Historic Trail

The Clerkenwell Trail

Discover the Urban Village

Historic Clerkenwell

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Today, modern Clerkenwell is a growing residential and office/retailing business area, with a thriving small business and specialist shops. It is a quiet, leafy area where one can eat and drink within a number of interesting places.

The Clerkenwell area has a rich history and in the 16th century the area was known as Little Clerkenwell. Since Tudor times Clerkenwell also had a large and present mining workforce. London's first piped water supply was brought to Clerkenwell in 1772, and by the mid-19th century a network of pipes was brought into the area. By the mid-19th century, many well-known London landmark houses were built. The City was once the heart of London's iron industry, and in the 17th century, the area was the heart of London's wool industry.

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