




# Plaza dels Xorros

## Xorros Square

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### “Plaza dels Xorros” - Xorros Square

This urban space, in the centre of the old “*Seneta*” agricultural estate, housed the “*almudín*”, an establishment for the purchase and sale of cereals from the *Mudéjar* period onwards, and the “*aljama*”, the highest municipal decision-making body before the expulsion of the Moors in 1609. In 1630, the old town hall, “*Casa de la Vila*” (Town House) was built here. With various reforms and modifications, it functioned as such until 1930, when it was moved to its current location in the “*Central Square*”. The old portal building was completely demolished in 1959.

In the centre of the square, in 1897, the current fountain was built by the modernist architect Francisco Tomás Traver, who lived at “*Castellón de la Plana*”. The fountain is the reason for the current name of the square, which was formerly known as “*Plaça de les Forques*” (Square of the Gallows), because here it was the place where prisoners were sentenced to death.

Image from the book “*El Pasado*” (The Past)

Leaving the “*Plaça dels Xorros*” towards the north, we find a large necropolis of Muslim tradition, partially excavated.

Also excavated in the vicinity of the square, is the industrial area of the old agricultural farm of “*Seneta*”, with a large pottery production kiln, dating from the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

(Images from the Municipal Archaeological Museum)

The graphic daily «*Nuevo Mundo*», from Madrid, published on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 1909 this photograph taken in “*Plaça dels Xorros*”. According to this daily, the snapshot captures the moment of the departure of the first journey in the “*automobile-stagecoach*” of the regular line between la Vall d'Uixó and the town of “*Castellón de la Plana*”.