

SI NANTWICH AND DISTRICT

The Nantwich and District area of Cheshire has a history documented to Roman times when salt was the rich commodity that was found in this area and is still mined today. There are now salt mines that are used for storage.

The roads from Roman times were built to transport the salt to Chester and these still exist today. Canals are also an important feature in the landscape and were crucial in taking goods to Chester and Wales, with canal networks crossing the area that involves the Shropshire Union Canal and its many branches. Now they are used for leisure and there are a number of new marinas being built to accommodate this.

In Nantwich and other small towns in the area, there is the evidence of Tudor and Georgian buildings, and these are main features of the town of Nantwich. The area was also the setting of the Parliamentary wars and one particular battle is still re-enacted in Nantwich to this day. There is evidence of terrible atrocities in the walls of the ancient St Mary's Church in the town centre. Nantwich is an historical market town and Welsh farmers would drive livestock into Nantwich along what is now known as Welsh Row.

Of the other areas, transport has been a main feature of both industry and connecting areas.

The railway is a main feature of Crewe, being a hub for train journeys.

Transport production has been an important area in this area and we have the factories that built Rolls Royce and now Bentley Motors, and Bombardier that builds trains.

Sandbach has a long market town history alongside Nantwich and has also a history of truck building in both Foden and ERF.

When putting together ideas for the banner section, it was suggested we made note of the important transport networks and industry, besides the historical importance of the area.



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