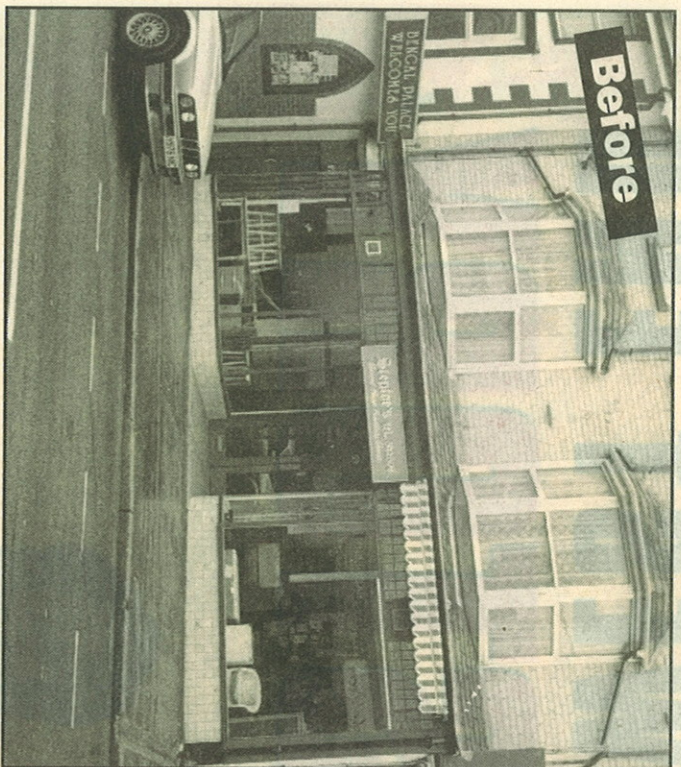


## Transformation is underway



# From rags

# to riches

By ROB WILKES

ONE of the first shop fronts in Colwyn Bay to benefit from the townscape heritage cash pot is now on proud display.

Second-hand furniture shop Steptoe's on Abergele Road has just completed work to help restore the building to its former glory.

The work has been mainly financed by the council funding programme through which businesses are able to carry out improvements with the bulk of the money coming from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The townscape heritage scheme is part of the overall drive to improve Colwyn Bay's image, and the council hopes it will play an important role in the town's regeneration programme.

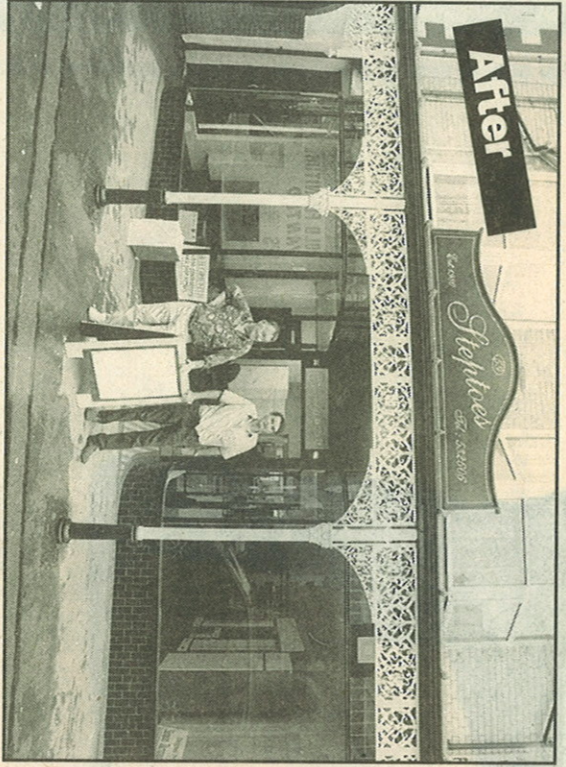
Steptoe's owner Geoffrey Gurning said he was pleased with the way his premises were looking.

He said: "The building was originally called the Embassy Ballroom. When I first got it, there was a leaded window above the double doors with the name on."

"I decided to put the name back. The whole front of the shop has been renovated, and the floor has been renewed."

The Victorian canopy has also been replaced.

A council spokesperson for the scheme said they had paid £26,000 towards the cost of the work.



## Group dives in to look at pool plan

PLANS to demolish a swimming pool complex next to an historic hotel will be carefully scrutinised by conservation advisers.

Members of the Llandudno Conservation Area Advisory Committee were told they will receive a report at their next meeting about the proposal to demolish the pool building at the Gogarth Abbey, West Shore.

Conwy County Council conservation adviser Dave Rigby said the committee would need more details on what would happen to the site after the pool was demolished before it could come to a decision.

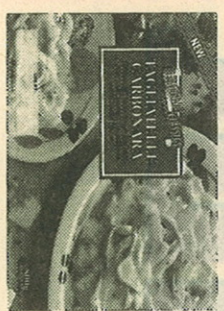
And he would find out more information before reporting back to the committee.

The owners of the hotel, which was originally the holiday home of the parents of Alice Liddell of *Alice in Wonderland* fame, are planning to replace the annex with an extension at the rear of the hotel housing a new pool and leisure complex.

Mr Rigby said: "This appears to be quite a discreet extension which is in keeping with the main building. But they will need conservation area consent before they can demolish the existing pool building."

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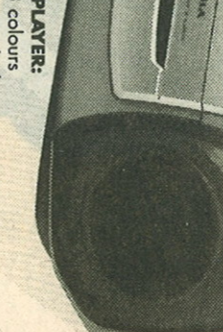
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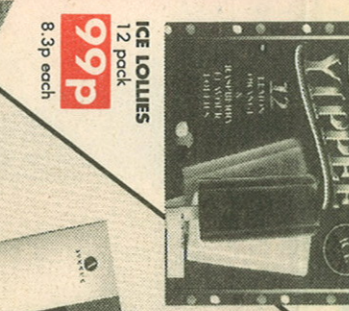
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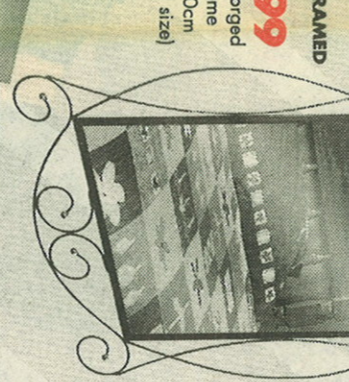
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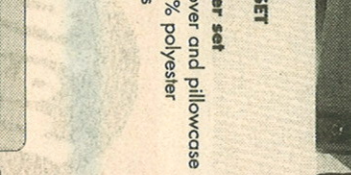
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