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Spanning the southern part of the Wirral peninsula, Ellesmere Port and Neston is an area of contrasts. Rural scenes meet urban areas, and high-tech industry stands alongside smaller businesses and tourist attractions.

The borough covers 33 square miles stretching from the River Dee on one side to the Mersey on the other, and is home to around 81, 000 people. Ellesmere Port is the largest town which stands where the Manchester Ship Canal and the Mersey are joined by the Shropshire Union Canal. (It is surrounded by Stanlow, Ince, Whitby, Great and Little Sutton, Overpool, Childer Thornton, and Hooton.) To the west the borough is more rural with the villages of Willaston and Burton and, on the Dee Estuary looking across to the mountains of North Wales, lie Parkgate and the town of Neston.

Development of the area over recent years has seen thousands of jobs created and millions of visitors flock to the borough to visit attractions such as Cheshire Oaks Outlet Village and the Blue Planet Aquarium. In fact Ellesmere Port and Neston's impressive list of developments are changing the face of its industrial landscape beyond all recognition.

This growth has been helped by the excellent rail and road networks serving the area, including the M53 and M56, which provide a gateway to the nearby cities of Liverpool, Manchester and Chester, and to the coast of North Wales.

The borough's ideal location, wide range of businesses, popular attractions and contrasting scenery all contribute to making it an attractive place to live, work and enjoy leisure time.

About the borough



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About Ellesmere Port & Neston Borough Council



The services provided include:

- Refuse collection and recycling
- Street cleaning
- Housing services
- Planning services
- Licensing
- Benefits and local taxation
- Concessionary travel
- Markets
- Pollution control
- Parks and open spaces
- Community leisure,
for example youth sport,
health walks
- Regeneration and economic
development
- Joint Highways Team

Ellesmere Port and Neston Borough Council is a district council which provides a wide range of services to residents and businesses in the borough.

Forty-three elected councillors represent residents in the borough's 19 wards, providing people with advice and support, as well as representing their constituents on various committees, which make decisions about local services and developments. They are each elected for a four-year term.

Staff in offices around the borough give advice, implement decisions and manage the day to day delivery of the council's services.

Residents are encouraged to play an active role in the work of the council by using their vote at election time, attending committee and council meetings, providing their views on issues that interest them, and responding to any consultation that the council may carry out with communities or individuals.

There is currently a two-tier system of local government in Ellesmere Port and Neston. Cheshire County Council provides some local services in the borough including education, libraries and social services.



Blue Planet Aquarium

The award winning Blue Planet is the UK's largest aquarium attraction. With two floors of interactive displays, visitors can see one of Europe's largest collections of sharks.

Visitors travel on an intercontinental voyage of discovery through the living waters of northern streams, tropical rivers, lakes and ponds, where land meets the sea and the sea meets the oceans.

The highlight of the journey is the Caribbean reef tank. Here you will discover a 71-metre underwater walkway tunnel, one of the longest of its kind in the world. A huge four metre high window, the Aquatheatre, allows visitors to view the deepest section of the tank where you can see divers hand feed the fish.

McArthurGlen Designer Outlet, Cheshire Oaks

This is one of Europe's largest designer outlets boasting over 140 stores full of top brands and leading designer names. Big names include Karen Millen, Ralph Lauren, Timberland, Nike and Wedgwood. There is also a wide selection of eateries and a large 500 seat themed foodcourt. There is free parking for cars and coaches.

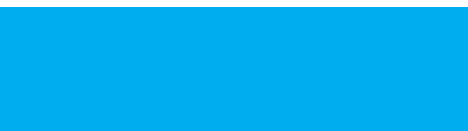
Coliseum Entertainment

The Coliseum leisure and retail park is a great destination for entertainment and shopping, incorporating Warner Village Cinema's 15 screen Multiplex and Iwerks screen, American style bowling at Megabowl, two nightclubs and a large variety of licensed restaurants, along with a huge range of retail outlets.

Things to see & do Shopping & Leisure



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Ellesmere Port Market

Ellesmere Port has a new indoor market offering a diverse shopping experience, with shops and pitches selling fresh produce, quality clothing, gifts and items for the home, operating 6 days (closed Wednesday) and flea and collectables market on Monday, Thursday and Sunday. The market prides itself on offering great quality products at bargain prices.

Neston market

Neston has a colourful outdoor market with 50 stalls every Friday. The market is in the town centre and sells a wide range of goods.

The Boat Museum

See the world's largest collection of traditional canal boats set within this historic dock complex. Unravel the stories of the waterways, their industry and people, which are brought to life in the dock workers' cottages and original waterside buildings. Take your imagination out for the day and enjoy 10 indoor exhibitions. There is wheelchair access to all public areas, a café, shop, boat trips and free parking.

Ness Gardens

Set on the banks of the River Dee, this 60 acre garden's collection of trees is attractive in every season. There are magnificent year-round displays, including a unique collection of azaleas and rhododendrons, heather, rock, water, herb and rose gardens and attractive herbaceous borders.

The gardens are open daily and have a gift shop, tea room and children's adventure playground.



Towns & Villages



Ellesmere Port town centre

Ellesmere Port has a thriving town centre and popular indoor market, one of the largest in the area.

Two thousand parking spaces serve the 200 shops and cafes where people can enjoy shopping in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

The town centre has been developed with the modern shopper in mind, with the enclosed pedestrian malls of the Port Arcades offering a selection of high street names plus exclusive local ones.

Neston town centre

On the western side of the borough, Neston retains much of its original market town character with a variety of traditional shops, a busy Friday market and specialist outlets which draw shoppers from the surrounding areas.

The historic town has a cross at its centre, as well as a town hall and civic hall.

The Borough Council and the Neston Market Town Initiative are looking to regenerate the town centre through a number of projects including a shop front improvement scheme.

Burton

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Stanney Woods

A leisurely stroll through this area of woodland provides interest throughout the seasons. Circular routes lead through an area of ancient, dense woodland providing a retreat to be enjoyed by people of all ages.

Whitby Park

Just a short distance from Ellesmere Port town centre is an area of urban parkland which provides an opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds of the countryside.

The park was originally designed by T.H. Mawson and Son in 1932/3 and many of the original design features remain. It is a fine example of nineteenth century agricultural landscape.

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Wirral Country Park

Wirral Country Park follows the route of the former Hooton to West Kirby railway line. A linear footpath known as the Wirral Way passes through a variety of scenery with places to sit and enjoy a picnic along the way.

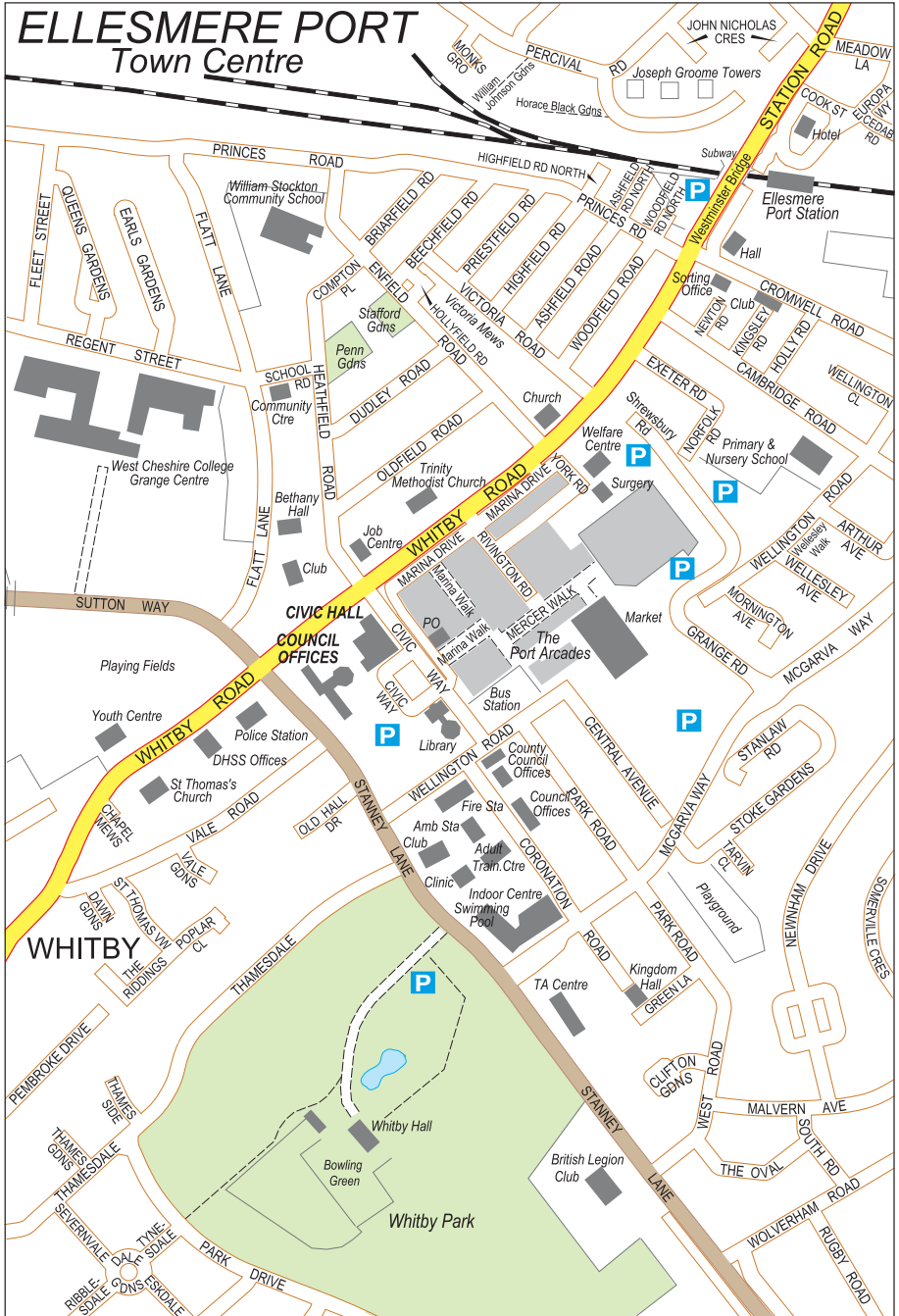
Hadlow Road Station at Willaston is an important feature. Appearing as it might have done in the 1950s, it provides a sense of nostalgia for a bygone age.

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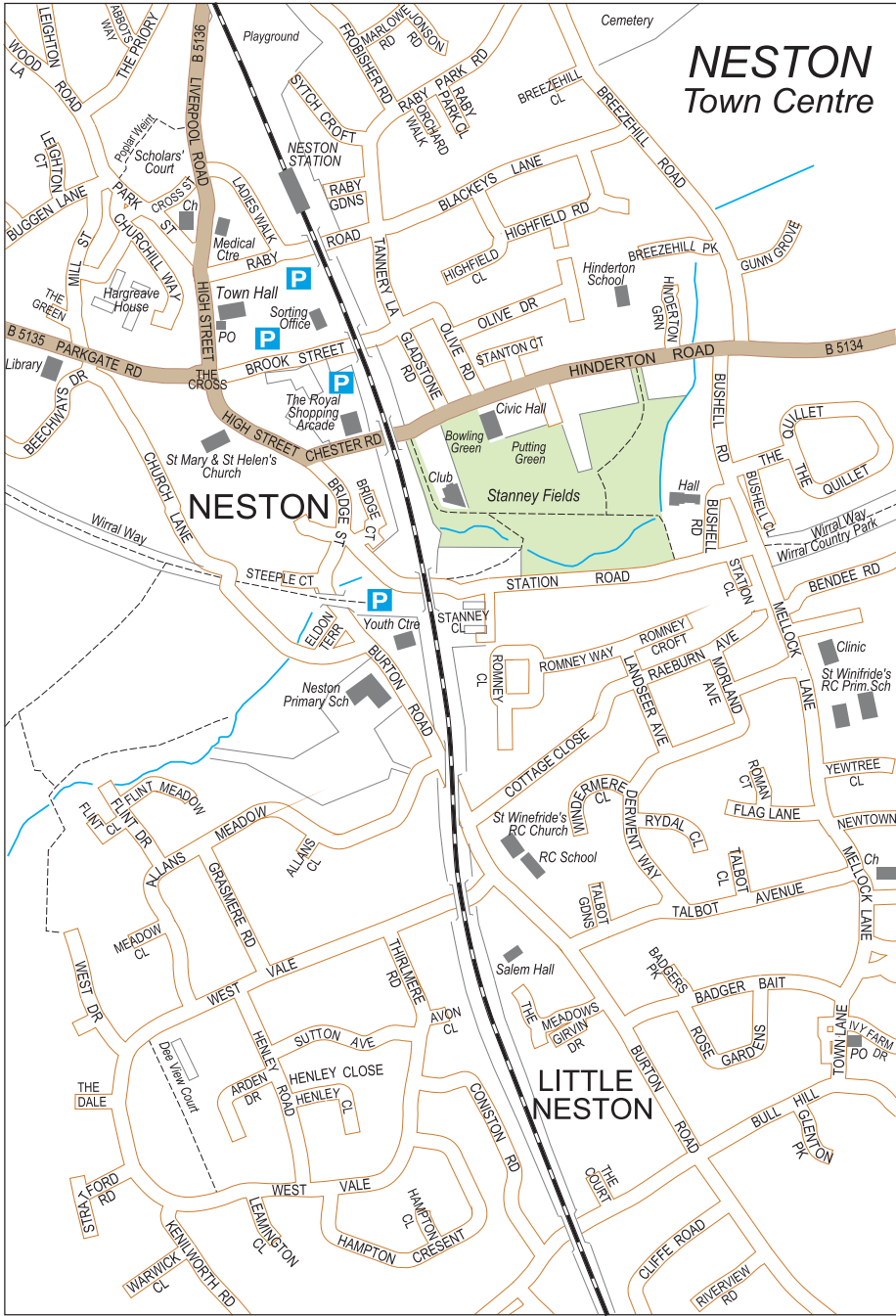
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