



City of Durham

LIST OF FORMER MAYORS CITY OF DURHAM

The following have been Mayors of Durham since 1602:-

1602		Hugh Wright, ap. by Bishop Tobias, 21 st September
1602	4 th October	James Farrals
1603		Edw. Wanless, dyer
1604		Thomas Pearson
1605		William Hall, draper
1606		Robert Suerties, mercer
1607		Hugh Hutchinson, tanner
1608		John Pattinson, mercer
1609		Edward Wanless, dyer
1610		Hugh Wright, gent. 27 th February, 1611
1611		Wm. Hall, 14 th August
1612		Richard Wright
1613		William Hall
1614		Hugh Wright
1615		Hugh Walton
1616		George Walton
1617		George Walton
1618		William Hall, oc. 30 th August 1619
1619		William Hall, oc again 10 th April 1620
1620		Timothy Comyn, oc. 17 th September, 1621
1621		Nicholas Whitfield, oc 14 th September, 1622
1622		William Hall oc 12 th January, 1622
1623		Hugh Wright, oc 12 th March
1622		Hugh Watson
1625		John Heighington
1626		John Lambton
1627		William Phillipson, esq oc. 12 th September, 1628
1628	4 th October	John Pattison
1628		Richard Whitfield, oc 27 th October and 18 th December
1629		John Heighington
1630		Nicholas Whitfield (died soon after)
1631		William Hall, oc 11 th September, 1632
1632		Hugh Wright

1633		Hugh Walton
1634		Hugh Walton again
1635		Ralph Allenson, oc 19 th January, 1635
1636	4 th October	John Heighington
1637		John Heighington again
1638	4 th October	Thomas Cook
1638	28 th January	Thomas Mann
1639		Hugh Walton
1640		Hugh Walton again
1641		Christopher Cookson, October
1642		Ralph Allenson
1643		Ralph Allenson
1644		John Hall, draper
1645		John Hall, vintner
1646		Cuthbert Hutchinson
1647		Richart Mann
1648	4 th October	John Airson, mercer
1649		John Airson again
1650		John Hall, vintner
1651		John Hall, vintner
1652		John Walton, mercer
1653		Anthony Dale
1654		John Airson, mercer
1655		Anthony Bayles, esq
1656		John Hall, oc 10 th October
1656		Henry Rowell, mercer, oc December
1657		Anthony Smith
1658		Richard Lee
1659		Henry Rowell
1660	4 th October	Anthony Dale
1661		Stephen Thompson
1662		Stephen Thompson
1663		Matthew Bailes, oc 18 th February
1664		John Stokeld
1665		William Jordan
1666		Thomas Mascall, oc 18 th December
1667		Henry Wanless, dyer, oc 3 rd February
1668		Nicholas Richardson
1669		Nicholas Richardson
1670		John Hall, junior, draper
1671		George Hodgson
1672		Thomas Mascall
1673		Stephen Thompson, oc 28 th April 1674
1674		John Hall, oc. 18 th November 1674
1675		George Shires
1676		John Morland, esq Clerk to the Crown, oc 25 th Sept 1677
1677		Thomas Stokeld, esq, oc 13 th and 28 th September 1677
1678		William Blakiston, esq. oc 19 th October 1678
1679	17 th Sept	Cuthbert Hutchinson
1680		John Duck, esq oc 1 st November
1681		John Hutchinson, oc 26 th October
1682		John Hutchinson
1683		John Hutchinson, oc 24 th April 1684
1684		Marmaduke Allenson, 15 th September 1685

1685		Marmaduke Allenson, again, 21 st Apri 1686
1686	23 rd Nov	Robert Delavale, esq
1687		Robert Delavale
1688		Robert Delavale
1689		Robert Delavale
1690	29 th July	George Morland, mercer
1691	4 th October	William Greveson
1692		Wheatley Dobson, grocer
1693		Wheatley Dobson again
1694		William Hodgson
1695		John Gordon
1696		Wheatley Dobson
1697		Wheatley Dobson re-elected
1698		Cuthbert Hutchinson, esq
1699		Edward Farnlos
1700		Anthony Hall
1701		George Tweddle
1702		Cuthbert Hutchinson
1703		Edward Farnlos
1704		Ralph Paxton
1705		Anthony Hall
1706		Ralph Paxton
1707		John Gray
1708		Richard Mascall
1709		Ralph Bainbridge
1710		Anthony Hall
1711		Francis Cornforth
1712		Michael Brabin
1713		Richard Mascall
1714		John Hutchinson, died while Mayor
1714		Michael Brabin
1715		John Gray
1716		Francis Cornforth
1717		Ralph Bainbridge
1718		Michael Brabin
1719		Robert Smith
1720		Giles Rain
1721		Henry Forster
1722		John Gray
1723		Francis Cornforth
1724		Ralph Bainbridge
1725		Michael Brabin
1726		Robert Smith
1727		Giles Rain
1728		Henry Forster
1729		Robert Wharton
1730		George Dale
1731		John Lambe
1732		George Bowes
1733		Robert Smith
1734		Henry Forster
1735		John Gray
1736		Robert Wharton
1737		George Dale
1738		George Bowes

1739		John Aisley
1740		Cuthbert Bainbridge
1741		Thomas Dunn
1742		William Forster
1743		Thomas Bainbridge
1744		Hilton Shaw
1745		Thomas Hornsby
1746		Cuthbert Bainbridge
1747		Thomas Dunn
1748		William Forster
1749		Thomas Bainbridge
1750		Thomas Hornsby
1751		Joseph Gray
1752		Sir Robert Eden, Bart
1753		George Bowes, esq
1754		John Richardson
1755		Earl of Darlington
1756		John Lambe
1757		Lord Barnard
1758		Cuthbert Smith
1759		Cuthbert Bainbridge
1760		Richard Wharton
1761		John Drake Bainbridge
1762		Thomas Hornsby
1763		Joseph Gray
1764		John Hopper
1765		Ralph Bowser
1766		John Lambe
1767		John Drake Bainbridge
1768		Thomas Hornsby
1769		John Lambe
1770		John Drake Bainbridge
1780	2 nd October	John Drake Bainbridge
1781	1 st October	Ralph Bowser
1782	30 th Sept	Richard Shuttleworth
1783	6 th October	William Kirton
1784	4 th October	Thomas Dunn
1785	3 rd October	John Starforth
1786	2 nd October	Christopher Hopper
1787	1 st October	John Potts
1788	6 th October	John James
1789	5 th October	George Finch
1790	4 th October	Thomas Chipchase
1791	3 rd October	William Shields
1792	1 st October	Gilbert Starforth
1793	30 th Sept	Thomas Austin
1794	6 th October	John Drake Bainbridge
1795	5 th October	William Kirton
1796	3 rd October	John Starforth
1797	2 nd October	John Hutchinson
1798	1 st October	Christopher Hopper, refusing to accept the office was fined 10 guineas, and on the day following
1798	2 nd October	John Potts, was elected
1799	30 th Sept	John James
1800	6 th October	George Finch

1801	5 th October	Martin Dunn
1802	4 th October	Thomas Chipchase, the younger
1803	3 rd October	Thomas Chipchase
1804	1 st October	John Dixon
1805	30 th Sept	William Shields
1806	6 th October	Thomas Austin
1807	5 th October	Thomas Dunn
1808	3 rd October	John Hutchinson
1809	2 nd October	Martin Dunn
1810	1 st October	Thomas Wilkinson
1811	30 th Sept	Thomas Chipchase, the younger
1812	5 th October	John Dixon
1813	4 th October	Thomas Dunn
1814	3 rd October	Thomas Wilkinson
1815	2 nd October	Rev. Edward Davison
1816	30 th Sept	Thomas Austin
1817	6 th October	John Hutchinson
1818	5 th October	Edward Shipperdson
1819	4 th October	Richard Kirton
1820	2 nd October	Robert Waugh
1821	1 st October	Thomas Chipchase, the younger
1822	30 th Sept	John Weatherall Hays, Clerk to the Crown
1823		Ralph Hutchinson
1824		William Shields, the younger
1825		John Hutchinson
1826		William Stoker
1827		Robert Ovington
1828		Robert Robson
1829		John Wolfe
1830		Thomas Chipchase
1831		John Dixon
1832		John Hall
1833		James Young
1834		George Robson
1836	1 st January	Thomas Greenwell
1836	9 th November	Thomas Greenwell
1837	9 th November	John Burrell
1838	9 th November	Thomas Greenwell, died June
1839	20 th June	Alan William Hutchinson
1839	9 th November	Alan William Hutchinson
1840	9 th November	John Bramwell
1841	9 th November	John Bramwell
1842	9 th November	Robert Hoggett
1843	9 th November	Robert Henry Allan
1844	9 th November	Robert Hoggett
1845	9 th November	John Bramwell
1846	9 th November	William Davison
1847	9 th November	Mark Story
1848	9 th November	William Henderson
1849	9 th November	Robert Thwaites
1850	9 th November	John Henry Forster
1851	9 th November	Richard Thompson
1852	9 th November	John Bramwell
1853	9 th November	George Robson
1854	9 th November	Mark Story

1855	9 th November	John Henry Forster
1856	9 th November	George Shaw
1857	9 th November	William Boyd
1858	9 th November	Robert Robson
1859	9 th November	James Monks
1860	9 th November	William Boyd
1861	9 th November	John Henry Forster
1862	10 th November	George Robson
1863	9 th November	George Robson
1864	9 th November	George Robson
1865	9 th November	William Boyd
1866	9 th November	Robert Robson
1867	9 th November	Robert Robson
1868	9 th November	John Forster
1869	9 th November	John Watson
1870	9 th November	John Ward, died 29 th September, 1871
1871	9 th October	Thomas White
1871	9 th November	Thomas White
1872	9 th November	James Fowler
1873	9 th November	Randal Stevenson
1874	9 th November	George Gradon
1875	9 th November	Joseph Ferens
1876	9 th November	Randal Stevenson
1877	9 th November	Edward Peele
1878	9 th November	Herbert Robson
1879	9 th November	Alfred Oxnard Smith
1880	9 th November	William Law Robertson
1881	9 th November	James Fowler
1882	9 th November	James Fowler
1883	9 th November	James Fowler
1884	9 th November	James Laidler
1885	9 th November	Samuel Holdsworth
1886	9 th November	James Fowler
1887	9 th November	William Cuthbert Blackett
1888	9 th November	William Boyd
1889	9 th November	Richardson Peele
1890	9 th November	Matthew Fowler
1891	9 th November	George Pattison Blagdon
1892	9 th November	William Sanderson
1893	9 th November	Ralph Charlton
1894	9 th November	Edward Jepson, M.D.
1895	9 th November	Edward Jepson, M.D.
1896	9 th November	Thomas James Tomlinson
1897	9 th November	Christopher Rowlandson
1898	9 th November	William Gray
1899	9 th November	Rt. Hon John George Lambton, 3 rd Earl of Durham
1900	9 th November	Robert Turnbull Herring
1901	9 th November	Robert Turnbull Herring
1902	9 th November	Samuel Fenny
1903	9 th November	Robert Turnbull Herring
1904	9 th November	George Henderson Proctor
1905	9 th November	Arthur Pattison
1906	9 th November	Arthur Pattison
1907	9 th November	John Brownless
1908	9 th November	John Thomas Boyd

1909	9 th November	William Henry Wood
1910	9 th November	Charles Vane – Tempest Stewart, 6 th Marquess of Londonderry, K.G
1911	9 th November	John Thomas Edward Dickeson
1912	9 th November	Robert McLean, J. P
1913	9 th November	Charles Caldcleugh
1914	9 th November	Peter James Waite, M.A., J.P
1915	9 th November	John George Gradon
1916	9 th November	Frank William Goodyear
1917	9 th November	Arthur Pattison
1918	9 th November	George Henderson Proctor
1919	10 th November	William Henry Wood
1920	10 th November	William Thwaites
1921	9 th November	William Smith
1922	9 th November	Robert McLean, J.P
1923	9 th November	Edwin Laidler
1924	10 th November	Thomas William Holiday
1925	9 th November	Peter James Waite, J.P
1926	9 th November	Frank William Goodyear
1927	9 th November	Joseph Moffat Lynch
1928	9 th November	Walter William Wilkinson
1929	9 th November	Henry Murdoch
1930	10 th November	John William Pattinson
1931	9 th November	Joseph Watson Wood
1932	9 th November	Christopher Wilkinson
1933	9 th November	James Chisman Fowler
1934	9 th November	Thomas Plummer
1935	9 th November	William Robert Henry Gray
1936	9 th November	Charles Stewart Henry Vane-Temepst Stewart, 7 th Marquess of Londonderry, K.G.
1937	9 th November	William Ewat Bradley
1938	9 th November	Wilfred Francis Edge
1939	9 th November	Sydney Kipling
1940	9 th November	John Frederick James Smith
1941	9 th November	Henry Lawrence Gradon
1942	9 th November	Frederick Augustus Howard
1943	9 th November	William Arthur Hall Shepherd
1944	9 th November	Joseph Fenwick Bell
1945	9 th November	John Lyall Robson
1946	9 th November	Frederick Forster, died 24 th May
1947	4 th June	Henry Cecil Ferens
1947	9 th November	Henry Cecil Ferens, continued in office till 25 th May, 1949, by virtue of the Representation of the People Act 1948, para. 2(1) of the 6 th Schedule of which postponed the retirement of Councillors due in November 1948.
1949	25 th May	John Matthew Herring
1950	23 rd May	Hannah Harrison Rushford (1 st female Mayor)
1951	21 st May	James Robert Wilson Rae
1952	21 st May	Gordon McIntyre
1953	20 th May	John Robert Kingston
1954	26 th May	Evelyn Blyth
1955	25 th May	Harry Leslie Cawood
1956	25 th May	John Robert Thurlow
1957	22 nd May	William Arthur Hall Shepherd
1958	21 st May	John Aloysius Naylor

1959	20 th May	Sir James Duff
1960	25 th May	John William Bell
1961	24 th May	Norman Sewell Williamson
1962	23 rd May	Raymond Appleby
1963	22 nd May	Norman Richardson, Hons. M.A (Dunelm)
1964	20 th May	Norman Wood Sarsfield
1965	26 th May	William Henry Woodward
1966	25 th May	Margaret Ann Thornhill
1967	24 th May	John Clennell Williamson
1968	22 nd May	Frederick Beckett Dennison
1969	21 st May	Robert Bell Carr
1970	20 th May	Colin Willoughby Beswick
1971	26 th May	Thomas Will Leonard
1972	17 th May	Charles John Black Mitchell
1973	23 rd May	Gordon McIntyre
(On 1 st April, 1974 the new City succeeded the old City. In 1973-4 the Chairman of the new (shadow) Durham District Council was John James Ramshaw, B.E.M.)		
1974	2 nd April	John James Ramshaw, B.E.M.
1975	8 th April	Clifford Ellison, B.E.M.
1976	25 th May	James Mackintosh
1977	10 th May	Allan Thompson, J.P.
1978	9 th May	Joseph Edward Wright, B.E.M., J.P.
1979	22 nd May	James Barr Lattimer
1980	20 th May	Joseph Sylvester Anderson
1981	19 th May	William Taylor
1982	18 th May	Walter Stobbs
1983	17 th May	Derek Hanson
1984	15 th May	Ebenezer Shuker
1985	14 th May	Alan Crooks, J.P.
1986	15 th May	Robert Clewes
1987	19 th May	Ivy Elaine Humphries
1988	10 th May	Mildred Brown
1989	16 th May	James Alfred Fearon
1990	29 th May	William Henry Hartwell
1991	21 st May	David Bell
1992	5 th May	Michael Rochford
1993	4 th May	Maurice Crathorne
1994	3 rd May	William Henry Dermott Cavanagh M.A.
1995	23 rd May	Stephen Terrance McDonnell SRN, RMN, DN (Lond)
1996	7 th May	Joseph Sylvester Anderson
1997	6 th May	Neil Griffin B/Ed, MA (Ed) (Dunelm)
1998	5 th May	Derek Young
1999	25 th May	Mrs Margaret Agnes Adair
2000	2 nd May	George Wharton
2001	1 st May	John George Cowper
2002	7 th May	Miss Eileen Rochford
2003	20 th May	Raymond Gibbon
2004	4 th May	Mary Ruth Hawgood BA
2005	3 rd May	John Lightley, TD., B.Sc.,(Hons), Dip. FE.
2006	2 nd May	William Jeffrey Holmes Lodge (MBE)
2007	23 rd May	Robert William Wynn
2008	6 th May	James Grenville Holland MA, MS, D.Phil

From 1st April 2009 – Durham City Council was abolished and replaced by the Charter Trustees for the City of Durham

2009	5 th May	Dennis James Southwell
2010	18 th May	Frances Mamie Simmons BA (Hons)
2011	18 th May	Alexander Leslie Thomson
2012	23 rd May	John Wilkinson B Ed(Hons)
2013	11 th June	Pauline Mary Charlton
2014	28 th May	John Robinson JP
2015	27 th May	Jan Blakey
2016	1 st June	Edward Bell
2017	9 th June	William Kellett MA BSc (Econ) Hons
2018	6 th June	John Lethbridge B.A., M.Ed.

