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Historic almshouses come to market

Former Nottingham almshouses, originally built to house veterans of the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny, have come to the open market for the first time.

Built in the arts and crafts style in 1908, the eleven Dorothy Boot Homes are attractively designed in a crescent. A well-known architectural feature of Wilford, the former almshouses benefit from being close to the river Trent and the centre of Nottingham and are set in over an acre of formal grounds.

Jessy Boot, who turned a Nottingham shop selling herbs into a national chain of chemists, was instrumental in funding the project. He named the almshouses after his daughter Dorothy. The properties have since been held by the Boots family under a 99-year lease, and in more recent years have benefited retired employees of the firm.

With the lease now expiring, these grade II listed properties have come to the open market with property and business consultants Brown & Co.

“Approaching a century since they were built, this is a wonderful and timely opportunity for these historic buildings to be refurbished for future occupants and generations to enjoy,” says Nick Dawes, partner of Brown & Co.

The Dorothy Boot Homes are being offered for sale freehold, with the benefit of vacant possession on completion, by formal tender – which closes on 16 July at noon. Interested purchasers should contact Brown & Co 01476 514433 or e-mail almshouses@brown-co.com.

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