

Leckhampton Court

Manor House to Hospice

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One of the oldest medieval houses in Gloucestershire, Leckhampton Court has had a rich and varied history. It dominated village life for some 600 years until the estate was sold at the end of the 19th century.

The Lords of the Manor included members of important local families - the Giffards, Norwoods and Tryes - and the book relates some of their more interesting achievements. During the First World War the Court housed a Red Cross hospital and in the Second World War a camp was set up in the grounds, occupied in turn by British and US troops and then by German POWs.

Today the Court is best known as a Sue Ryder Hospice, noted for its atmosphere of love, compassion, unhurried care and understanding of patients' needs.

Mary Paget, in the *Research Bulletin* of the Charlton Kings

Local History Society, writes as follows about Terry Moore-Scott's *The Manorial Estates of Leckhampton* and Eric Miller's *Leckhampton Court - Manor House to Hospice*:

"Two works on Leckhampton to appear at once is a great piece of good fortune for local historians. The two do not overlap so much as complement each other and both deserve to be widely read. 'The Manorial Estates' is more concerned with Leckhampton as a geographical unit, while 'Manor House to Hospice' deals with Leckhampton Court, lords of the manor, and the uses to which the the house has been put during two

world wars and subsequently. Terry's paper traces traces the history of some of the oldest families in Leckhampton and also contains two detailed maps with field names."