

## Leighton's Closure

Carpet store rolls out closing sale invite

A Cottingham store due to close its doors is giving 7,000 local residents the chance to be first in the queue for the bargains.

Family-run Leighton's are hand-delivering invitations to Cottingham residents ahead of the closure of its Hallgate store this month.

It will be a sad day when we close, but unfortunately we have outgrown Cottingham's largest high street shop. We display a far greater range of products at our larger stores in Hull, Beverley and Goole and our customers are making the short journey to those stores for a better shopping experience," said Chris Booker, director of the local family chain with his brother Neil and sister Suzanne.

The Hallgate shop closes on March 19 to prepare for its last ever sale. No jobs will be lost; staff will be transferred to other Leighton's branches.

"We want to thank Cottingham people for their custom over the last eight years, so they they will have two days of exclusive shopping on Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23, before the sale starts on Monday March 26," added Chris.

Huge reductions will include a double divan set for £89, a two-seater sofa for £99 and recliner chairs for £299. Room-sized carpets will be sold from as little as £50.

Fred Booker, the father of Chris, Neil and Suzanne, first worked as a pawnbroker for Hesse Road name Sid Leighton in 1950 and expanded Sid's carpet square ancillary business into Leighton's Carpets (Hull) Ltd, a few years later.

The company branched out into curtains, soft furnishings and beds in the 80s and 90s, earning a name for quality and straight-talking advice. It is now a member of one of the largest buying groups in the UK and a flourishing home retail organisation taking on the big-name stores.

"Younger generations of home-makers are now discovering Leighton's," said Chris. "They demand on-trend, stylish furnishings and furniture at the right price and we are proving that a long-respected family business where their parents and grandparents shopped is now their destination store."

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