

BAMFORTH'S BUILDING RESTORED

In October Martin Gilbert was passing through Holmfirth and was delighted to see that



the original Bamforth building has now been renovated after many years of neglect. According to the planning application it is intended for mixed use of retail, offices and apartments. The building was used as a studio from 1870



by James Bamforth who set up as a portrait photographer. After he began producing magic lantern slides in 1883, the building had to be extended. The building eventually closed in 1988 and has been vacant since although the firm, Bamforth & Co, is currently owned by Ian Wallace. Martin has supplied some photographs of the current building and well-deserved 'blue plaque' now attached to it. (see also page 2)