

WILKINSON HOUSE

Catherine (Kitty) Wilkinson was an Irish immigrant and wife of a labourer, who became known as the *Saint of the Slums*. In 1832, during a cholera epidemic, she had the only boiler in her neighbourhood, so she invited those with infected clothes to use it, thus saving many lives. This was the first public washhouse in Liverpool.

Ten years later with public funds, her efforts resulted in the opening of a combined washhouse and public baths, the first in the United Kingdom.



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