



Beeston Town Hall

History of the Town Hall

Beeston Town Hall was opened in 1938 by the then Beeston & Stapleford Urban District Council. It became the civic headquarters of the newly formed Broxtowe Borough Council in 1974 and was extended at the rear in 1978.

The original 1938 building has a pleasant façade but is not listed and is not in a conservation area, although it does adjoin the St John's Grove conservation area. The 1978 rear extension is of very plain appearance.



The Town Hall Official Opening
17th March 1938



Current use of the Town Hall

Most Broxtowe Borough Council employees work in the main Council Offices opposite the Town Hall, or out on site and in the Council's various other facilities across the Borough.

The Town Hall itself is currently used for the following functions:

- Two council chambers and one committee room on the first floor used for around 90 formal and informal council meetings and 10 other meetings per year – there is no DDA access to the first floor
- An office each for the Mayor, the Leader of the Council, and the Leader of the opposition
- The Council's IT suite
- Accommodation for approximately 20 Council and Liberty Leisure staff

The basement and second floor are completely unused, along with parts of the ground floor.



Cost of owning and running the Town Hall

The annual net cost to Broxtowe taxpayers of owning and running the Town Hall is £106,000.

Item	Annual Cost
Electricity	£26,000
NNDR (business rates)	£25,000
Support staff plus overheads (cleaning, caretaking etc)	£16,000
Maintenance of building	£10,000
Insurance	£9,000
Gas	£5,000
Trade refuse	£5,000
Other miscellaneous costs (eg. Grounds maintenance, water, window cleaning, fire equipment, consumables)	£11,000

Annual income is around £1,000 from room bookings but there seems little scope to significantly increase this due to the inflexible layout of the building and the availability of other competing venues in the vicinity.