HOME OF THE FIRE BRIGADE
MODERN LIVING
LIVING DIFFERENTLY
RELATIONSHIP PAST AND PRESENT
AN INSPIRED DEVELOPMENT, BRIGADE COURT CELEBRATES ARCHITECTURAL CONTRASTS, FORGING A DISTINCT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PAST AND PRESENT

A COLLECTION OF NEW BUILD AND PERIOD CONVERSION STUDIO, 1, 2 & 3 BEDROOM APARTMENTS AND DUPLEXES AT THE FORMER HEADQUARTERS OF THE LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

THE BELL

The Watling Street Bell, featured on the cover of this brochure and represented in the logo of Brigade Court, is believed to be the oldest fire bell in the world. It was rung by members of the public to alert the station to a nearby fire. Although advances in technology made the bell’s primary use obsolete, it remained on site for over 100 years as a symbol of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade’s traditions and dedication to service.
Brigade Court is the new residential community in the heart of Borough, SE1. Set in the former home of the London Fire Brigade, it connects past, present and future through a mix of Grade II listed buildings and the finest contemporary architecture, set around a central courtyard for a traditionally different take on modern living.
ETCHING OF THE FIRE STATION COMMISSIONED BY ITS ARCHITECT, GEORGE VULLIAMY

1878

THE REVIVAL

BUILT IN 1878, THE ICONIC FIRE STATION BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN PASSIONATELY RESTORED TO THEIR ORIGINAL GLORY, CREATING A BOLD YET CLASSIC FACE OF THE DEVELOPMENT.
NEW BUILD APARTMENTS

SET IN THE ORIGINAL FIRE STATION GROUNDS WITH SENSITIVELY PROPORTIONED MODERN DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURE COMPLIMENTING THE HISTORIC BUILDINGS

PERIOD CONVERSIONS

THE FORMER FIRE STATION’S GRADE II LISTED BUILDINGS ARE WHERE HERITAGE FEATURES MEET THE LATEST IN CONTEMPORARY MATERIALS AND INTERIOR DESIGN
Brigade Court offers a choice of new build and period conversions ranging from studio apartments to 3-bedroom duplexes, with a total of 199 homes. It’s a unique development carefully complimented by a beautifully designed range of relaxed yet luxurious amenities, enabling you to enjoy the ultimate in modern city living.

More than simply a luxury home in central London, Brigade Court is the heart of an exclusive new community on the south side of the Thames. The iconic fire station doors will open up to a new destination restaurant. A new school will be built adjoining Brigade Court, while across the road, a suite of new sports facilities and new landscaped gardens will be created for the community.
THE RESIDENCES

From glorious period conversions to sensitive new builds and boutique cottages, Brigade Court offers a range of residences. With all materials carefully chosen to integrate with the surrounding environment and original buildings, Brigade Court is a perfectly coherent fusion of past and present.

NEW BUILD

WALTON-CLARK HOUSE

Harry Errington was the only firefighter in the Second World War to be awarded the George Cross for bravery, saving several people in 1940 from a building that had been destroyed by The Blitz.

ERRINGTON HOUSE

Frederick Davies was a member of the British National Fire Service who was awarded a George Cross for bravery in 1946 for attempting to rescue two girls from a blaze in Harlesden, west London.

CUTHBERT HOUSE

Joyce Hicks was the head of LFB’s women’s fitness regimes in the Second World War, introducing compulsory medical and fitness tests for all new recruits, something that had not been previously in place.

HICKS COTTAGES

Lady Betty Cuthbert led the women’s fire brigade during the Second World War. She was in charge of recruitment, training and structure of duties. She was awarded an OBE in 1943 and a CBE in 1946.

Gillian Walton-Clark is the only London female firefighter to receive the George Medal for bravery in the Second World War, awarded in 1941 for delivering petrol to fire pumps amidst the London Blitz.

WALTON-CLARK HOUSE

Featuring state-of-the-art modern design inspired by London’s classic architecture, these new build apartments offer floor-to-ceiling windows, many with a dual aspect. A number of apartments feature inset or cantilevered balconies, with apartments on higher floors providing inspiring views across the City of London.

PERIOD CONVERSION

HICKS COTTAGES

Set in architecturally fascinating buildings that open directly onto the leafy central courtyard, these boutique homes are steeped in history and original features, yet offer the best of contemporary living. With only two cottages available, they inhabit a unique position within the Brigade Court community.

DAVIES HOUSE

Originally Built in 1878 for the newly formed Metropolitan Fire Brigade, this Grade II listed building now contains luxurious new homes. Retaining a wealth of original features and heritage details such as the fire station doors and red brick facade, it’s a setting of distinctive character.
THE COURTYARD

THE BUILDINGS ARE CENTRED AROUND THE ORIGINAL FIRE STATION COURTYARD. NOW BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED, THE PRIVATE GATED COURTYARD WILL BE THE FOCAL POINT OF A FLOURISHING COMMUNITY.
THE SOCIAL OPENS DIRECTLY INTO THE COURTYARD AREA
Brigade Court is perfectly positioned to bring the whole of London within easy reach. Borough tube station is just five minutes away on foot, whilst the newly renovated London Bridge station is a 13 minute walk. Nearby, the Thames Clipper ferry provides swift and inspiring connections up and down the river. And with Brigade Court’s secure cycle storage and location on the CS7 cycle route, you’re ideally located for a life on two wheels.
PERFECTLY CONNECTED

With an abundance of stations and cycle paths and the Thames River nearby, Borough is one of London’s best connected districts. And with some of the city’s most iconic landmarks just a short walk away, it’s the ideal place from which to enjoy the capital.

**TUBE & TRAIN**
From London Bridge Station

- 1 MIN BANK
- 6 MINS CANARY WHARF
- 9 MINS BOND STREET
- 9 MINS LIVERPOOL STREET
- 10 MINS KING’S CROSS ST. PANCRAS
- 15 MINS VICTORIA
- 17 MINS PADDINGTON
- 18 MINS LONDON CITY AIRPORT
- 41 MINS GATWICK AIRPORT
- 41 MINS HEATHROW AIRPORT

**WALK**

- 4 MINS BOROUGH STATION
- 7 MINS SOUTHWARK STATION
- 8 MINS BOROUGH MARKET
- 10 MINS SHAKESPEARE’S GLOBE
- 13 MINS LONDON BRIDGE STATION
- 13 MINS THE SHARD
- 15 MINS WATERLOO STATION
- 16 MINS BLACKFRIARS STATION
- 18 MINS THE CITY OF LONDON

**CAR**

- 28 MINS LONDON CITY AIRPORT
- 50 MINS HEATHROW AIRPORT
- 1 HOUR 15 MINS GATWICK AIRPORT
- 1 HOUR 15 MINS LUTON AIRPORT

**BOAT**
From Bankside Pier

- 5 MINS EMBANKMENT PIER
- 9 MINS TOWER PIER
- 11 MINS WESTMINSTER PIER
- 19 MINS CANARY WHARF PIER
- 29 MINS GREENWICH PIER

**CYCLE**

- 8 MINS THE CITY OF LONDON
- 10 MINS PALACE OF WESTMINSTER
- 11 MINS COVENT GARDEN
- 15 MINS TRAFALGAR SQUARE
- 19 MINS HYDE PARK

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All travel times are approximate
All travel times are sourced from Transport for London and Google Maps
There’s nowhere quite like Borough. Cherished by Londoners and tourists alike for its authenticity and character, it’s packed with all the attractions you need for a vibrant city lifestyle. From the legendary Borough Market to its iconic modern architecture and trailblazing artistic institutions, Borough is where London’s fearless creativity finds expression alongside historic theatres, traditional markets and ancient ruins. It’s where a stroll down cobbled streets suddenly reveals breathtaking views of towering glass skyscrapers. Or where a journey into the heart of a former power station brings you face-to-face with the world’s most thought-provoking modern art.
FORMERLY A FEAST OF UNRULY ACTIVITY
NOW A THRIVING MELTING POT OF CULINARY AND ARTISTIC SOPHISTICATION

Borough gained its name from being the first district or ‘borough’ to be acknowledged as a part of London, despite being located outside the old city walls. Falling outside the jurisdiction of the City of London, the area became notorious for its alternative creativity, entertainment and behaviour. Today, Borough’s artistic scene is still flourishing alongside many reminders of its infamous early years, but the area is now renowned as a destination of sophistication and culture.
HISTORIC BOROUGH

BOROUGH MARKET
LONDON BRIDGE
THE OLD VIC
CLINK STREET
WINCHESTER PALACE
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL
SHAKESPEARE’S GLOBE
THE GOLDEN HINDE

MODERN BOROUGH

TATE MODERN
SEA CONTAINERS
SOUTHBANK CENTRE
NATIONAL THEATRE
WHITE CUBE GALLERY
THE LONDON EYE
BFI IMAX
THE SHARD
HERITAGE CHEESE, BOROUGH MARKET
– 8 MINUTE WALK

BAR DOURO
– 4 MINUTE WALK

GLORIOUS GASTRONOMY

LEGENDARY MARKETS
THIERRY NOIR CROSSING, SOUTHWARK STREET
– 7 MINUTE WALK
TATE MODERN
– 10 MINUTE WALK

WRITING TOWARDS A WORLD CLASS ART

THRIVING STREET CULTURE
BRIGADE COURT

INSPIRING LOCATIONS

THRILLING CONNECTIONS

Cyc 3 Min Cycle Cruise

Walk 12 Min Walk

40 Brigade Court

The Lifestyle
BOND STREET – 9 MINUTE JOURNEY

PARK STREET – 9 MINUTE WALK

BOUTIQUE DISCOVERIES

BOND STREET TREASURES
YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Here at Brigade Court you’ll discover an ever-evolving world of experiences right on your doorstep. From world-class gastronomy to vibrant culture, fascinating landmarks and retail therapy, this is a neighbourhood at the heart of what’s happening in the capital.

EATING AND DRINKING

1. BOROUGH MARKET London’s oldest food market, a legendary foodie destination
2. MONMOUTH COFFEE Famous and rightly so, coffee and single farm coffee roasters
3. PADELLA Intimate fresh pasta bistro adored by Londoners
4. LONDON GRIND A buzzing artisan riverside espresso and cocktail bar
5. HAWKSMOOR BOROUGH Voted the UK’s best steak restaurant by critics
6. DUBWELL’S Acclaimed Cantonese cuisine in a converted church
7. QBUX Fine dining from Qbux. Fine panoramic views from the Shard
8. SHANGRI-LA Contemporary cuisine in London’s highest hotel
9. FLAT IRON SQUARE The arches hole a hub of excitement, live music and food stalls
10. BAR DOURO Sell out supper clubs make this Portuguese restaurant a must
11. OMEARA CANTINA Vibrant Central American-inspired bar and venue
12. LUPINS Seasonal British tasting plates in an intimate local bistro
13. THE GENTLEMEN BARISTAS Well-mannered coffee by The Gentlemen Baristas
14. BOREALIS Seasonal Scandinavian delicacies
15. MERCATO METROPOLITANO Celebrating culinary craftsmanship in a disused paper factory
16. CHIMICHURRI’S Must-visit Argentinian parilla spot
17. UNION STREET CAFÉ Gordon Ramsay’s Italian restaurant
18. BALA BAYA The essence of Tel Aviv with vibrantly progressive cuisine
19. CARAVAN BANKSIDE Signature ‘well-travelled’ food and drink
20. THE TABLE CAFÉ A simple British menu crafted to complex masterpieces
21. THE COFFEEWORKS PROJECT Award winning coffee institution
22. SEA CONTAINERS RESTAURANT Stunning Thameside views from this Mediterranean inspired brasserie

ARTS AND CULTURE

1. TATE MODERN World famous modern art destination
2. SHAKESPEARE’S GLOBE Iconic theatre and home to the Royal Shakespeare Company
3. COPPERFIELD GALLERY Iconic theatre and home to the Royal Shakespeare Company
4. THE OLD VIC THEATRE Highly acclaimed historic theatre
5. THE YOUNG VIC The country’s leading home for young theatre artists
6. THE NATIONAL THEATRE Internationally-renowned arts centre
7. SOUTHBANK CENTRE Five unique venues makes this the UK’s biggest arts complex
8. BFI IMAX An immersive viewing experience in the UK’s biggest cinema
9. IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM Fascinating national museum of warfare
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LANDMARKS

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From the warm and inviting ‘Social’ to the stunning ‘Lookouts’, Brigade Court’s seamlessly elegant range of in-house amenities act as an extension of your apartment. Each one reinterprets the building’s rich heritage through a 21st Century aesthetic, combining traditional features with the latest modern comforts. Traditionally different and brilliantly brought to life, they help deliver an unrivalled lifestyle amid a flourishing community.
THE COMMUNITY

Brigade Court is more than simply a place to live; it’s a neighbourhood and a community. Created by award-winning interior designers, the in-house amenities can be enjoyed every day or booked exclusively for special occasions. Bringing the community together and forging new interactions, these shared spaces help ensure that Brigade Court delivers all the richness of modern city living, along with a true sense of belonging.

THE AMENITIES
Step into ‘The Social’ and enter a world where traditional comforts meet the buzz of a thriving community, featuring a 24-hour concierge who is always on hand for anything you might need. The furnishing and layout of this space encourages interactions between residents while also offering quiet enclaves in which to read or work, or simply await a taxi to whisk you off to your next capital adventure.
‘THE SOCIAL’ OPENS OUT ONTO A BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED COURTYARD, PROVIDING THE PERFECT PLACE IN WHICH TO UNWIND AND ENJOY LONG SUMMER EVENINGS
Experience the thrill of the big screen from the comfort of your own home. Designed with a contemporary twist on the old-style cinema, 'The Watch House' screening room can be booked exclusively by residents, or used any time of day for casual viewing. Whether you’re gathering friends for the biggest sporting events, or holding a private viewing of your latest project, this is the place to sit back and enjoy the entertainment.
The ideal setting for special occasions, ‘The Mess Room’, which includes a discreet, fully-equipped kitchen, is available for exclusive use by residents and their guests. Host an exquisite dinner party, stage an impressive business meeting, or simply invite your nearest and dearest for a memorable get-together.
Work hard and play hard at Brigade Court’s on-site gym. Combining a raw aesthetic with state-of-the-art fitness equipment, it comes fitted with everything you need to help you reach your goals. The healthy antidote to your busy lifestyle, it’s perfectly situated for the ultimate convenience.
Step outside and enjoy a breathtaking view of the London skyline. The shared roof terraces on the 7th and 8th floors offer stunning views of The City, St Paul’s and The Shard in all their glory. Invite friends for evening drinks or a summer barbecue. Rise early for morning yoga in the great outdoors. Or simply gaze out over the rooftops and find inspiration from the buzzing city beneath you.
Brigade Court is a visionary reimagining of iconic buildings, with the sensitive architectural transformation matched by the finest interior design. The period conversions and new build apartments all share a modern interior specification, with every detail reflecting a seamless dedication to high quality materials and luxurious necessities.
LIVING ROOM

A FULLY OPEN PLAN LIVING SPACE TO RELAX, ENTERTAIN AND ENJOY BRIGADE COURT LIVING, COMPLIMENTED BY HERRINGBONE FLOORING, THOUGHTFULLY DESIGNED LIGHTING AND LUXURY DETAILS TO FINISH
KITCHEN

THE HEART OF YOUR HOME IS BOTH
CLASSIC KITCHEN AND PERFECT
MODERN ENTERTAINMENT SPACE.
WITH HIGH QUALITY MATERIALS,
INTEGRATED APPLIANCES AND
A CHOICE OF FINISHES TO MAKE
IT YOUR OWN
FROM THICK CARPETS TO TAILORED, FULL HEIGHT WARDROBES AND FEATURE LIGHTING, EVERY DETAIL OF THE BEDROOM IS DESIGNED TO CREATE A LUXURIOUS ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH YOU CAN TRULY UNWIND
SHOWER ROOM

Each shower room features the finest details. Walk-in showers and high quality fittings create seamless luxury, while a chevron tiled wall adds a touch of tradition.
STEP OUTSIDE AND ENJOY THE STUNNING VIEWS FROM YOUR OWN BALCONY OR TERRACE OVERLOOKING THE CENTRAL COURTYARD OR ACROSS THE CAPITAL
THE SPECIFICATIONS

Beautifully designed in the latest styles, Brigade Court’s interiors are defined by their clean lines, durable surfaces, cutting-edge appliances and sleek finishes. Your apartment is an environment you can simply move into and enjoy immediately, or take time to make your own.

GENERAL
• Grey oak designer feature solid core entrance & internal doors
• Solid inmortality in black™
• Kamdien Art Select Mountain Oak flooring to all living rooms & kitchens™
• ITC Natural Luxury Light Grey Carpet to all bedrooms™
• Bespoke full height fitted wardrobes in grey oak & white to all main & second bedrooms
• Bespoke wall in wardrobes and dressing units in grey oak where design permits & layouts indicate
• Studio apartments feature bespoke joinery
• Bespoke full height fitted wardrobes in grey
• Karndean Art Select Mountain Oak flooring
• Solid ironmongery in black*
• ITC Natural Luxury Light Grey Carpet

KITCHENS
• Individually designed layouts tailored to each apartment
• Bespoke cabinetry in grey oak & matt white™
• Silestone quartz worktops in white
• Statuario natural quartz stone feature splashback to worktop & hob
• Regno Quadra 105 undermount kitchen sink in black™
• Hansgrohe Focus single lever kitchen mixer tap in black™
• Individually designed kitchen island & dining table in Silestone and grey oak where design permits and layouts indicate*
• Provision for installation of feature pendant lighting over kitchen islands & dining tables, where provided**
• Bosch Oven, Microwave, Frameless glass induction hob, Fridge Freezer & Dishwasher
• mQuvée fully integrated dual zone wine cooler
• Bosch Beneo, Microwave, Frameless Glass Island, Single electric oven, Fully integrated dual zone wine cooler, Fully integrated coffee machine
• Hansgrohe accessories in black*

SHOWER ROOMS
• Fully tiled with luxurious large format grey porcelain floor & wall tiles
• Feature wall comprising Mutina Mews satin coloured chevron tiling
• Villeroy & Bosch Momenta 2.0 surface mounted washbasin in white
• Hansgrohe Talis E single lever basin mixer in black™
• Bespoke vanity unit with drawers & black legs
• Matching wall cabinet with mirrored doors & concealed shower socket
• Villeroy & Bosch Finos wall mounted WC pan in white
• Villeroy & Bosch dual flush plate with concealed cistern in black™
• Hansgrohe ShowerSelect thermostat in black™
• Hansgrohe Raindance E square overhead shower & hand shower in black™
• Fixed full height glass shower screen with black trim
• Feature niches with glass shelves and downlights
• Electrically heated warm wall with Hansgrohe towel rail in black™
• Hansgrohe accessories in black™
• Three bedroom apartments have bath in lieu of overhead shower in the master bathroom
• Hansgrohe accessories in black™
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HEATING, COOLING & VENTILATION
• Wet underfloor heating to all habitable rooms
• Electric underfloor heating to all shower rooms
• Digital thermostat to every room with smart control
• Comfort cooling to all habitable rooms
• Sustainable and efficient communal Combined Heat & Power system
• Electric underfloor heating to all shower rooms
• Wet underfloor heating to all habitable rooms
• Combined Heat & Power system
• Pre-wiring for future installation of a wireless security system
• High security locking system to entrance doors with spy hole
• Development wide 24 hour CCTV monitoring
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ELECTRICAL
• LED downlights throughout
• Black electrical sockets & light switches™
• Wired for terrestrial & satellite TV
• Wired for telephone & Broadband installation
• Pre-wiring for future installation of feature pendant lighting points in living rooms & master bedrooms – concealed
• LED external lighting to all balconies and terraces where applicable

SECURITY
• Audio-visual colour door entry system
• Sprinkler system to all apartments & common areas
• Mains operated smoke & heat detectors
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COMMUNAL AREAS
• Reception & residents area featuring lounge, breakout & work spaces
• 24 hour concierge services
• Parcel receipt & storage service with cold store facility
• Private residents gym, cinema & dining room
• Landscaped terraces with 270 degree views
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• Private residents gym, cinema & dining room
• Landscaped terraces with 270 degree views

OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR EARLY PURCHASERS – AT NO ADDITIONAL COST
1. *Silver Pack* in lieu of *Black Pack* comprising silver and white fittings in lieu of black
2. Kamdien flooring in plank format in lieu of herringbone format
3. Karndean flooring in lieu of Carpet to all bedrooms
4. Selection of alternative kitchen cabinetry colours
5. LED downlights in lieu of provision for installation of feature pendant lighting over kitchen islands & dining tables

ADDITIONAL COST
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Brigade Court’s proud history is still defining its place in the future. The buildings themselves were the first headquarters and training facility of the London Fire Brigade and played a crucial role in developing modern standards of firefighting. Now this iconic building has been reimagined as the stunning location for a residential community that is setting new standards for the capital. It’s your chance to own a distinctive piece of London’s history, and shape your own place in the capital’s future.
THE HISTORY OF BRIGADE COURT

1866

The history of Brigade Court begins in 1866 with the foundation of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. This was the first publicly funded authority in charge of saving lives and protecting buildings from fire. The first headquarters for the MFB were at Southwark Fire Station, the site of Brigade Court.

1870s

In the 1870s and 1880s, the number of fire stations that opened across London significantly increased. Southwark Fire Station’s architecture served as the prototype for which new stations were based. Very few examples of this architecture remain today, making Brigade Court a site of special interest for its rarity.

1880s

Innovations that were pioneered at Southwark Fire Station influenced fire brigades across the world. These included new uniforms, new ranking systems, brass helmets and advanced technology to improve the service. The firefighters of Southwark Fire Station helped develop an engine which could be pulled by two horses and produce several jets of water at high pressure – a huge innovation in fighting fires in London.

1937

In 1937, the Fire Brigade’s headquarters moved from Southwark Fire Station to a building on Albert Embankment. Southwark Fire Station was then appointed as the training hub for firefighters in south London, while also operating as a fully working fire station. Its large size made it a perfect dispatch point to much of central London.

1940s

In the years before the Second World War, the Auxiliary Fire Service (AFS) was formed in January, 1938. A recruitment drive was launched, with over 28,000 firefighters needed to support the Fire Brigade’s 2,600 officers and firefighters, many of whom began working and operating at Southwark Fire Station. However, as most young men had joined the army, the AFS welcomed those too old or too young to go to war. It also marked the first time women joined the Brigade.

1960s

After closing service as an operating fire station, the site became home to the London Fire Brigade Museum for a number of decades, due to the historical significance of the site and its importance in the role of fire fighting in London and protection of the community.
THE FORMER LONDON FIRE REIMAGINED FOR TRADITIONAL WITH A DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN THE PA