

# HOSPITALS

A cottage hospital with six beds opened in Vine House on the High Street in 1877. This became the Rutson Hospital, named after a wealthy former patient who donated funds and premises after being treated there for an eye complaint. It nursed wounded soldiers during the First World War and underwent several extensions over the years, most notably in 1932 when a new ward block was erected to the rear of the High Street buildings. It continued to operate until 2016, and is now home to the Potting Shed pub.

The Friarage Hospital nearby first came into being by government directive in 1939-40, when emergency wooden wards were built on fields near the town centre to prepare for civilian bombing casualties from Teeside. It became the Royal Airforce Hospital Northallerton towards the end of the Second World War, and the Friarage in 1948. The huts remained in use into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, but have now been replaced.

The modern hospital stands on land formerly belonging to the Carmelite friary, from which it takes its name, and also incorporates buildings that once formed part of Northallerton's workhouse of 1857.

