



Chorley Heritage Centre Support Group was founded in 2011 with the primary aim of establishing a physical heritage centre at the very heart of the town. In preparation, we have established an archive and sought to involve the community in heritage-related activities. To date we have achieved:

- Setting up a basic website as a virtual heritage centre: [www.chorleyheritagecentre.co.uk](http://www.chorleyheritagecentre.co.uk)
- Achieving national accreditation as an archive group (2012)
- Saving from the skip and storing several important local collections
- Making many oral recordings of the memories of Chorley's oldest residents
- Mounting a dozen exhibitions on Chorley topics, several times in partnership with the Community History course at University of Central Lancashire and often with Chorley Library
- Holding the town's first Heritage Fair (Chorley Town Hall, September 2013)
- Completing a Heritage Lottery Fund All Our Stories project "Chorley's Celebrations" (2013)
- Working with the Civic Society to mount a blue plaque at the site of the childhood home of Commander Lightoller of "The Titanic"
- Working on history projects with four local schools
- Winning the UK and Ireland Community Archive and Heritage Group's Award for Best New Group (2011, awarded 2012)



*All Our Stories collection day, February 2012*



*Queen's Jubilee exhibition, 2012*

