

Redcar – Primitive Methodism in Redcar, Redcar and Cleveland (formerly North Yorkshire)

The Primitive Methodists did not appear to have a Chapel in Redcar until by 1913 they have taken over the Baptist Chapel on Station Road. They are still there in 1927 and in 1940.

1940s Methodist Statistical Reforms

Redcar Station Road PM – brick and stone built, seating 650 on pews with 2 schoolrooms and 3 other rooms.

Zetland Park was formed in Redcar in 1924.

Zetland Park Primitive Methodist Church was built in 1929.

'This is a true story of an idea which developed into a vision and which became a reality for the Methodist people of Redcar. In the 1920's the Primitive Methodists of Station Road, Redcar had been looking to improve their own premises, but unfortunately this was not to be and eventually they started a 'New Church Fund'. At that time Redcar had a population of 23,000 people and the east end of Redcar particularly was growing at a considerable rate.

Efforts were made to secure a suitable site and in July of 1928 the Society were successful in obtaining one at Zetland Park. The site was secured by the Trustees of Station Road and a grant of £500 was promised from the Home Missions Committee if the Circuit would respond with a further grant of £1,000. However, the Trustees of Station Road Methodist Church themselves agreed that they would offer this grant of £1,000. Owing to the imminence of Methodist union it was also decided at that time that some Wesleyans would be invited to join the new Trust and seven were appointed on to the Board of Trustees. At a special meeting at Station Road Methodist Church on 5 October 1928 the following men were asked by the Rev T Shaw to form the first Trust for Zetland Park Methodist Church....'

Ref: Zetland Park Methodist Church – A Sort History.

I think this was the last Primitive Methodist Church to be built. Built 1929. 1940s Methodist Statistical Returns

Redcar Primitive Methodist Zetland Park – stone and brick-built seating 450 on pews with 1 schoolroom and 1 other room. Zetland Park Methodist Church is still a place of worship (2024)

