Brechin Town House Museum

What is the Museum?

The museum is located within the old Town House in the centre of Brechin. A Tollbooth was first mentioned on this site in 1450 but was replaced in 1789-90 by the present building. At that time the ground floor contained a shop, a courtroom, a debtors' prison and two cells for criminals. An elegant upper hall, known as the Guild Hall was also used as the Council Chamber. By the end of the 19th century it was considered too small for Council business and the administrative functions of the burgh were relocated to newly completed Municipal Buildings in Bank Street.

The Brechin Museum Collection was first gathered together by Brechin Town Council and in 1846 became housed in the nearby Mechanics Institute. The collection relocated to Brechin Library in 1976 and since 2003 has been located in the present building.

What to see

Brechin Town House Museum introduces visitors to the history of the town, its religious significance, its people commerce and crafts. Medieval finds, objects representing the once thriving textile and engineering industries and Brechin's civic and military histories are all interpreted in fine displays, along with themed temporary exhibitions.

The museum also displays a large collecion of the work of David Waterson, artist, painter, etcher and mezzotint engraver. Waterson was born in Brechin in 1870 and studied at the Edinburgh School of Art. He was elected ARE in 1901 and RE in 1910. Waterson was made a burgess of the city of Brechin in 1932, and in April 1954 he was given the freedom of the city.

When to Visit

April to September:

Mon-Sat 10.00-17.00

October to March:

Mon, Tue & Thur-Sat 10.00-17.00; Wed 10.00-13.00
Closed 25-26 December and 1-2 January

Sales area, WC, disabled access to upper floors
No entrance charges

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Every Object Tells a Story...
This carved stone ball played a part in the 12th century siege of Brechin Castle by Edward I. Massive stones like this were hurled at the castle by Edward's 'War Wolf' siege engine.

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