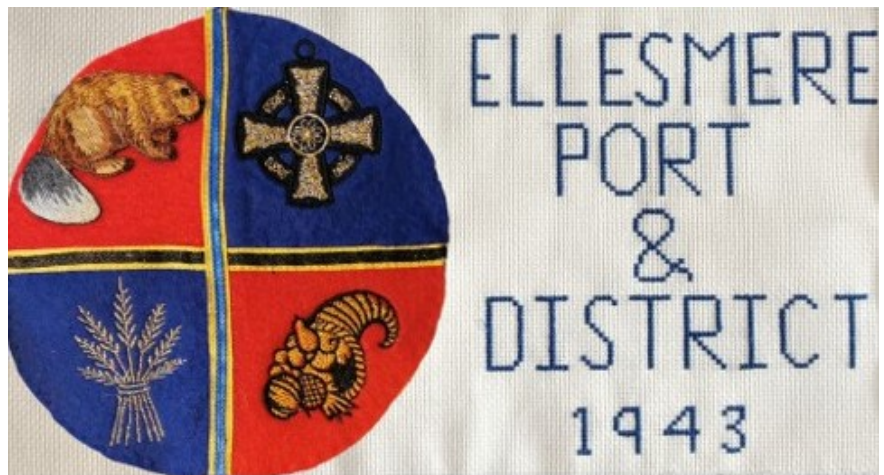


Soroptimist International Ellesmere Port and District

Soroptimist International Ellesmere Port and District was founded in 1943. Our founder member, Miss Dorothy Anderson, presented the chain of office at the opening meeting of the club.

The emblem on our chain is based on the Mayoral chain of Ellesmere Port.

It is circular in form, the circle divided into four quadrants divided by a vertical blue line and a horizontal black line.



The vertical blue line represents the Manchester Ship Canal which opened in 1894 and was one of the last major canals to be constructed in Britain. It stretches 36 miles from Eastham, opposite the docks of Liverpool, passing through Ellesmere Port to Manchester. In its heyday, the canal brought prosperity to Ellesmere Port, making the town a centre for goods passing from Liverpool to Manchester.

The horizontal black line represents the oil industry of Ellesmere Port. The Stanlow Oil Refinery was established on the outskirts of the town in 1924 bringing workers and their families from many other parts of the country and increasing the population and diversity of the town.

In the top left quadrant of the emblem is a beaver on red background. The beaver is indicative of the hard work and industry of Ellesmere Port.

In the top right quadrant is a Celtic cross on blue background. This reminds us that, although Ellesmere Port itself is a relatively 'new' town, there have been settlements in the area since Celtic times, with Great Sutton, Little Sutton, Overpool and Hooton being mentioned in the Domesday Book in the 11th century.

In the bottom left quadrant is a sheaf of wheat on blue background. The sheaf of wheat is the emblem of Cheshire and shows Ellesmere Port's position in the county of Cheshire. It acknowledges the important work of the many farmers within our area.

Finally, in the lower right hand quadrant is a cornucopia on red background, the symbol of prosperity and plenty, showing how the industry and agriculture of Ellesmere Port provide for the needs of its population.

Our section of the Regional banner was worked by Heather Duggan and Eilish Trow.