

Plans in for long-awaited repairs to historic house

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Foley House, Haverfordwest.

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A HISTORIC Haverfordwest property could receive much-needed repairs, as the trust which now looks after it has applied for planning permission to carry out renovation work.

Foley House, a Georgian-era town house on Goat Street, Haverfordwest, could receive renovation work to windows, chimneys, doors, roofs and external decorations if Pembrokeshire County Council approves a listed building planning application.

If successful, the application made by the Welsh Georgian Trust could see the following list of planned works carried out:

- Removal of concrete roof tiles and re-roofing in Welsh slate.
- Reinstatement of missing chimneys on west gable and ridge.
- Reinstatement of lost portion of south elevation moulded pediment, and eaves on south side.
- Reinstatement of missing stone string course on south elevation.
- Re-creation of missing 18th century panelled front door, side lights and fanlight to original design.
- Renewal of ground floor and first floor sash windows to appropriate 18th

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- Repair of attic level circular windows.

- Repairs and strengthening of primary roof trusses and decayed common rafters and valley boards.

- Reopening of blocked basement level windows on east and north sides; re-created to pre-1947 photographic evidence.

- Removal of pebbledash, and re-rendering in lime flat render.

Foley House was designed by 18th century architect John Nash, who later designed Buckingham Palace.

The Foleys were a family of lawyers living in Haverfordwest, with one of them being Sir Richard Foley, an admiral in the royal navy. Lord Nelson famously stayed at the house in 1802 with Lady Hamilton, and gave a public address from the balcony. The building came into PCC's ownership in 1947, as an administrative office.

The Welsh Georgian Trust was approached to help find a sustainable future use for the building.