

HERRERA DEL DUQUE TOWN HALL - HERRERA DEL DUQUE (BADAJOZ)

DESCRIPTION

The Town Hall of Herrera del Duque constitutes the main administrative and institutional building of the locality and one of the public spaces most representative of the municipality's social and political life. Its historical evolution reflects the various urban transformations experienced by Herrera del Duque over the centuries, as well as the functional and administrative changes developed around municipal government.

Although the current town hall building belongs to a contemporary period, the municipal institution has a long historical trajectory linked to different buildings located within the urban center. The current headquarters stands on the site formerly occupied by the Don Bernardo Romano school group, one of the best-known educational spaces in the locality during much of the 20th century.

Today, the Town Hall maintains a central role within the administrative, cultural, and social organization of Herrera del Duque and also constitutes one of the municipality's principal urban landmarks.

HISTORY

The history of the Town Hall of Herrera del Duque is closely linked to the evolution of the historic urban center itself and to the institutional transformations developed over the centuries.

Historical references and local memory indicate that the first municipal headquarters was originally located beneath the arcades of the upper square of the locality. It remained there for centuries, constituting the principal administrative and municipal meeting space during the earliest historical periods of Herrera del Duque.

The choice of the square as the location for the town council headquarters responded to a traditional urban organization widespread in numerous towns of Extremadura, where arcades and main squares concentrated the administrative, commercial, and social functions of the population.

Subsequently, the Town Hall was moved to another building located on one of the streets of the historic center. This second municipal headquarters remained in operation until after the Spanish Civil War, when new administrative and urban planning needs for the locality began to emerge.



Finally, during the 1980s, the Town Hall was moved to its current location, built on the land previously occupied by the Don Bernardo Romano school group. This former educational center was part of the daily and educational life of numerous generations of residents of Herrera del Duque for decades.

The change of location made it possible to provide the municipality with larger administrative facilities adapted to the contemporary needs of local administration.

HISTORICAL-ARTISTIC DESCRIPTION

The current Town Hall building corresponds to contemporary institutional architecture conceived primarily according to functional and administrative criteria.

Beyond its current architectural configuration, the true historical interest of the POI lies in the institutional and urban evolution of the different municipal headquarters that have existed in Herrera del Duque over time.

The former location of the Town Hall beneath the arcades of the upper square reflects traditional models of urban organization linked to the historic towns of Extremadura, where the central public space fulfilled political, commercial, and social functions.

The subsequent move to another building in the historic center and finally to the site of the former Don Bernardo Romano school group demonstrates the successive urban and administrative transformations experienced by the locality during the 20th century.

The current building maintains a close relationship with the contemporary urban environment and continues to play a central role in the institutional life of the municipality.

RELEVANT FIGURES RELATED TO THE POI

The current location of the Town Hall is historically linked to the Don Bernardo Romano school group, a former educational center in the locality whose memory remains associated with numerous generations of residents of Herrera del Duque.

Likewise, the building and the former municipal headquarters are connected to the political, administrative, and social history of the municipality and to the different local councils that have carried out their activities in Herrera del Duque over the centuries.

MOVABLE HERITAGE

The principal heritage value of the Town Hall is related to the historical, administrative, and graphic documentation linked to the institutional evolution of Herrera del Duque and to the different municipal headquarters the locality has had.

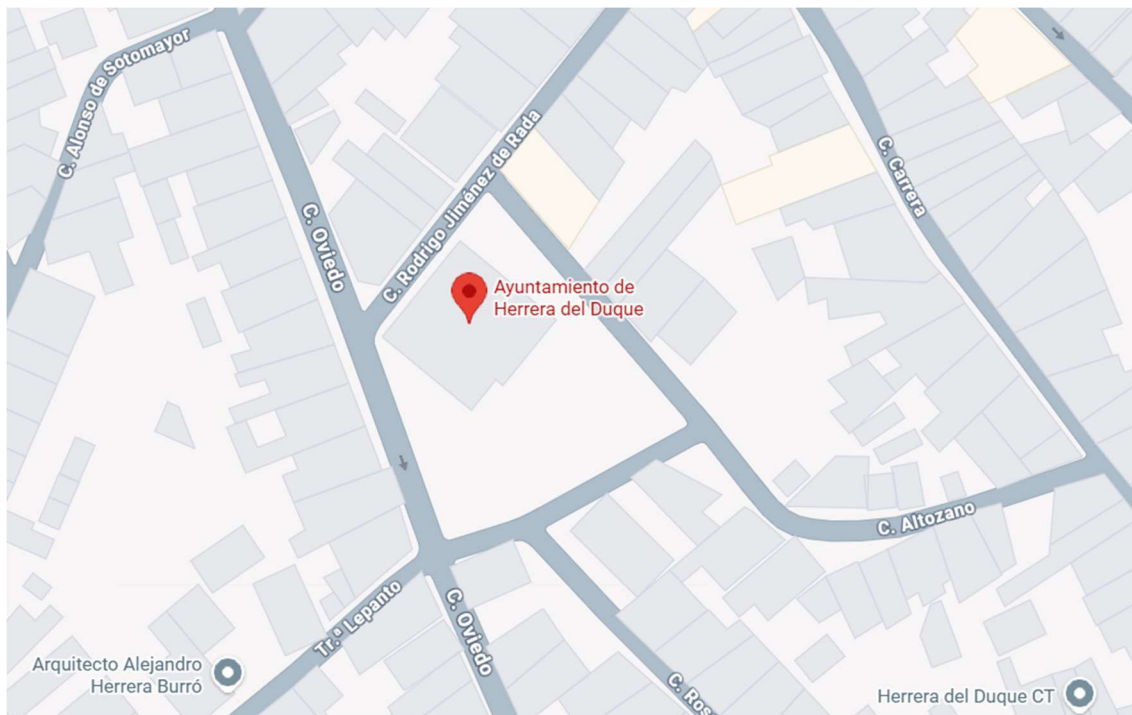
INTANGIBLE HERITAGE

The Town Hall constitutes one of the principal symbolic and institutional spaces of Herrera del Duque and maintains a close connection with the collective memory and daily life of the municipality.

The different historical locations of the municipal headquarters form part of the urban and social memory of the population, especially the former headquarters beneath the square arcades and the later use of the land of the former Don Bernardo Romano school group for the construction of the current town hall building.

Today, the building continues to be the principal administrative and representative center of local public life.

LOCATION MAP



GRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION



The current town hall seen from different angles.





Interior of the town hall facilities.





Residents in the square when the town hall originally stood in this location.