



c. 1924

## MEMORIAL HALL

Waterdown's Memorial Hall is a rare example of a utilitarian building in commemoration of First World War veterans. After a substantial fundraising effort from the Women's Institute, the building was constructed using Flemish bond brickwork. The bell and clock tower was unfortunately removed in 1949 after a severe winter when it was deemed unstable.

The hall has had various uses over the years. It held a cinema at one time, had a basement dormitory for farm help in the 1940s, a shooting gallery in the basement and a club in the main hall in the 1950s, and in its early days a jail which was only used once for a man who allegedly stole a horse.

Taken over by the Lions Club in 1969, the hall has been and is used by many community groups. It has been a meeting place for Girl Guides, the site of the Waterdown Rotary Haunted House, and is still the residence of Village Theatre Waterdown.



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