

The Walter Brierley building

Named after its architect, Walter Brierley, the imposing Grade II* listed Brierley building is at the centre of the County Hall campus and dates back to 1906. Built at a cost of £33,000 it presents an elegant facade of red brick with stone 'dressings'.

Inside, the main entrance hall consists of arched bays supported by columns of polished Derbyshire limestone. On the floor, black Belgian and white Sicilian marble creates a fine chequered design. Off the main entrance hall, a grand stone staircase leads to the heart of the building - the square Council Chamber with its domed ceiling, Corinthian columns and pilasters (rectangular columns), with an English oak floor completing the picture.

Further up the staircase stands a copy of John of Bologna's statue of 'Samson killing the Philistine with the jawbone of an ass', given to the County by Sir William Worsley, Third Baronet of Hovingham, in 1906. The original statue had been presented to the Worsley family by King George III.

Beyond this is the Grand Committee Room, lined with fluted Corinthian columns, a carved cornice, decorated ceiling and two Hopton wood stone fireplaces - one at each end of the room. This room gives access to the exterior balcony, directly above the main entrance.

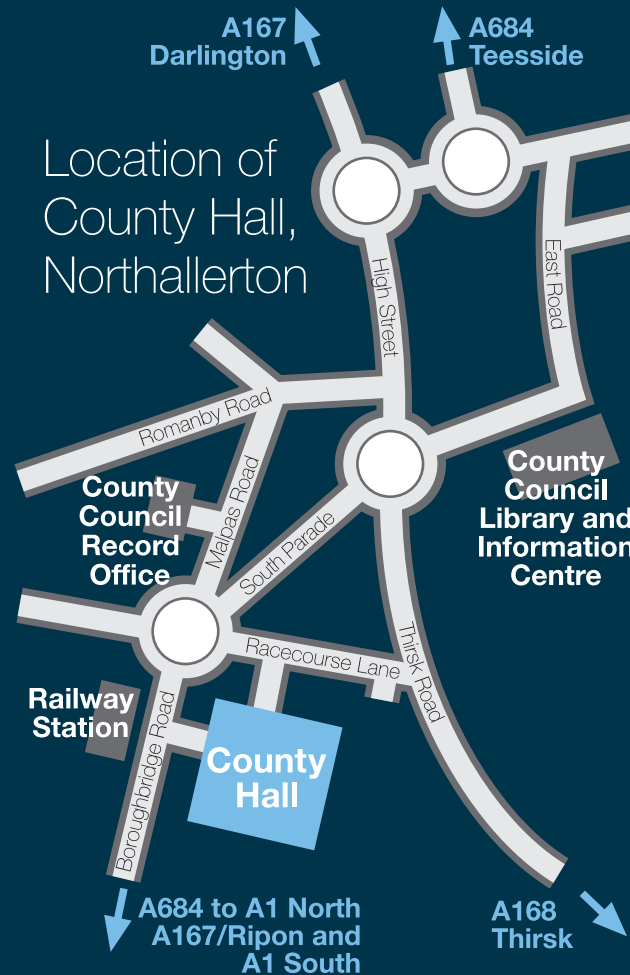
In 1889, when County Councils were created, only the clerk and surveyor needed offices in Northallerton. In 1914, the first expansion of County Hall took place, when a north wing was added. This was followed in 1929 by a south wing, with the east wing's construction completing the rectangle in 1940. Now, more than 1,000 staff occupy 130,000 square feet of office space on a site which stretches to 10 acres.



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