Sandbach Township, but it is from Saxon times that Sandbach's history can be traced. The Domesday Survey of 1086 states that the greater part of Sandbach was the property of Bigot - a major landowner within the county - and the remainder was in the possession of the Earl of Chester. There was a priest and church and it is thought that Sandbach parish, which covered a much larger area than the current township, was a minster parish in Saxon times, forming an important part of the Diocese of Lichfield.

Records from 1230 show that the land in and around Sandbach was held by Richard de Sandbach, High Sheriff of Cheshire. In succeeding centuries the ownership of the manor passed from the Sandbach family to the Leghs of Booth and then the Radcliffes of Ordsall, who held Sandbach for about 250 years. In 1611 the Radcliffes sold part of the centre of Sandbach to local yeomen and then in the following year sold the rest of the manor to the Crewes of Crewe Hall. The Crewes disposed of most of their Sandbach properties at a sale in 1917.

During the Civil War, a party of nearly 1,000 exhausted Scottish troops rode through Sandbach on horseback as they retreated from the Battle of Worcester. It was 3rd September 1651 and the annual September Fair was taking place on the Common.

A skirmish occurred as the local people attacked the Scottish troops. A contemporary newspaper said: "The dispute was very hot for two or three houres, and there were some townsmen hurt and two or three slaine, the Townesmen slew about nine or ten and tooke 100 prisoners." The central Common in Sandbach has since been known as Scotch Common.



## Did you know...

Sandbach has two entries in the Domesday Book 1086.





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In the late 16th and early 17th centuries Sandbach was noted for the production of fine worsted yarns and malt liquor, and the revenue from these, together with that from the fairs and market, made the town modestly affluent.

In the 1820's and 30's Sandbach was an important coaching stop on the roads from London and Birmingham to both Liverpool and Manchester. Local inns, such as "The George", were calling places for coaches, including the "Royal Sovereign", the "Rocket" and the "Nettle". Later in the 19th century, the town produced silk, boots and shoes and enjoyed extensive trade with its corn mills and salt works along the Trent and Mersey Canal.

The 20th Century saw the upsurge of the heavy vehicle manufacturing industry within the town. The Foden Steam Wagon enjoyed huge success and attained a worldwide reputation for economy and reliability. From the early 1930's the industry concentrated on diesel-powered heavy goods vehicles, which were produced in the factories of both E.R.F. and Foden.

In 1980 Paccar Inc. purchased the Foden company and eventually moved production away from Sandbach. The Foden brand was retired from new vehicle manufacturing in 2006, having celebrated 150 years within the industry. A similar fate befell the ERF brand, which was withdrawn from the truck market in 2007.



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# Ancient Crosses

**1** Map Reference C4 (see pages 22-23)

**Sandbach is widely known for its famous Saxon Crosses, which are recognised as one of the finest Saxon monuments in Britain. English Heritage cares for the two sandstone structures situated in the picturesque cobbled Square. They are an icon for many Sandbach organisations, including the Town Council.**

The Crosses depict intricate carvings and were produced at a time from which little or no documentary evidence has survived. They have been the source of much fascination and the subject of very many books. Theories abound to explain how and why they were created, with some being more credible than others. Dr. Jane Hawkes book "The Sandbach Crosses" was written with the support of English Heritage and is considered the greatest authority on Sandbach's Saxon Crosses.

Dr. Hawkes has studied the iconography of the carvings in great detail and has concluded the larger cross was carved in the first half of the ninth century and the smaller cross was completed slightly later, in the middle of the ninth century. The decoration on both structures suggests the presence of an ecclesiastical centre in the Sandbach region that expressed its authority through the production of large-scale stone monuments proclaiming the Christian message. The Crosses would originally have been brightly painted and decorated with jewels and metal inserts.

The first documentary reference to the Sandbach Crosses is by William Smith, a Herald, in 1585 when he describes them as being present in the market place. It is assumed that they were broken up by Puritan iconoclasts in the seventeenth century, with fragments scattered over a wide area. The larger sections were found as far away as Oulton and Tarporley, whilst smaller pieces were found on various sites in Sandbach. They were eventually re-erected on their original site in 1816 under the direction of Dr. George Ormerod, the Cheshire historian.



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# The Markets

**On the 4th April 1579 Queen Elizabeth I awarded a Royal Charter to Sir John Radcliffe of Ordsall for a market to be held in Sandbach and the town is still famous for its large Thursday market, held every week on Scotch Common, High Street and in the Market Square. This outdoor venue offers a wide variety of goods, from bedding to bread, fish to fashions and shoes to spanners. In 1889, Hungerford Lord Crewe gifted the perpetual right to all market tolls to the town, together with a site for a new market hall upon which a covered market and Town Hall were erected. Still situated on the ground floor of the Town Hall, the Indoor Market is open on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.**

Sandbach's pretty cobbled market square is the venue for a Farmers' and Artisan Market, held on the second Saturday of each month from February to December. All goods on sale at this market are home grown or reared, home cooked, brewed, smoked or pickled, handmade or hand crafted. Live music and other seasonal entertainment provide a shopping experience for all the family to enjoy.

At the beginning of December a Christmas Market fills the Town Centre with over 80 stalls offering a wide variety of handmade, hand crafted, and hand painted or decorated products. Roast chestnuts, mulled wine, a hog roast and other hot foods keep customers warm whilst they listen to local choirs, bell ringers and brass bands. Father Christmas is in his grotto and the Christmas atmosphere permeates throughout the town.

As well as the market, the Royal Charter allowed two fairs per year and specified the fairs be held on the Tuesday and Wednesday of Easter week and the Thursday and Friday before the Nativity of Our Lady (8th September). In addition, a large cattle and pleasure fair was held on 28th December which had a statute for the hiring of servants. The Funfair still comes to Scotch Common in the Autumn each year and is much enjoyed by the people of Sandbach and the surrounding area.



Photo: Carolyn Lowe

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# Sandbach Shopping

**There is an evocative sense of old fashioned grandeur at the heart of Sandbach, enhanced by impressive buildings, stylish shops and a cobbled square. These days, shoppers expect something beyond basic "retail therapy" and Sandbach fits the bill. From fantastic restaurants to gastro pubs and cafes, the town offers the best in food and drink. The ambience of the eateries extends onto the streets, with their attractive floral displays and interesting architecture.**

Shopping in Sandbach is an eclectic delight, with a plethora of independent specialists, famous brands and well known high street chains providing diversity and choice.

Enjoy the real experience on offer to every resident and visitor and be amazed at what is available in this beautiful and historic market town. Our specialist food stores stock locally produced goods, such as award winning sausages, blue rosette cheeses and fine ales. Experienced butchers supply the finest cuts and variety of meat and game with assured provenance from local farms. Sandbach's distinctive, independent and diverse shops provide something different for the discerning consumer. Whether it's clothes, shoes, sweet treats, toys, unusual gifts or fragrant florists, Sandbach has what you want with excellent service, variety and

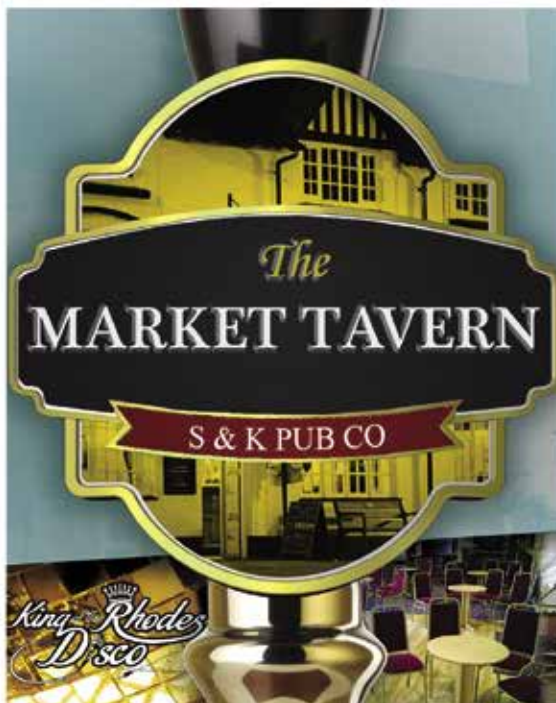
a unique experience for consumers. Free parking throughout the town allows you to shop 'til you drop and finish the day with a relaxing meal.



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## Did you know...

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# Eating Out and Pubs

One of the legacies of Sandbach's market town roots is its abundance of hostelries. The town boasts a wealth of pubs, with many of them selling locally brewed cask bitters. The Black Bear, built in 1634, and the Lower Chequer, (constructed in 1570 and the oldest building in Sandbach) offer the most interesting architecture right in the heart of the town.

Sandbach's extensive array of eateries ensures that all tastes and pockets are catered for. Just down the High

Street, The Old Hall serves excellent English food and cask beers, purchasing its ingredients from local farmers and producers. English style food is offered in a variety of other venues, all with differing ambiances, from the modern purpose built Glasshouse to rustic or traditional settings. Alternatively Italian, Chinese and Indian restaurants abound and there are some lovely cafés dotted amongst the shops. With such a wide selection in a compact area Sandbach is the perfect "foodie" destination and customers are truly spoilt for choice. No matter what your preference, free parking throughout the town ensures you can enjoy a relaxing meal or drink with no time constraints.



The Orient



## Did you know...

Foden's Band achieved "The Double" in 2012 by winning both the British Open Brass Band Championships and the National Championships in the same year. This double accomplishment has only been achieved twelve times in history.

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# Events



Throughout the year, **Sandbach Town Hall** hosts a wide selection of events and shows on a regular and ad hoc basis, including music, dancing, comedy, theatre and promotions. **Sandbach Community Cinema** is based in the Town Hall and, once a month, presents the latest films on a full size screen with excellent sound reproduction.

**Sandbach Concert Series** stages an event on the last Wednesday of each month, to showcase local young talented musicians alongside professional artistes from the North West region. Each concert is accompanied by an art exhibition.

The town was the birthplace of Foden's and ERF trucks and celebrates that history in April each year with its **Transport Festival**. More than 200 vehicles of every type: veteran, vintage and classic - attend and form a parade through the town. Sandbach hosts a **National Town Criers' Competition** during the Transport Festival weekend, with Sandbach's own Town Crier, Dennis Robinson, performing the role of

Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Early in July, Sandbach Rugby Club holds a **Donkey Derby** and

fair at their ground. Children can ride donkeys and take part in races around the track whilst spectators cheer on the animals and riders they have backed to be first past the winning post.



Photo: Murali Dale



Photo: Angela May

The park is used as a venue for a "last night of the proms style" **Party In the Park** where visitors can bring a picnic, rug and chairs and settle down to an evening of easy listening music performed by Foden's Band. The traditional finale sing-a-long of Rule Britannia and Land of Hope and Glory is completed by a superb firework display.

The start of the Summer school holidays is celebrated with a free **Family Fun Day** in the park. The normal play equipment is supplemented by additional activities such as zorbing, arts and crafts, Victorian games, willow art and face painting to make a thoroughly enjoyable day for all age groups.

## Did you know...

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Sounds of feet tapping, heels clicking, bells tinkling and hand clapping ring through the town on the second Saturday in September when traditional English dancing is celebrated at **Sandbach Day of Dance**. A variety of Morris Dancing Teams, all very different in dress and style, perform around the town with their accompanying bands, and present a lively snap shot of traditional England. This is a fantastic spectacle for visitors and residents alike and spectators wanting to give Morris Dancing a try can enjoy a free taster lesson. Definitely a day not to miss!



Photo: Carolyn Lowe

The end of September heralds **Sandbach Wakes**. The Royal Charter gave permission for a fair to take place on Scotch Common and this still occurs each year, with visitors coming from throughout the area to enjoy the rides and games.



Bonfire night is celebrated annually at Sandbach Rugby Club with a **Firework Display** set to music. A large bonfire on the grounds, hot food and entertainment provide the warm up activities and the display never disappoints.

The town's Christmas Tree is positioned in the Market Square and the **Christmas Lights** are switched on in late November each year.

This event includes a visit by Santa in his sleigh, merry-go-round rides, food and drink stalls and entertainment by local bands.

In early December, a **Christmas Market** is held in the Market Square, Little Common and High Street. Performances from choirs, bell ringers and brass bands provide the perfect Christmas atmosphere whilst customers meander the stalls and children visit Santa in his grotto. All the High Street shops stay open until 7pm to give residents the ideal opportunity to do their Christmas shopping.



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Sandbach Golf Club was founded in 1895 with 9 holes and 16 tees.

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**When considering recreational activities the town really does have something to suit all ages and abilities. For those who like a physical challenge martial arts, dance, ball sports and swimming might suit, whilst individuals seeking more sedentary pastimes could try art, photography, music or singing. To find a club or society to suit your desires, please refer to the directory at the back of this guide.**

Sandbach has an abundance of successful sporting clubs. Sandbach Rugby Union Football Club 1st XV currently plays in the



National 3 Midlands League and has teams at all levels and abilities, Senior, Junior, Mini and some Ladies rugby. Sandbach United Football Club has over 30 teams from reception children through to veterans, both male and female, 11 and 7 a-side. Their £2M state of the art facility includes 10 football pitches, a 5 star FIFA Rated 3G Artificial pitch and an education suite. The ground is situated opposite Sandbach Cricket Club in Ettiley Heath. Both Sandbach and Elworth Cricket



Clubs have senior, as well as, junior teams and provide coaching sessions.

For those not wishing to join

a club, "The Link" at Sandbach School offers facilities for a range of community activities including swimming, netball, badminton, tennis, hockey and football. It also caters for active-kid, 'bubble football' and sports themed parties and events. The school also has an extensive Adult Education programme available termly. The town Leisure Centre, is situated within Sandbach High School and provides a swimming pool, squash courts, gym and sports hall.



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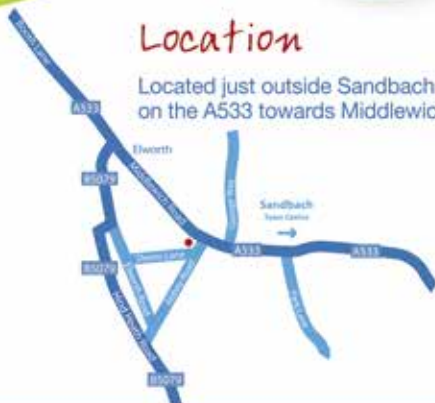
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Elworth Park is surrounded by leafy foliage and has a large children's play area for all age groups and a pleasant lawned area where residents can picnic or play ball games. Both parks have colourful planting carried out during the Spring and Summer seasons.

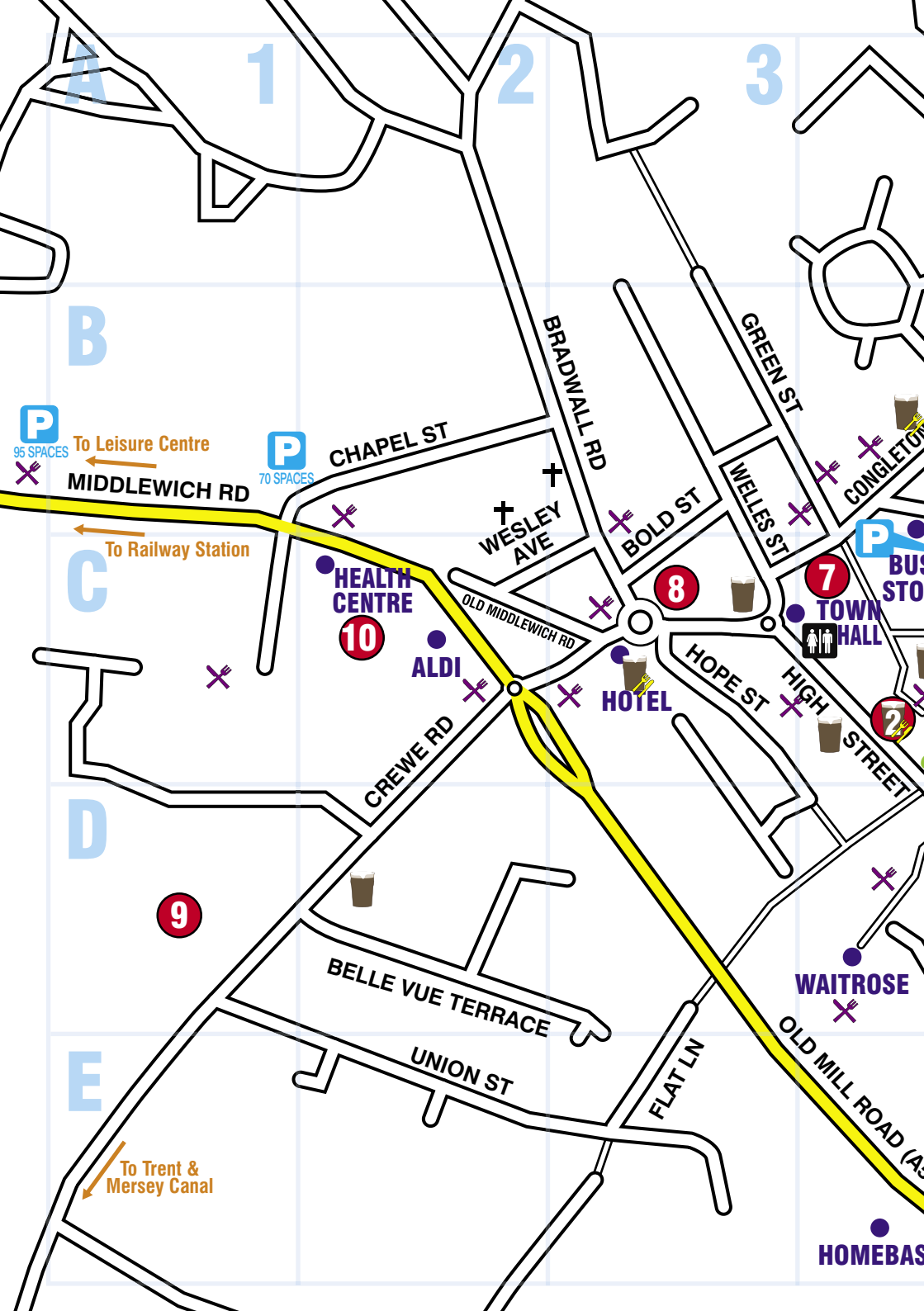


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### Did you know...

The Oak Tree planted in the park for King Edward VII's coronation was purchased from the Earl of Crewe's nurseries in 1902.





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# Town Hall

**7** Map Reference C4 (see pages 22-23)

The Town Hall was constructed in 1889 and designed by local Architect Thomas Bower in the Gothic Revival Style. A fine steep roofed building with a bell tower and an illuminated clock, it was built on a site donated by the Right Honourable Hungerford, Lord Crewe. Over the main entrance are two statues, on the right is Bigot, the first Norman to hold the Manor of Sandbach as nephew of William the Conqueror. The other is of Sir Randolph Crewe who was ancestor of the Right Honourable Hungerford, Lord Crewe, whose coat of arms appears over the door.



For the past 125 years the building has provided a central meeting place for the people of the town. It has recently been totally refurbished and now provides state of the art facilities within its stunning gothic backdrop. The building boasts superb lighting, sounds systems, décor and equipment, with all rooms containing a projector, screen, PA and AV system and Wi-Fi.

The original beamed ceiling within the Ballroom is reflected in a mirrored wall to accentuate and highlight this gothic feature, which can be superbly lit for full atmospheric effect. The maple dance floor is perfect for dancing but the room itself can be configured to accommodate all types of events. The optional 26 square metres of staging and multi-functional stage lighting suits performances, theatre, cat walk shows or presentations. Bar service can be provided within the Ballroom or in the Charter Room, situated above the Ballroom on the mezzanine level.

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During World War I Foden's factory was engaged in war work and the work force swelled with the addition of Belgian refugees. They could speak no English, but Mr. Ernest Wakefield of Elworth spoke to them in French.

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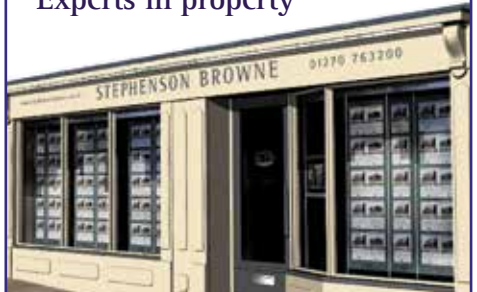


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a self-contained part of the building with its own toilets, kitchen and drinks making facilities and is accessed from the left hand archway on the ground floor. Beyond the second of the four external arches are shops and the entrance to the Indoor Market. On the left of the first archway is a K6 type square plan and dome cast iron telephone kiosk, designed by Giles Gilbert Scott.



Photo: Carolyn Lowe

### Did you know...

Elworth Park was presented to the people of Elworth by Alderman and Mrs. F.J. Poole of Boothville, Elworth and the children's playground by Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Palmer of Stranraer, Sandbach on 8th May 1937.





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# Olde Black Bear

**2** Map Reference C4 (see pages 22-23)



Photo: Carolyn Lowe

“Ye Olde Black Beare Inn”, situated beside the Market Square, is a superb timbered black and white building with a thatched roof. Formerly owned by Lord Crewe, it was built in 1634. It is conjectured that Dick Turpin stayed at the Black Bear on more than one occasion, and it was certainly here that bear-baiting took place, hence the name.

# Lower Chequer

**3** Map Reference C4 (see pages 22-23)

The “Lower Chequer” Inn is probably the oldest building in Sandbach, dating from 1570. The name chequer comes from the “Chequered Board” used to help uneducated customers count their money, since in the past many landlords were moneylenders. Prior to this, “The Chequers” was called the “Lower Swan” and then the “Swan & Chequers”.

An ancient horseshoe is nailed to the bar - a lucky link that spans 400 years. According to legend, the “Lower Chequer” has a ghost called “You”, whose presence is felt in the cellar. The ghost is reputed to be a stable hand who died in his forties, his name originating from his orders to “you” do this and “you” do that. The mounting block at the side of the building enabled travellers to mount and alight from coach and horses.



Photo: Angela May

## Did you know...

Sandbach had its own horse races, which took place in a field off Congleton Road. Prize money for “The Wide Awake Stakes”, “The Pottery Stakes”, “The Sandbach Town Plate” and “The Ladies Purse” were £50 each race.



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# St. Mary's Church

**4** Map Reference D5 (see pages 22-23)

**The Parish Church of St Mary stands in the heart of the town to the East of the Market Square. Rebuilding, restoration and enlargement have taken place over the centuries, but the major restoration took place from 1847 to 1849 under the direction of Sir George Gilbert Scott.**

The old building, dating from 1661, was encased with new stone and the tower was rebuilt. The original carved oak ceiling was restored. There are early corbels and doorways and an ancient font. The square bell tower is one of only two in Cheshire to have

a public right of way passing under it. Several fragments of the Saxon Crosses lie near the archway of the tower. These were only discovered after the monument had been re-erected in 1816.



Photo: Orla Dowey



Photo: Barry Wilkinson

## Did you know...

"The Times" 5th June, 1857 stated: "Every working man who takes a wife out of John Armistead's School (the National School, Sandbach) will know that he has nothing to do but get the money and she will know how to turn it into cheap and savoury food."



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# The Old Hall

**5** Map Reference D5 (see pages 22-23)

The original hall was the residence of the Lords of the Manor of Sandbach. The present Grade I listed building was erected in 1656 and is probably on the site of the original Manor. It was initially constructed square from wattle and daub with an oak frame. The oak for the timber frame is thought to have come from either the Saxe-mondron forest near Nantwich or the forest that once covered a large part of Sandbach Heath.

Inside there are three Jacobean fireplaces, the one downstairs being very ornate and having the added attraction of a secret door on the right. The first floor is reached by an oak staircase, upon which is carved "IB 1828". There is also some original oak panelling and tiling. Features of particular interest are a left-handed spiral staircase and a priest hole. There was reputed to be a hidden passage to the church but it is unlikely that this still exists. In 1841 the hall was divided into two

tenements, the eastern side becoming the rectory of Reverend William Sylvester and the western part being used as a public house called "The Three Tuns Inn". In the early 21st Century the hall fell into disrepair and was at the top of English Heritage's list of "Most Endangered Listed Buildings". However, after a campaign by "Save The Old Hall Action Group" pub company Brunning & Price purchased the hall in 2010 and spent 18 months restoring it to its former glory.



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## Did you know...

Monday 11th November 1918. News reached Foden's, Elworth, that the Great War had ended. "Immediately rejoicings took place. There was a procession to Sandbach and the band played it down."\*



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# The Almshouses

**6** Map Reference D7 (see pages 22-23)



Photo: Carolyn Lowe

In 1865, twenty Almshouses were built for the benefit of poor persons of good character resident in the ancient parish of Sandbach. Rules for occupation were strict. Residents had to attend church each Sunday and were not allowed to keep dogs or pigeons.

Sir George Gilbert Scott designed the Almshouses and they cost £2,500 to build. They were erected in four blocks of five houses each. Thomas Stringer built two blocks, with builder Samuel Faram completing another two blocks. Each house consisted of two bedrooms, a living room, kitchen and pantry. The Almshouses were last refurbished in 1984.

# Sandbach Literary Institution

**8** Map Reference C3 (see pages 22-23)

**The Literary Institution was designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott and erected in 1857. Inhabitants of Sandbach and its neighbourhood contributed £2,100 towards the total build cost of £2,500.**



Photo: Carolyn Lowe

The building contained a library, corn exchange, a reading room, an assembly room and an upper floor ballroom. It has remained virtually unchanged over the past 100 years and is a Grade II listed building. The main ground floor room is currently the chamber of Sandbach Town Council.

The fountain, in the centre of the roundabout opposite, was the gift of Hungerford, Lord Crewe. In the centre is a basin surrounded by four stoups and eight Tuscan pillars supporting a canopy with a triglyph frieze. It is no longer in use because of its close proximity to the highway.

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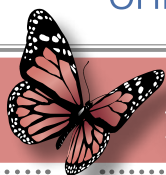
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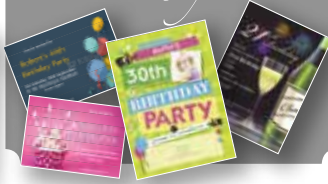
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# Sandbach School

**9** Map Reference D1 (see pages 22-23)

**Although Sandbach School was founded in 1677 as a Parish Charity, its present site near to the centre of town was not occupied until 1849, when Sir George Gilbert Scott designed the impressive buildings that form the façade of the present and much extended School. Building has continued at regular intervals and in various styles with each new addition adding to and improving the educational facilities. The most recent building works included an extension to the sixth form block and a total refurbishment of the original gothic school hall, which is now used as the theatre space.**

The School operated as a Charitable Boarding and Day Institution completely independent of Cheshire County Council until 1955, when the two parties entered into a unique agreement whereby the independence and charitable status of the School were guaranteed, but it was to operate as the day grammar for boys in South Cheshire.

In 1979, a re-negotiated Agreement saw the School accept an all-ability intake from a defined area of South Cheshire. A further negotiation of the Agreement in 2006 strengthened the ties between the local authority and the School, allowing for increased admissions at Year 7 and in the Sixth Form. Following changes in educational funding at

national level, the school became a Free School in September 2011. Apart from educating boys aged 11- 18 years, the school also offers an extensive adult education programme and provides community sports facilities, such as swimming, netball, badminton, tennis, hockey, football and party bookings, via 'The Link', which is the school's commercial company.

Sandbach School also host The Love Music Trust. The Love Music Trust is the backbone of music education in Cheshire East and encourages participation in music from first access at primary level through progression programmes, providing a range of services with inspiring opportunities coupled with high quality teaching.



## Did you know...

Sandbach School Theatre regularly perform at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

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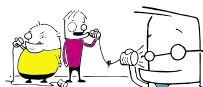
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# Sir George Gilbert Scott



The celebrated architect Sir George Gilbert Scott was commissioned by John Armitstead, vicar of Sandbach, to design a number of buildings in the town, including Sandbach School, Sandbach Literary

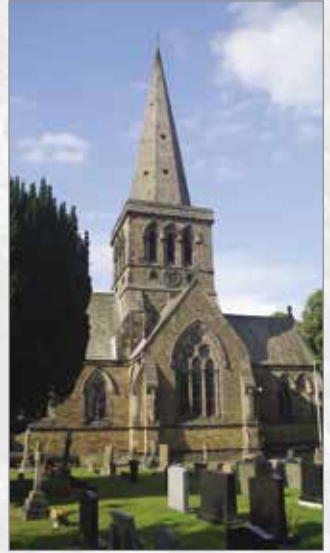


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**Institution, the Almshouses, St. John's Church Sandbach Heath and the vicarage (now Tall Chimneys at Betchton).**

Chiefly associated with the design and renovation of churches, cathedrals and workhouses, he was one of the most prolific architects Britain has ever produced. Most notably he designed and built the Albert Memorial for Queen Victoria and the Midland Hotel at St. Pancras Station. He also oversaw renovations at Westminster Abbey and was buried there in 1878.

# Dr. Charles Latham

**10** Map Reference C2 (see pages 22-23)

Dr. Charles Latham treated the people of Sandbach from his surgery at West View (on the corner of Belle Vue Terrace and Crewe Road). The doctor was immensely popular and so loved locally that the people of Sandbach erected a statue to commemorate his blameless life, devoted to the service of his fellow people. The memorial was initially placed outside the Town Hall, was moved to Sandbach Park and has most recently been relocated to a more appropriate position outside Ashfields Medical Centre. Its inscription reads: "*He was Beloved of all, a friend of the poor.*"



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<b>Ladies Circle</b>		info@sandbachladiescircle.co.uk
<b>League of Friends (Leighton)</b>	<b>01270 589786</b>	www.leighton-league-of-friends.org.uk
<b>Rotary Club of Sandbach</b>	<b>01270 750373</b>	rosemary.twidale@btoopenworld.com
<b>Rotary Club of Sandbach Crosses</b>	<b>01270 768527</b>	kpneame@gmail.com
<b>Royal British Legion (Sandbach)</b>	<b>01270 762173</b>	mnewton@uwclub.net
<b>Samaritans of South Cheshire</b>	<b>01270 216666</b>	crewe@samaritans.org
<b>Sandbach A Rocha UK</b>	<b>01270 761189</b>	2 Marriott Road, Wheelock, CW11 3LU
<b>Sandbach Clean Team</b>	<b>01270 752124</b>	admin@sandbach-cleanteam.co.uk
<b>Sandbach Concert Series</b>		info@sandbach-concert-series.com
<b>Sandbach Masonic Hall</b>	<b>07582 247426</b>	The Commons, Sandbach, CW11 1FJ
<b>Sandbach Partnership</b>	<b>01270 752124</b>	sue.brereton@sandbachpartnership.co.uk
<b>Sandbach Round Table</b>		info@sandbachroundtable.co.uk
<b>Sandbach Traders and Retailers</b>		www.sandbach-star.org.uk
<b>Sandbach Urban Saints</b>	<b>01270 761189</b>	2 Marriott Road, Wheelock, CW11 3LU
<b>Sandbach Woodland and Wildlife Group</b>	<b>01270 765549</b>	woodlandgroup1@btinternet.com
<b>St Johns Ambulance Brigade</b>		c/o High School, Middlewich Road CW11 3NT
<b>St Lukes Hospice Sandbach Support Group</b>	<b>01270 767902</b>	
<b>Sustainable Sandbach</b>	<b>01270 765549</b>	d.macaulay@talk21.com
<b>Trefoil Guild</b>	<b>01270 763661</b>	jdwilson@uwclub.net
<b>Woman's Institute (Brereton)</b>	<b>07814 615777</b>	cjhumber@btinternet.com
<b>Women's Institute (Sandbach)</b>	<b>01270 522478</b>	
<b>CHURCHES/RELIGIOUS GROUPS</b>		
<b>Brethren Meeting Room</b>		Old School, Crewe Road, Wheelock
<b>Christ Church, Wheelock (CofE)</b>	<b>01270 768826</b>	Crewe Road, Wheelock, Sandbach, CW11 3RX
<b>Elworth Methodist Church</b>	<b>07811 246583</b>	Station Road, Elworth, CW11 3JG
<b>Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses</b>		Forge Fields, Wheelock, Sandbach
<b>Light &amp; Life Missions</b>	<b>07876 418648</b>	Bradwall Road, Sandbach, CW11 1GE
<b>Quaker Meeting</b>	<b>01270 765627/ 760414</b>	Coppenhall Methodist Church, Bradfield Road, Crewe, CW1 3RB
<b>Sandbach Baptist Church</b>	<b>01270 753663</b>	Sandbach Community Primary School, Crewe Road, Sandbach, CW11 4NS
<b>Sandbach Heath Methodist Church</b>	<b>01270 762074</b>	Heath Road, Sandbach, CW11 2LE
<b>Sandbach Methodist Church</b>	<b>01270 762074</b>	Wesley Avenue, Sandbach, CW11 1DG
<b>St John's Sandbach Heath (CofE)</b>	<b>01270 768826</b>	Church Lane, Sandbach, CW11 4ST
<b>St Mary's Sandbach (CofE)</b>	<b>01270 762379</b>	High Town, Sandbach, CW11 1HD
<b>St Peter's Elworth (CofE)</b>	<b>01270 762415/ 762213</b>	London Road, Elworth, CW11 3HU

## Did you know...

Sandbach Station opened in 1842.

ORGANISATION	TELEPHONE	ADDRESS/E-MAIL
<b>CHURCHES/RELIGIOUS GROUPS CONTINUED</b>		
<b>St Philip's Hassall Green (CofE)</b>	<b>01270 768826</b>	Smithy Grove, Hassall Green, CW11 4XY
<b>St Winefride's Sandbach (Catholic)</b>	<b>01270 762198</b>	Middlewich Road, Sandbach, CW11 1HU
<b>The Church on Ettiley Heath</b>	<b>01270 666156</b>	Elton Road, Ettiley Heath, Sandbach, CW11 3NE
<b>Wheelock Congregational Church</b>	<b>01270 762912</b>	Crewe Road, Wheelock, Sandbach, CW11 3RT
<b>Wheelock Heath Baptist Church</b>	<b>01270 213466</b>	Sunday Service at Sandbach High School, Middlewich Road, CW11 3NT
<b>Wheelock Methodist Church</b>	<b>01270 666156</b>	Crewe Road, Wheelock, Sandbach, CW11 3RT

## Useful Telephone Numbers

	TELEPHONE		TELEPHONE
<b>Alcoholics Anonymous</b>	<b>0845 7697555</b>	<b>NHS Direct</b>	<b>0845 4567</b>
<b>Bus Services (Cheshire Traveline)</b>	<b>0871 200 2233</b>	<b>PDSA</b>	<b>0800 731 2502</b>
<b>Cheshire East Borough Council</b>	<b>0300 123 5500</b>	<b>Police (Sandbach)</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Childline</b>	<b>0800 1111</b>	<b>Post Office</b>	<b>01270 759597</b>
<b>Citizens Advice</b>	<b>01270 303003</b>	<b>Railway Enquiries</b>	<b>08457 484950</b>
<b>Connexions</b>	<b>0808 001 3219</b>	<b>Registrar (Births &amp; Deaths)</b>	<b>0300 1235019</b>
<b>CVS Cheshire East</b>	<b>01270 763100</b>	<b>RSPCA</b>	<b>0300 123 4999</b>
<b>Doctors (Ashfields)</b>	<b>01270 275050</b>	<b>Samaritans</b>	<b>01270 216666</b>
<b>Drugs Helpline (FRANK)</b>	<b>0300 123 6600</b>	<b>Sandbach High School</b>	<b>01270 765031</b>
<b>Gas Leaks</b>	<b>0800 111999</b>	<b>Sandbach School</b>	<b>01270 758870</b>
<b>Job Centre</b>	<b>0345 604 3719</b>	<b>Sandbach Town Council</b>	<b>01270 600800</b>
<b>Leighton Hospital</b>	<b>01270 255141</b>	<b>Social Services</b>	<b>0300 123 5010</b>
<b>Leisure Centre</b>	<b>01270 375344</b>	<b>Trading Standards</b>	<b>03454 04 05 06</b>
<b>Library</b>	<b>01270 375355</b>	<b>Water Leaks (United Utilities)</b>	<b>0800 330033</b>
<b>MP Fiona Bruce</b>	<b>01260 274044</b>		

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# Old Hall

## Sandbach



Old Hall is quite something to behold. It is one of only two pubs in the UK listed as Grade 1, and has been described as being a near perfect example of Elizabethan wattle and daub architecture, and is probably the last example ever built.



On a sunny day our landscaped gardens are just the place for a spot to eat, while inside you'll find atmosphere and character in spades: there are lots of interesting corners and nooks to squirrel away in, or a more open, buzzy area if you're in a more gregarious mood.



Open fires, good old furniture, rugs and plants abound, and our **extensive menu is served all day**. We have six cask ales on tap, a decent wine list of some 50 crackers, and a back shelf crammed with Malts and other spirits.

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Old Hall, High Street, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 1AL