

Down your way

Lymm Dam

Welcome to Cheshire - my county.
by Eric Jones, Chairman of Cheshire RCC.

Cheshire really is a beautiful county, and one of the larger ones, stretching from Shropshire and Wales in the west, Yorkshire and Derbyshire in the east, Lancashire to the north and Staffordshire to the south.

There are plenty places of interest:

Cheshire – for great shopping and character buildings. *Tip* :At mid day, look out for the town criers, Julie & David Mitchell.

Cheshire Oaks Designer Outlet Village – for more great shopping.

Market towns of Nantwich, Sandbach, Knutsford, Crewe, Congleton, Macclesfield, Northwich, Ellesmere Port, Runcorn, Widnes, Warrington and Altrincham for even more shopping and food and drink festivals.

The Cheshire plains, Frodsham, Delamere Forest and Alderley Edge for great scenery.

Tatton Park, Knutsford; Arley Hall near Northwich; Cholmonley Castle Gardens at Malpas; Stapeley Water Gardens and Bridgemere Garden World nr Nantwich and Lyme Park (scene from Mr Darcy's famous swim) for great gardens.

Stanney Woods, Teggs Nose Park, Marbury Country Park and Wheelock for great parks and wildlife.

*Jodrell Bank
telescope*

near Goostrey – open to visitors



Northwich salt mines which you can go down into.

The Water Mill at Nether Alderley (below).

Boat Museum at Ellesmere Port.

Motor car and motor cycle racing at Oulton Park.

- **Cheshire zoo**



Famous people born in Cheshire include:

Lewis Carroll at

Daresbury in 1882.

Lotie Dodd (former Wimbledon Champion) at Bebington in 1871.

Christopher Isherwood at Disley in 1904.

Fred Perry at Stockport (then in Cheshire) in 1909.

Bobby Goulding (rugby league player) at Widnes 1972.

Ian Botham at Heswall in 1955.



Lewis Carroll

Also another interesting fact is that the novelist Elizabeth Gaskell spent most of her younger life in Knutsford, which she based the town of 'Cranford' on in her novel 'Wives and Daughters'.

So, you should try and get out and about as often as you can and see the wealth of things that Cheshire has to offer. Take the country lanes and enjoy my county.