

The Old Town Hall, 17 Market Place, High Street

Location – west side of Market Place, High Street, close to the pedestrian crossing. Marked on Town Trail at #28.

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The Old Town Hall dates from 1890. Built as a public hall with room for 450 people, at a cost of £1,100, it had a reading room by 1901. By the late 1930s it had become a working mens' club. In the 1950s it became a car showroom, then a florist, and then an art gallery. It is currently unoccupied.



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The Old Town Hall, 17 Market Place, High Street in the early 20th century

Description in DMBC's Bawtry Conservation Area Appraisal

Built in flaming red brick, with a slate roof, the former Town Hall dates from 1890 and is a rare example of this period in Bawtry. The large front facing gable is stucco rendered. The building is a set piece in the centre of the western edge of High Street overlooking the Market Place and forms a handsome composition with the Barton building next door. It has an imposing and distinct three bay frontage topped with an ornate stepped gable. A lead clad cupola topped by a weather vane sits on the ridge behind the main elevation.