

Moyross neighbour is back in fashion

By LEADER REPORTER

MOYROSS could be shaping up to be the new North Circular Road after the price of a country estate near the troubled neighbourhood shot sky-high.

The 18th Century Castlepark House, which sits on 80 acres and is situated on the Clare side of Moyross, has increased by up to 10 times its original price. The estate with an address at Ballygrennan, Co Limerick was put up for sale in 2001, and despite the property boom remained unsold.

But now, according to Pat Kearney of Rooney Auctioneers, they are seeing "a lot of interest" in the property.

"Due to the Regeneration Programme happening in the area there has been a lot of interest shown by developers. They are looking to the

future and are seeing the marvellous potential of the Castlepark House property," said Mr Kearney.

"It was available for a couple of million back in 2001 but now it is well in excess of €10 million and climbing," he added.

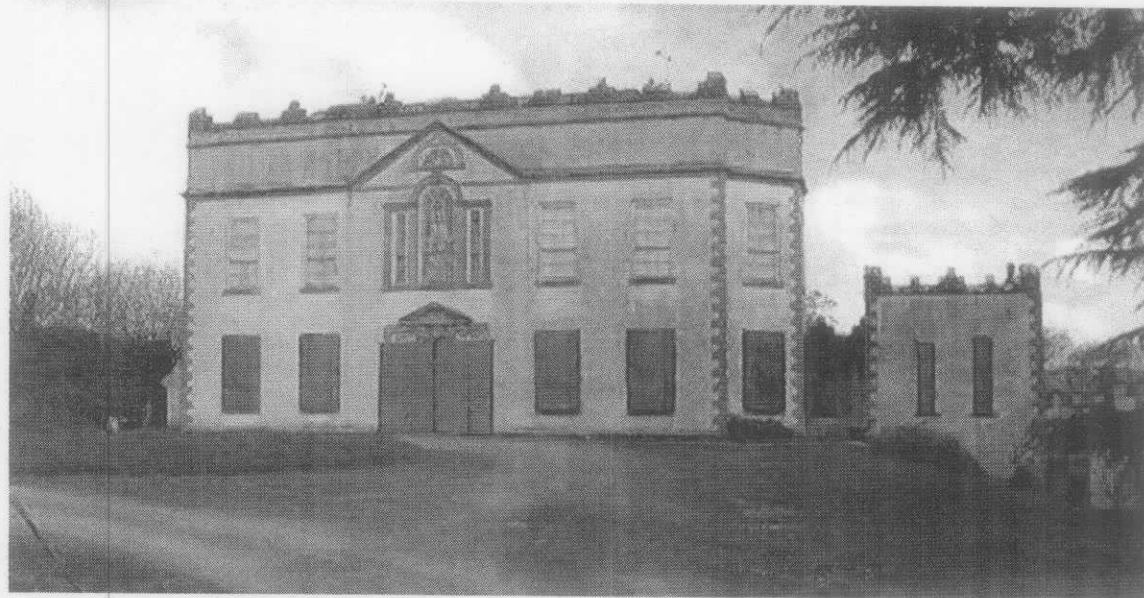
Access to the estate will be greatly improved by the new Moyross link road which will connect the area to the Ennis dual carriageway when it is completed in 2009.

"The link road will open up all this land. It will be within spitting distance of the Ennis dual carriageway. Its value has increased enormously," said Mr Kearney.

Despite the imposing house suffering extensive fire damage in 2001 it is still believed to be "occupied". Local legend says the house is haunted.

"It has a resident ghost," joked Mr Kearney.

It is known locally as The Delmege family who occupied it from the late



Castlepark House, Ballygrennan, which is located near Moyross has sky-rocketed in price

18th century up to 1969.

The family had an estate in Moyross - Delmege Park - named after then when it was constructed in the 1970s. Delmege Park has suffered some of the worst deprivation and anti-

social behaviour ever encountered in the country.

The 80 acre estate and house was bought by Limerick solicitor and coroner Jim Lyons in 1969, who lived here until his death in

December 2000.

Castlepark House is in County Limerick but it will come under the administration of Limerick City Council next year when the handover of county council land to the local city

authority takes place as recommended by the John Fitzgerald report.

The expansive estate is expected to be sold in the near future. Visit www.rooneys.eu or contact 061-413511 for more information.

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Dell award

RAHEEN-based Dell Computers has won a national award for best technical support/helpdesk. The computer giant was recognised at the Irish Contact Centre Awards for "its commitment to meeting its range of customer needs, the impressive key performance indices, the innovative services developed to enhance the customer experience and the level of positive customer feedback".

Holly Days

The ISPCC Limerick has launched the ISPCC's annual badge appeal 'Holly Days'. The Holly Days Appeal is now in its 20th year and runs from December 1st until Christmas Eve. Badges are on sale for €2 each in Limerick retailers.

Red Mist

Red Mist, the definitive account of the World Cup 2002 Saipan bust-up, written and directed by Limerick-born Eamon Little is out now on DVD. The tongue-in-cheek documentary is available in all good DVD shops now.