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The Willis Museum



- Benefit:** Safer
- Type:** Refurbishment
- Listing:** Grade II

As part of an upgrade programme, Selectaglaze has installed its Series 80 ‘Secured by Design’ accredited heavy duty horizontal sliding units incorporating central locks and anti-bandit glass.

Dating back to early 1800s, the building was originally Basingstoke’s Town Hall. In the late 1800s it became The Mechanics’ Institute providing a library, exhibition of art curios and lectures for those who had left school at an early age to seek work.

However, facing bankruptcy in the 1920s, the building was offered to the town council as a library and free museum.

Twenty years later it became The Willis Museum in honour of George Willis a local jeweller and philanthropist and former Basingstoke Mayor who was a prime motivator behind the building’s reincarnation.

The Museum’s exhibit now concentrate on the borough’s architectural, industrial and community heritage from the 19th century through to the 1960s.





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