



History of Hedon : Timeline

- 1158** First proven charter granted by Henry II
- c.1162** Charter of Henry II establishing Magdalen Fair in Hedon
- c.1190** Building of St. Augustine's Church commenced
- 1200** Confirming charter granted by King John
- 1248** Charter granted by Henry III
- 1272** Henry III granted a charter giving Hedon the right to hold a fair for eight days on the feast of St. Augustine.
- 1295** Hedon first sent two Members to Parliament, then ceased until 1547.
- 1348** Charter of Incorporation granted by Edward III, "Magna Charta Libertatis Villae," giving Hedon the right to annually elect a Mayor, Bailiffs and other ministers.
- 1377** Charter of confirmation by Richard II
- 1413** Charter making greater concessions and greater privileges to the Burgesses of Hedon granted by Henry V
- c.1415** Civic Mace acquired, now the oldest Civic Mace in the country
- 1423** Charter granted by Henry VI
- 1464** Charter granted by Edward IV
- 1517** Charter granted by Henry VIII
- 1547** Hedon resumed sending two members to Parliament.
- 1551** Charter granted by Edward VI
- 1556** Charter granted by Mary I
- 1565** Elizabeth I confirmed the above five charters; the Sheriff's Mace acquired
- 1657** A great fire destroyed much property in Hedon
- 1669** The Great Mace presented to Hedon by Henry Guy MP to celebrate his election to Parliament
- 1675** Letters Patent confirmed by Charles II
- 1692** The Town Hall was built by Henry Guy MP
- 1774** An Act of Parliament obtained to restore the Hedon Haven and form the Haven Commissioners as a governing body
- 1823** The Kilnsea Cross moved from Burton Constable and erected in Hedon
- 1831** Last Parliamentary election held at Hedon, returning two Members to represent the borough
- 1854** Railway transport arrives with the opening of the Hull to Withernsea line
- 1866** A cattle plague in the East Riding closed the fortnightly cattle markets permanently
- 1887** Mayor's chain and badge of office presented by Alderman G.R.Park to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria (now worn by the Deputy Mayor)
- 1888** Hedon Racecourse opened
- 1897** The present clock with four faces erected on the church tower to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria
- 1929** Hedon Aerodrome opened; it remained in use until World War II
- 1958** A new Mayor's chain and badge of office was acquired by public subscription, Organised by Alderman A.E.Draper
- 1964** Closure of the Hull to Withernsea railway line
- 1970** Hedon Haven closed; the Haven Commissioners became a Charitable Trust
- 1974** Hedon ceased to be a borough.
- 1986** The Alexandra Hall, a community centre built by the people of Hedon, was officially opened by HRH Princess Alexandra
- 1996** Hedon Museum first opened to the public
- 2001** Hedon Town Council website launched on the Internet

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