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Barrow Hill and New Whittington have little in common, despite currently being linked as a ward within Chesterfield Borough Council. There are no public transport links between the two areas and no shared heritage. Historic social and cultural links between Hollingwood and Barrow Hill, however, have long been established. and both are in the Staveley Town Council area. Before the new village of Hollingwood was built in the 1920s, the postal address of the cottages and farms on Hollingwood Common was Barrow Hill. The 10 casualties of the Great War who lived on Hollingwood Common are commemorated on the War Memorial at Barrow Hill, alongside 56 others, as being "from this village." Remembrance parades and services have been held at the memorial for almost 100 years. When the war memorial was restored and re-dedicated in 2014, residents of both villages took part in commemorative events. The Memorial Hall at Barrow Hill was built by the Staveley Company in 1863 and has served the local community for over 150 years as a Workmen's Hall, Dining Hall, Workmen's Institute and Social Club. It was gifted by the Staveley Company to the people of both villages in 1924 as a peace hall, a legacy for residents in memory of those who fell. Since that time, it has served both villages as a place for family celebrations, the meeting place of local community groups and societies, the home of both indoor and outdoor sports clubs, the provider of entertainment and much more. It is currently undergoing renovation as a multi-purpose community hub to continue that legacy. When St Andrew's Church at Barrow Hill was built in the 1890s, it was originally part of the Parish of Staveley but, with the building of Hollingwood's Garden City in the 1920s, a new Parish of Barrow Hill with Hollingwood was formed in 1928. The daughter church of St Francis at Hollingwood had been converted from an old farm building in 1933 and combined events, services and activities were held for parishioners. When it closed in the 1970s, Hollingwood parishioners attended St Andrew's at Barrow Hill. Both areas became part of a new team ministry in 1973 and the Parish of Staveley and Barrow Hill was formed. The vicarage for St Andrew's is in Hollingwood and reflects the continuing links between the two villages. Both Barrow Hill and Hollingwood were purpose built for employees of the Staveley Coal and Iron Company and houses were tied to employment. With Staveley Works between the two villages, residents worked and socialised together. Barrow Hill and Hollingwood are within walking distance of each other and a regular bus route connects the two villages. The boundary between them is the Chesterfield Canal, a shared local asset and a central meeting place. With plans for a Staveley Garden City on the former Staveley Works site, the two villages will be physically connected with shared facilities and infrastructure.

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