



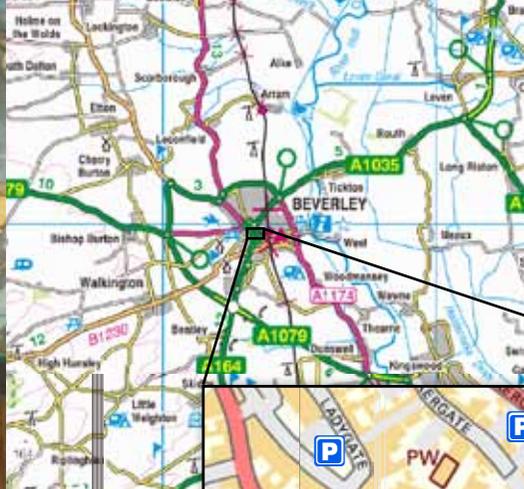
Civic pride is displayed in the large collection of silverware and pewter, used for centuries by mayors entertaining visiting dignitaries.

An evocative collection of paintings by Fred Elwell, a nationally renowned artist from Beverley, depicts local people and scenes in the first half of the 20th century.

The Guildhall houses the Beverley Community Museum. In two rooms volunteers are helping to collect and display objects and images from Beverley's past.

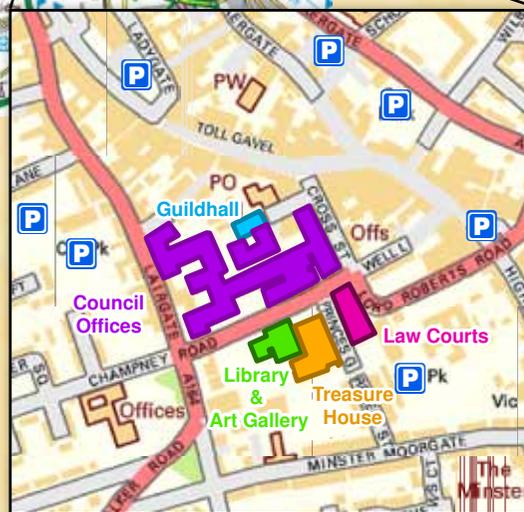


Regular temporary exhibitions explore local history themes - recent exhibitions have included the history of the tanning industry, Beverley's markets and fairs, and the town's hospitals. A public-access computer archive of historic photos of Beverley is also on display.



How to find the Guildhall

Register Sq,
Beverley,
HU17 9XX



Beverley Guildhall



**Open on Fridays
between 10am and 4pm**

ADMISSION FREE

For further information on additional opening times, or dates of exhibitions:

Telephone 01482 392783

**Discover one of Beverley's
finest Georgian buildings**





Beverley Guildhall - historic heart of the community

The Guildhall is a beautiful historic building, traditionally the seat of government in Beverley, and now run as a community museum for the town.

Parts of the building date back to the 14th century, with massive timber walls surviving from the wealthy merchant's house that originally stood on the site.



Since acquiring the building in 1501 the Governors of Beverley (who later became the town council) made many alterations to the building.



In 1762 local architect and builder William Middleton re-modelled the courtroom, with an exquisite stucco ceiling by Giuseppe Cortese. The front section of the building was re-built in the early 1830s, with a Doric portico by Charles Mountain the Younger.

Visitors to the Guildhall today can see the historic building in all its glory, thanks to a recent restoration project.



Explore the Guildhall today

You are invited to come and enjoy a building which stands testimony to 500 years of Beverley history.



Among the oldest items on show are medieval minstrels' chains from the 15th century,

and a unique early 17th century wooden mayoral bench, known as a 'bink' in old Beverlonian.



Graffiti on the medieval walls is possibly a legacy of the 18th century boys' school housed in the adjacent building, and the furniture specially commissioned for the newly-built courtroom is still in use today.