

The Bury Society

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Going, Going, Gone

Our photos show buildings with an uncertain future

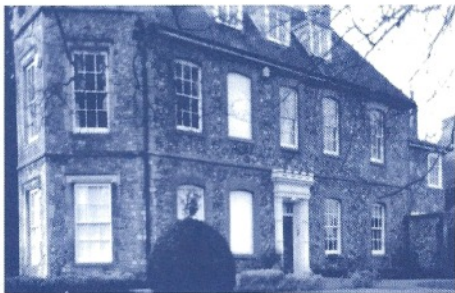


The fine 1930s building housing the **Borough Offices** on Angel Hill is to be sold and its future is in doubt.

The society, which wants the original property to be spot-listed by English Heritage, is disappointed that St Edmundsbury Borough Council has ruled out the idea of displaying the town's exceptional fine art and clock collection there.

The council is selling the Borough Offices because of its imminent move to the Public Service Village at Western Way.

(See correspondence overleaf between the society and the borough chief executive Mrs Deborah Cadman.)



The attractive **Alwyne House** in the Abbey Gardens is also to be sold by the authority as surplus to requirements. It has sought consent for its return to residential use.

The lower floor was a café, now closed, and the upstairs housed parks staff.

The building with its beautiful location was originally built for the use of Nathaniel Hodson while he developed the former botanic garden nearby.



Thingoe House, Northgate Street, a one-time residence and former Thingoe Rural District Council offices, has been sold by its most recent user, the Suffolk West NHS Primary Care Team.

The society hopes the new owners will retain the façade which fits in well with the street scene. It is not listed.

Pegasus Homes have been chosen as the preferred purchaser to convert the offices into accommodation for older people.

CHANGE OF VENUE

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON 3RD JUNE 2008 IN THE ATHENAEUM LOUNGE, COMMENCING AT 7 FOR 7.30 PM

THE HIDDEN GARDENS OF BURY

A chance to see delightful gardens tucked away in historic Bury is offered again this summer.

Make a note of the Hidden Gardens of Bury event on Sunday, June 15th, from 11am to 5pm, now in its 22nd year.

Varying gardens, normally unseen by the public, will once again enthral local people and the visitors who make a point of coming to the town for Hidden Gardens.

Entrance is by programme.

Thanks for newsletter help

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Please note that the views expressed in the newsletter do not necessarily reflect those of the Bury Society.

The next edition is due out in July and will take the form of a scaled-down Update. Back to the larger size in the autumn!