



Hospitals & Clinics

In 1882 when Bacup received its charter of Incorporation the Bacup Hospital Charities Fund was set up. Collections were made throughout the community by events called Hospital Saturday and Hospital Sunday and from the working class community by collections in the mills, factories and churches. The money raised was then sent as a grant to various hospitals such as Rochdale Infirmary which had opened in 1883 and Birch Hill, Rochdale's former workhouse.

Manchester Royal Infirmary, Southport Convalescent Home, The Devonshire Hospital in Buxton and Sourhall Isolation Hospital as well as donations being made to the Bacup Sick Nursing Association. Consequently any patient needing treatment or care from Bacup or Stacksteads could then be sent to one of these hospitals and receive treatment or have the attention of one of the nurses from the Sick Nursing Association. In 1915 it was found that many more children were being referred to Rochdale Infirmary following Medical Examinations carried out in schools which brought to light many cases of eye problems in the children. It was therefore decided that Rochdale Infirmary should receive £5.00 extra from the fund. Another case in 1915 concerned a young girl suffering from *St Vitus Dance who needed to go into the convalescent home in Southport the home however was filled with wounded soldiers from the war. It was decided that extra nourishment be provided to the girl whose family was very poor by the Sick Nursing Society.