

WILLIAM SPOONER (1852-1918)



William Spooner was born in Brampton in 1852.

He started his working life early, apprenticed as a bricklayer's labourer. He subsequently worked his way up through the corn trade to begin investing in local building enterprises and later in coal mining.

He became a member of the Chesterfield Town Council in 1889 and over the next ten years he focused his attentions on the Chesterfield Highways and Parks Committee.

In 1899 was elected mayor and went on to hold mayoral office for the next three years until 1901. His obituary in the *Derbyshire Times* called him 'an excellent Mayor'.

During his time in office he acquired the Queen's Park Annexe and undertook a scheme of street improvements which included the widening of Knivesmithgate Street and the construction of Stephenson Place.