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The Architectural Heritage Fund has helped Building Preservation Trusts and other charities regenerate historic buildings, create community and education facilities, workspace and homes for nearly 30 years. We have provided grants, loans and advice on more than 750 projects to date. This is one of many examples.

Provision of social housing: 52 Warren Street, Bloomsbury, London W1

No 52 Warren Street was built in 1780 as a private house. The ground floor was converted to a car showroom, probably in the latter part of the 20th century. The property was vacant for at least 10 years until the Fitzrovia Trust intervened. The overall condition of the building was poor and the top floor had to be demolished and was replaced by a two storey maisonette. This is now in the hands of a housing association. Meanwhile a hairdresser's shop on a long lease will shortly occupy the ground floor and basement.

There is a lack of affordable housing in this part of London and the Trust rehabilitates mixed-use properties which can provide accommodation by generating income from letting ground floor commercial space. It currently owns several similar properties in Warren Street and has received previous assistance from the AHF.



Organisation: The Fitzrovia Trust
Bloomsbury Conservation Area
Architectural Heritage Fund assistance: £500,000 loan in 2004

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