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ANTRIM AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



THE FORMER RUC STATION

This old black stone building is situated on the south side of Market Square in Antrim, opposite the Market and Court House. Screened by an outer wall with decorative iron work, it was built in the early 1800s and reconstructed in 1923.

There were two cells, four single cubicles and one double cubicle. The married quarters, which were provided in the late 1920s, were occupied by the Head Constable and his family. A Record from 1960 describes it as having one Head Constable, three Sergeants and twenty two Constables. Several vehicles, including a Traffic Saloon car, were garaged there and an electrically operated petrol tank holding a thousand gallons of petrol was provided.

Among other details the records note that an electric fire was installed in the Sergeants Office in 1956. It was decommissioned when the new station was built and this building became home to various private businesses.