

16 Bromley North Station

The original timber buildings which formed Bromley North Station were rebuilt in 1925, just prior to the electrification of the line. The railway, both here and at Bromley South, altered Bromley's existence as a market town. A population of 5,500 in 1861 had grown to 15,000 by 1881, and numbered 33,500 by 1911. By then Bromley had become an outer London suburb.

Turn right and walk along East Street.



17 The Old Drill Hall (O'Neills Public House)

The Drill Hall, Nos 27-29 East Street, was opened in 1872 for use by the Bromley Volunteer Rifle Corps. Town celebrations and events were held here. It became a public house in 1997.

Continue to the junction of East and West Streets.



18 Number 19 East Street

Number 19 East Street formerly the offices of the Local Board (the first body of local administration in Bromley). It stood at the junction of East Street and West Street. The purpose of the local board was to provide such essentials as street lighting and an adequate sewage system for the town.

Look across West Street.



19 Former Post Office

The former Post Office in West Street was completed in 1896, it was occupied in 1897 and enlarged in 1913. The previous premises in Market Square had become too small to cope with the rapid expansion of the town.

Retrace your steps north along East Street, cross the road and walk along South Street. On your right, you will see No. 8 South Street.



20 No. 8 South Street

No. 8 South Street is where Mrs Knotts dame school was attended by a young H.G. Wells between 1871 and 1874.

Continue walking east, on your left you will see the Fire Station.

21 The Fire Station

The Fire Station was designed by Stanley Hawkings, the Borough Engineer, and was completed in 1905 at a cost of £5,191 12s 6d.

Continue walking, on your right, you will see Community House.

22 Community House (former Magistrates Court)

The former Magistrates Court was designed in 1939 by C Cowles Voysey and forms part of an identifiable group of public buildings with the Fire Station and the Town Hall complex.

Continue walking along South Street and at the junction of Tweedy Road you will see the former Town Hall.

23 Former Town Hall

The former Town Hall in Tweedy Road was built in 1906 by R Frank Atkinson in a neo-Wren style. The hipped slate roof has a central cupola constructed in timber, set above a fine entrance porch. Officially opened by Mayor Alderman R W Jones JP on 25 September 1907, the building cost £35,000 including furnishings.

Look directly across Tweedy Road.



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24 Former School of Science and Art (now called the Clock House)

The School of Science and Art stands opposite the Edwardian Town Hall. The external relief terracotta panels include representations of science and art. The original building was designed by John Sulman and was built in 1878 by J C Arnauld at a cost of £3,000. The public opening included a display of the first working telephones ever made. The building was extended in 1894 to provide the town's first library. It is now a private residential building.

Walk to the junction of Tweedy Road and Widmore Road and turn right.



25 Former Town Hall extension

The neo-Georgian style former Town Hall extension (now Exchequer House) in Widmore Road, was built in 1938-39 and designed by C Cowles Voysey, well known for his work on town hall and public buildings in the 1920's and 1930's. He was the son of Charles Voysey, one of Britain's most influential architects.

Walk west along Widmore Road to Market Square to end the Heritage Trail.



You can find out more about the Bromley North Village Heritage Trail from the Council's web site at:

www.bromley.gov.uk /bromleynorthheritagetraill

or contact the Heritage Team on
0208 313 4664 or 0208 461 7532



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| 1. Town Pump | 8. The Royal Bell | 15. The Railway | 22. Community House |
| 2. Market Square | 9. Walters Yard | 16. Bromley North Station | 23. Former Town Hall |
| 3. H G Wells Birthplace | 10. Star and Garter | 17. O'Neills (Old Drill Hall) | 24. Former school of Science and Art |
| 4. 180-184 High Street | 11. Swan & Mitre | 18. 19 East Street | 25. Former Town Hall |
| 5. St Peter & St Paul Church | 12. Bromley College | 19. Former Post Office | |
| 6. The Partridge | 13. College Slip | 20. 8 South Street | |
| 7. TP's (196-198 High Street) | 14. K2 Telephone Kiosk | 21. Fire Station | |

