

## **S.I. BIRKENHEAD**

# **STORY SHEET**

SI Birkenhead was chartered in 1933 as SI North Wirral. The name was changed following the sponsoring of three new clubs in 1945/46 - Bebington, Hoylake & West Kirby and Wallasey. The design of the logo reflects this history.

Wirral is bound to the West by the River Dee, to the East by the River Mersey, to the North by Liverpool Bay. Throughout most of its history, its character has been shaped by its coast and countryside.

**THE CRESCENT** Noting the Laird family and the importance of shipbuilding and ship repairing in Birkenhead. [Cammell Lairds]

### **THE TWO RIVERS**

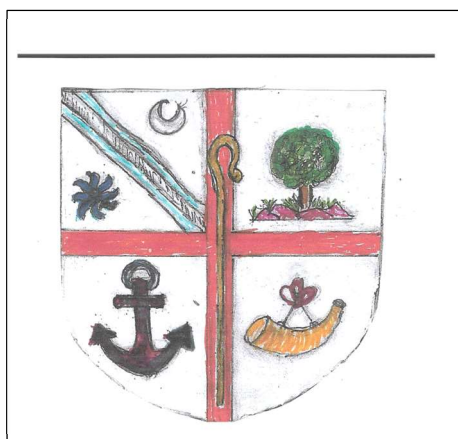
The River Dee and the River Mersey with an acknowledgement of Wirral's agricultural heritage.

### **THE WAVY STAR**

Element of insignia of the Borough of Bebington before amalgamation of the Boroughs in 1879.

### **THE ANCHOR**

Signifying Birkenhead's long maritime history of industry, commerce and seafaring.



### **THE CROSIER**

In the 14<sup>th</sup> century, the Benedictine Priory of St. Mary and St. James in Birkenhead was granted the right to operate a Ferry across the River Mersey.

### **THE OAK TREE**

Element of insignia of the Borough of Tranmere before amalgamation of the Boroughs in 1879.

### **THE RED CROSS**

Element of insignia of the Borough of Birkenhead before amalgamation of the Boroughs in 1879.

### **THE WIRRAL HORN**

In 1089 to be blown at Gloverstone near Chester on every Chester Fair Day to make sure all tolls and duties on goods bought and sold there went to the Earl of Chester and nowhere else.