

# Stylish living

**R**ESTORATION experts have been hard at work recreating the period feel of a Gentleman's Suburb in the heart of Bromley.

The listed properties at 15 Sundridge Avenue represent an unbroken row of eight red-brick Victorian mansions built in 1887, 10 years before

the monarch's Diamond Jubilee.

The houses, in a designated conservation area, show early Arts and Crafts influences and were typically built to accommodate a complement of servants as well as a family. Traditionally the preserve of the English gentleman, they began to disappear in the early part of the Twentieth Century as the number of families employing large numbers of servants

began to dwindle.

**Many villas of the type found at 15 Sundridge Avenue were demolished after World War II.**

The reconditioning of the Bromley site was completed by specialist firm Morgan Restoration.

The challenge of bringing back to life a near-complete street frontage of original villas was great, especially when considering the council's stipulation that the

spatial characteristics of the villas, and their mature setting, were maintained without disruptive development or hard vehicle landscaping.

The chief executive of Morgan Restoration Barry Morgan says: "The building had fallen into disrepair in the 80s and was severely damaged in the late 90s.

"Our first priority was to prevent further structural collapse. The loss of such a

fine building would have been a great shame for this small conservation area."

The facade and flank wall were almost completely retained and fully repaired, while specialist stone masons were employed to replace some of the Arts and Crafts details.

## Modern

The fire damage had destroyed much of the building's interior, so it has been redeveloped in a modern style while retaining the high period ceilings and sash windows.

The eight apartments and two penthouses have access to a six-person passenger lift. All have video entry-phones, car parking, single garages

and electrically operated entrance gates.

The kitchens feature five burner hobs, electric ovens, stainless steel Neff appliances and natural stone work tops.

The penthouse kitchens contain Smeg appliances and American-style fridge freezers.

The two penthouses feature full-height dormer glass walls and concealed roof terraces.

One ground floor apartment is on the market for £310,000 and the two penthouses are available for £450,000 and £700,000.

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