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## **BATH**

Refurbishment of one of Bath's grand grade I listed crescent terrace houses, turning it back into a private home, having been university accommodation for over 50 years. This involved the removal of modern partitions, ceilings and fittings, the repair and cleaning of much of the original period details, and the installation of new services.

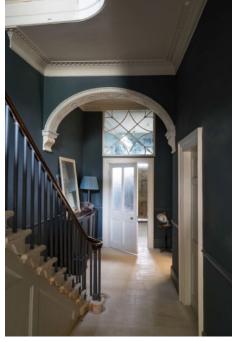
There was substantial damage from some brutal insertions eg, structural beams to support a library on the first floor that had knocked through highly decorated cornices.

In other areas eg, the electrical installation, the use of surface mounted fittings meant that only removal of screw holes in the plaster was required and the original fabric carefully repaired.

Early investigations beneath plaster and comparison with neighbouring properties uncovered elegant arches linking the front and rear parts of the principal rooms, which when reinstated created a magnificent first floor drawing room and allowed for an arched kitchen opening onto a dining room on the ground floor.

One of the main challenges of living in historic buildings in the 21st century, and successfully achieved here, involved putting a kitchen into a principal room on the ground floor.













Reinstatement of the arch









