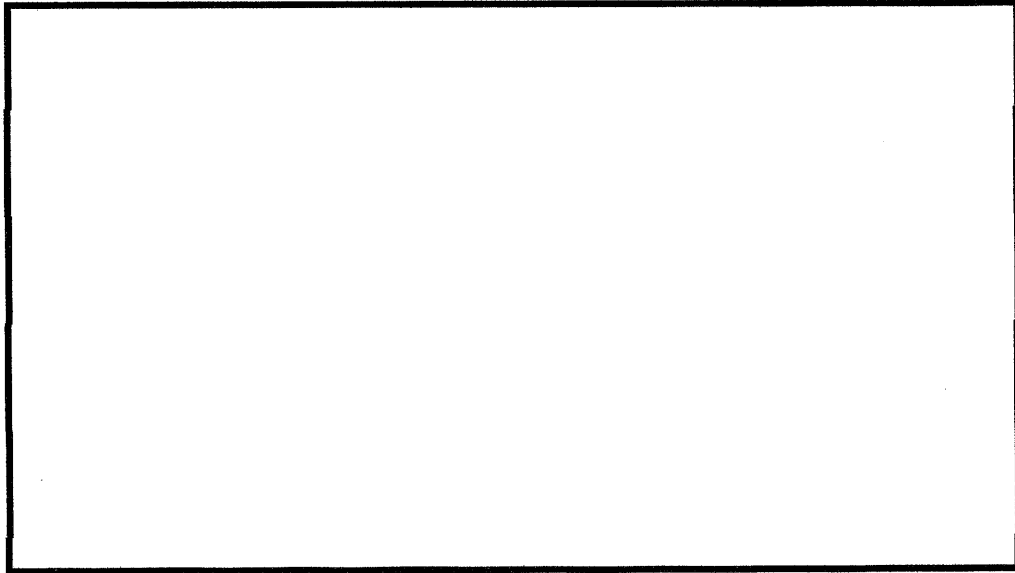


Fact Sheet: Exeter Guildhall



The Guildhall is the country's oldest still serving civic building and parts of it can be dated back to .

It is a Grade Listed building, and was listed in .

(You can see other such listed buildings for Devon and Exeter at: en.wikipedia.org/Grade_1_listed_buildings_in_Devon)

Over the years it has had many different functions including:

(list 4 different functions).

It underwent major reconstruction in .

The four pillars date from and are built from

which came from on Dartmoor.

The carved oak door also dates from and was made by a

local called Baggett.

There is a cellar beneath the Guildhall that dates from the century which was used as a and was referred to as the .

In the century another prison was built for women on the ground floor at the back of the building. The cells were last used in The portico also once housed the city

The last murder trial held at the Guildhall which resulted in the death penalty was in .

During the Second World War the front of the building was bricked up to protect it from enemy bombing and the hall was sometimes used as a dance hall.

Useful Websites

www.exetermemories.co.uk/em/guildhall.php

www.exeter.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=2899

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Exeter_Guildhall