

OLD POLICE BUILDINGS

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Dudley's first police station, complete with lock-up, was built by "the county of Worcester" around 1847 and is Grade II listed. It was the first municipal building on the site in Priory Street. Records indicate that the architect was Harvey Eginton.



EXTERNAL

It was built using red bricks with ashlar dressings (stone masonry regular blocks) in a Tudor style. However its style also reflects its proximity to the castle.

The three storey central gatehouse is a mock barbican, with embattled towers, machicolations (openings that enable missiles to be dropped from a parapet onto an enemy), and a four-centred arch with false portcullis groove. The wooden gates also have a grid of iron straps which give the impression of a portcullis.

On the other side there is a three storey embattled octagonal tower with battlemented parapet (edge of wall projecting above roof level).

Changes were made to the windows in the part of the building between the gatehouse and tower, probably

in 1935, when the adjacent Council House was built. The windows lit corridors that led to the cells and were originally in the shape of arrow loops, but are now a series of single-light mullioned casements with ashlar surrounds.



Ground Floor

MEMORIAL TOWER

CH2
G7
9.38
sqm
INTERVIEW ROOMS

G12
COURT
G11 4.043
63.842

G03
STAIRS/LOBBY
13.816
sqm

G04
JURY ROOM
G11 3.285
11.441
sqm

G6
19.18
sqm

G4
17.56
sqm

G5
18.82
sqm

