



## CASE STUDY: SHOP RENOVATION OF A LISTED BUILDING IN A CONSERVATION AREA



### OVERVIEW:

The property at Shop A, Blacksmith House, High Street, Chipping Campden is an empty shop property. The client appointed Stolwood Architects to design its conversion to a jewellery shop (Gallery Silver).

The property is located in an conservation area and it is a Grade II listed building. It was built in 1825 and is a two storey property with a ground floor stone bay window with a three light stone mullion window above.

The property had previously been used as a car showroom, and to the side of the property there was an entrance door and bi-fold windows added to allow cars to be parked inside, both of which are unsympathetic to the heritage and surroundings of the property, and will be removed.

### CHALLENGE:

High Street is the main street through Chipping Campden and is a very busy high street, with a wide variety of shops, pubs, hotels and cafes enjoyed by tourists and locals alike.

Chipping Campden is internationally renowned for its historic Cotswold stone buildings and for the Arts and Crafts movement of the 19th century. It is one of the best preserved and most historically important towns, making it an international tourist destination; Silversmith 'George Hart' of the Arts and Crafts movement is still in business nearby.

The proposed jewellery shop will add to the town's historic importance and will be in context with the local landscape, enhancing the architectural appearance of the historic high street on which it is located, and becoming an asset for visitors and the community.

### SOLUTION:

The proposed design retains existing historic architectural features and replaces the unsympathetic past alterations with a traditional Victorian style and scale entrance door and shop window.

### RESULT:

The design changes enhances the high streets historic character and no planning objections were made towards this sensitive design and planner permission was swiftly granted.

### PROJECT BENEFITS:

- Retain existing historical architectural features
- Replace the unsympathetic past alterations with traditional Victorian design features
- Enhance the high street's historical character
- Provide retail opportunity for locals and tourists

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