

# Our Children's Home, Liverpool

1887 – 1936

## Details

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Our Children's Home, Liverpool was established by George Edward Ardill, of the Society for Providing Homes for Neglected Children, in 1887. It was a home for boys aged four to eight and girls aged four to fourteen. It held up to 40 children. In 1918 Ardill opened a new Our Children's Home at Concord (Ardill House). Both homes were operated until 1936, when the Liverpool home was closed and children were transferred to the Concord Our Children's Home.

Ardill claimed that the children in the homes were found on the streets, needy and friendless, or the victims of vice, ill-treatment and neglect. Some must have been born in the Home of Hope and others came from Our Babies Home and Rockdale Babies Home.

The land for the home was donated by Mr Frederick Kingston Olliver, and included a building known as Drummond cottage, which was used as the Children's Home. In the home boys received training in farm labouring and girls were trained in domestic service. When children left the home Ardill placed them as apprenticed servants, or 'adopted' them, informally, by placing them with Christian families.

## Gallery

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**Drummond Cottage**

**Description:** This is an image of Drummond Cottage on Terminus Street, Liverpool, in 1960. Drummond Cottage had previously been the premises of Our Children's Home, Liverpool from 1887 to 1936. It appears here as a large, single storey house with wrap-around verandah (part of which has been converted into an enclosed room), two chimneys, and a tin roof. Description provided by Liverpool City Library reads: "Photograph of Drummond Cottage as it appeared in about 1960. There are 2 cars in front of the house. The house was located on Terminus Street, Liverpool. It was destroyed by fire in 1963. Drummond Cottage was the home of John Drummond. John Drummond was Quartermaster on the "H.M.S. Sirius" in the first fleet. He served as Beachmaster and Pilot of Norfolk Island from 1805 to 1812. In 1819 Drummond was granted a pension for his services on Norfolk Island by Governor Macquarie. Drummond lived at Drummond Cottage from 1819 until his death in August 1827."

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## More info

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### Related Entries

Run by

- [Society for Providing Homes for Neglected Children \(1887 - current\)](#)

### Related Organisations

- [Our Babies Home \(1894 - 1904\)](#)  
Children from Our Babies home were sent to Our Children's Home when they reached the age of four
- [Our Children's Home \(1918 - 1982\)](#)  
Our Children's Home, Ardill House, were both operated by the Society for Providing Homes for Neglected Children.  
Date: 1918 - 1936
- [Sydney Rescue Work Society \(1890 - 1982\)](#)  
The Sydney Rescue Work Society was related to the Society for Providing Homes for Neglected Children, which ran Our Children's Home, via their founder, George Edward Ardill.
- [Home of Hope for Friendless and Fallen Women \(1883 - 1904\)](#)  
Children born at the Home of Hope were sent to Our Children's Home, Liverpool
- [Rockdale Babies Home \(1894 - 1976\)](#)  
Children from Rockdale Babies Home were sent to Our Children's Home, Liverpool, when they reached the age of four
- [Our Boys' Home \(1890 - 1945\)](#)  
The first boys to live at Our Boy's Home, Camden, were placed there from Our Children's Home, Liverpool.

## Resources

- [Our Children's Home](#), Evening News, 11 October 1887

## Records

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For more information and to access your records, follow the links below:

### Records

- [Records about residents, Our Children's Home \(1918? - 1982?\)](#)
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