

WILLIAM HARVEY (1852-1914)



William Edwin Harvey was born in Hasland in 1852. He worked in the mining industry from a young age, including the collieries at Sheepbridge and Morton.

Alongside James Haslam, in 1880, Harvey became a founding member of the Derbyshire Miners' Association (DMA) and also its first treasurer. The DMA was formed to represent the interests of coal miners in Derbyshire and came to especially represent the north Derbyshire mining community.

In 1894 Harvey became President of the Chesterfield Trades Council and in 1897 he was elected to Chesterfield Borough Council, where he continued to serve until his death in 1914.

Whilst serving as MP for North-East Derbyshire from 1907-1914, he maintained his trade union beliefs and served additionally as Vice-President of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain between 1912-1914 and Secretary of the DMA between 1913-1914.