



Focus on Gosberton

Furniture showroom may revert back to cottage

A GOSBERTON couple want to convert their former business premises back into homes, which they plan to sell.

Jack and Betty Moon have applied to South Holland District Council for a change of use and alterations at 91 High Street, to return the furniture showroom and store back to living accommodation.

The couple, who formerly owned both

Moon's Removals and Moon's Furniture Stores, sold the removal side of the business last July and closed down the furniture stores earlier this year.

The cottage at 91 High Street was converted into a furniture showroom about 20 years ago.

Now Mr and Mrs Moon want to convert it back into a cottage, along with their two

other former business properties in Gosberton, for which they have already been granted change of use permission.

Moon's Removals, the house removal business, still operates under the same name but is now owned by Southerington Removals Ltd, of Melton Mowbray, and operates from Dial Hall, Station Street, Donington.

New life planned for 13th century Gosberton Manor

report by SARAH CHAPPELL

GOSBERTON Manor is being given a new lease of life.

The property, which dates back to the 13th century, was bought by horticulturalist Mr Richard Bingham, of Crossroad Nurseries, Quadring, with a five-year renovation project in mind.

He intends to maintain the 12-acre Gosberton Manor estate as an agricultural holding and run it as part of the business.

Outside, work has included refencing, windows of the house being changed, the wash house being re-roofed and joined to the rest of the house and the re-building of chimneys.

Inside, three pantries have been taken out and the rooms have been plastered and damp coursed.

Mr Bingham said that he and wife Sue bought Gosberton Manor because they liked it.

He said: "I had liked it for ten years and when I had gone by it I thought what a sad situation to see it in.

"It was empty on and off for 12 years - but inside it was not too bad.

"Gosberton people are thrilled to bits. Everybody who has walked by has been very nice, and interested. South Holland



▲ GOSBERTON Manor and surrounding gardens are being given a new lease of life by Richard Bingham. (LC1942/11)

Council have been very supportive and helpful.

"I have kept the work as local as possible - it has been done by local people."



▲ OUTBUILDINGS at Gosberton Manor to be redeveloped by new owner Richard Bingham. (LC1942/6)