

## ["Hello Visitors welcome to our Goostrey Festival site."](#)

Below is a brief overview of our village and its community; we thank you for looking and taking an interest in us. To help improve our website we would welcome any comments from yourself, particularly what has drawn you to our site or whether you have any ties with Goostrey currently or in the past. Please send your comment to [Lynton](#)



Goostrey is an attractive rural village which lies in the south of the county of Cheshire in England, close to the world famous Jodrell Bank Observatory and the Lovell Radio Telescope. Originally a dispersed farming community, Goostrey is now a mixture of both traditional and newer developments. It has a limited number of amenities and residents rely on nearby towns and other villages for many essential services. There is however a strong sense of community which ensures that village life is far from dead.

It is possible that Goostrey was a meeting place or even a settlement during the 1st millennium BC, as stone and bronze axe heads and barrows within the parish boundary show the area was inhabited before Bronze Age.

The 1,200-year-old yew tree in Goostrey's churchyard suggests that the mound on which the church is built was a focal point for a community during the Dark Ages of the 1st millennium. At that time Cheshire was under the control of the Wreocensæte people of Mercia.

Clearly Goostrey has maintained a long history of being a social village, a history that continues and is reflected by the number of events, activities, clubs and social organisations which take place throughout the year.

On the last Saturday in June the whole village comes together to celebrate a tradition that has been maintained since the 1800's and recorded since 1905, a tradition to celebrate the young children of Goostrey and the start of our summer, 'Goostrey Rose Festival'.

Headed by a vintage steam engine, carnival floats that have been built over the previous year are organised at one end of the village, on board are children and adults alike dressed in costumes painstakingly made in every detail. In between each float are walkers, old vehicles, bands and the year's selected Rose Queens and attendants in horse drawn carriages.

At 13:00 precisely the steam engine moves off up the village high street followed by floats and walkers in a rhythmic kaleidoscope of colour. Snaking along a mile stretch lined with hundreds of people, the carnival heads towards the village school field, where celebrations will continue with the crowning of the elected Rose and Rose bud Queens, stalls, rides, candy floss and fun which will be something to remember for the children of our village for many years.

See the 'History' page for more details [Rose Day History](#)