

Peabody Buildings, Roscoe Street, Clerkenwell, London.



From 1875 onwards new housing legislation made London's first slum clearance schemes possible. The Clerkenwell site was cleared and Peabody built the estate in 1884. The original estate consisted of 11 blocks, eight of which were arranged round a central courtyard. There was a laundry room on the top floor of each block but no communal bath house.

In December 1940 a bomb fell on Blocks G and H killing 12 people. Block G was then demolished in 1964 due to subsidence and was replaced by a terrace of 5 houses. The estate was further modernised in the 1960s and 1970s.

In more recent years, the Clerkenwell estate was chosen to feature in the 2009 Terry Gilliam film *The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus*. The estate was chosen by Gilliam's team because it offered the "perfect London atmosphere".