

Nymphsfield Community Pub

Newsletter – June 2026



Dear Supporter,

Welcome to the June newsletter.

Grants and Funding

The BIG news this month is that our application to the [National Lottery Heritage Fund](#) (NLHF) was successful, securing a grant of **£208,000!** Thank you to everyone involved in preparing the 45-page (excluding supporting documents) grant application, especially Richard Day who did the most of the “heavy lifting”. The full press release is appended to the end of this newsletter.

The NLHF funding is pivotal to phase one of our renovation and reopening plan. It will enable the full replacement of the leaking roof, together with essential repairs to roof timbers, chimneys and rainwater goods to make the building structurally sound and watertight. Inside, we will undertake a complete electrical rewire and install new heating and plumbing systems across most of the ground floor and fit a modern cellar cooling system to support future bar operations. Access and sustainability improvements include levelling the front garden to create step-free access and installing roof-mounted solar PV on the south- and west-facing elevations at the rear.

Other grants:

We’ve submitted the stage two grant application pack to the [Summerfield Trust](#) to secure the majority of the funding needed for accessible toilet facilities. Our application will be reviewed at their trustees’ meeting in late July. Additionally, we’ve applied for a £5k grant from the Matthew Good Foundation’s “[Grants for Good](#)” programme and a £1k grant from Stroud District Council’s [Small Grants](#) programme to also fund these facilities.

Phase One Delivery

While we await formal “permission to proceed” from the NLHF, our phase one delivery leadership team has been meeting to finalise contractor selection and update the project timeline. We anticipate appointing key contractors for the roof, electrics and plumbing and heating over the coming weeks. Simultaneously, we expect to begin strip-out activities with our volunteer teams.

Following our successful application to the [Take a Stand](#) scheme run by Life Cycle, we have identified and agreed a suitable location for four bike stands in the car park area but without losing parking space. Our Outside Spaces team is now working with Life Cycle to complete the installation.

Events

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Open Gardens event on Saturday 13th June. A special thank you to the generous owners who opened their gardens for the afternoon and the bakers who provided a delightful selection of cakes. We also thank those who kindly donated plants for sale. It was a glorious day and well-attended event, which generated an amazing £1.5k in proceeds.

We're so grateful to the events team for organising another successful and enjoyable fundraiser. After delivering three fantastic events over the past three months, the team is now taking a well-deserved break. These events have collectively contributed over £6k in proceeds!



AGM

Another reminder! Our next AGM will be held on **Friday 18th September 2026** at Nympsfield village hall. Please save the date.

Keeping in Touch

We'll continue to share updates through our various communication channels as progress is made. If you haven't already, please:

- Join our Facebook page: Nympsfield Community Pub
- Follow us on Instagram: @the_nympsfield_community_pub_
- Visit our website: nympsfieldcommunitypub.co.uk

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch via email, social media, or speak to one of the team members in person!

Best regards,

Nympsfield Community Pub



18th June 2026

PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

Nympsfield Community Pub secures National Lottery Heritage Fund Grant to restore the Rose & Crown Inn

Nympsfield Community Pub Limited is delighted to announce that its application to The National Lottery Heritage Fund has been successful, securing major investment to rescue and restore the historic Rose & Crown Inn. This award of £208,000 represents a transformative step in safeguarding the Grade II listed building and returning it to the heart of village life.

The funding will enable urgent heritage works, including a full roof replacement, structural timber repairs, restoration of the unique spring-fed cellar cooling system, and improvements to accessibility. These interventions will protect the building's historic fabric and ensure it can once again serve as a vibrant community hub.

The project will also deliver a permanent heritage display and digital archive, celebrating the Inn's long history as a landmark of the village and a focal point for social connection across generations.

Chairperson of Nympsfield Community Pub Limited, Matthew Burke, said: "This is a landmark moment for our village. Thanks to National Lottery players, we can now save the Rose & Crown Inn and bring it back as a thriving, welcoming community hub. Our 428 shareholders, our supporters, and the many local suppliers who have backed us from the start have shown extraordinary commitment, and this grant ensures their efforts will result in a restored, resilient pub at the heart of Nympsfield once again."

Stuart McLeod, Director of England – London & South at The National Lottery Heritage Fund, said: "Communities are at the heart of everything we do and this project is a wonderful example of that in action. The Rose & Crown's story is inspiring – a pub shaped and saved by the very community it has served for over 300 years. Thanks to National Lottery players, this Grade II listed building will be restored, made more accessible, and its rich history brought to life for future generations."

The project will now move into the delivery phase, working with specialist contractors, volunteers, and Gloucestershire Archives to bring the project to fruition.

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Notes to editors

About Nympsfield Community Pub Limited

Nympsfield Community Pub Limited is a community benefit society formed to rescue, restore, and reopen the historic Rose & Crown Inn as a community-owned asset. Backed by 428 community

shareholders, our mission is to transform the village's last remaining pub into an inclusive, thriving social hub, community café, and village hub for the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

About The National Lottery Heritage Fund

Our vision is for heritage to be valued, cared for and sustained for everyone, now and in the future. That's why as the largest funder for the UK's heritage we are dedicated to supporting projects that connect people and communities to heritage, as set out in our strategic plan, Heritage 2033. Heritage can be anything from the past that people value and want to pass on to future generations. We believe in the power of heritage to ignite the imagination, offer joy and inspiration, and to build pride in place and connection to the past.

Over the next 10 years, we aim to invest £3.6billion raised for good causes by National Lottery players to make a decisive difference for people, places and communities.

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