"TREVIGLIO"

THE OLD TOWN

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The most significant evidence of Treviglio's ancient past is to be found in the composition of the buildings in its centre, enclosed within the internal ringroad where the fortified walls stood until the end of the 18th century.

The most interesting buildings are to be found along Via Roma, Via Verga, Via S. Martino and Via Galliari. The type of structures, the building materials used and inscriptions found here evoke the history of an ancient township. There are two distinct forms of construction and use of space: houses of simple design arranged around a courtyard and connectedterrace style balconies, and buildings with elegant colonnaded coutyards including a portico and in many cases ornamented with finely sculpted stonework capitals.

Both these styles originated with ancient Roman *villa* construction. Most of these latter structures are to be found along Via Roma and Via Galliari, while the former run along Via S. Martino, Via Verga and Via Sangalli.

The similarity of the façade details, specially in Via Verga and Via Sangalli, indicate a stylewhich reflected the character of the civil Community of Treviglio, people who were vener under feudal control or vassals of squires. Rather, in Via Galliari and Via Roma there were many merchant families who wished to distinguish themselves through the intricate elements used in decorating their mansions.

The most important details of Treviglio's centre is the arrangement of its streets: a right-angled plan can still be observed in the side streets off Via Roma and Via Sangalli. It is a clear sign of Treviglio's Roman past, confirming its ancient origins.