Nympsfield Community Pub Newsletter July 2025



Hi All,

We know that the last few months may have felt like a lull in activity following the excitement of our Community Share Offer and having our offer to purchase the Rose & Crown Inn accepted (and then later falling through), but behind the scenes the management committee have still been working hard and we would like to thank you all for your continued support. We have a few updates to share with you this month...

Purchase of the Rose & Crown

In June we showed a prospective estate agent around the site, but as far as we know the pub and stables are still not being re-marketed.

We are continuing to explore and develop different options to enable the community purchase of the pub. We will share further details as soon as we are able to do so, but we want to reassure you that the interim management committee are working relentlessly to find ways to unlock the purchase.

Community Right to Buy Bill

Measures to strengthen a community's right to buy assets like pubs have been included in the government's <u>English Devolution Bill</u>, which had its first reading in the Commons on 10 July.

"The community group and asset owner will either negotiate a price for the asset, or an independent valuer will set a price based on the market value," the government said, adding "The moratorium on the sale of the asset will be extended to 12 months, giving community groups more time to raise funding to meet the agreed purchase price."

We will study the relevant parts of the Bill and feedback our comments to Simon Opher MP. If you are interested in reviewing the Bill, it can be found here (see pages 264-288). Please let us know your comments too.

Reopening the Rose and Crown - A Community-Ownership Inside Story

Our campaign to save the Rose & Crown Inn has been picked up by the Royal Society of Arts (RSA). Eric Sandelands, Fellow of the RSA and passionate supporter of Britain's pubs, spoke with our Chair Matthew Burke about our mission to save the Rose & Crown Inn as part of a series of articles he's writing about Community Owned Pubs. You can read his fascinating article here.

Stroud News & Journal Community Awards

Our Interim Management Committee attended the SNJ Community Awards in June, where we were nominated for the "Best Community Project or Group" category. We were joint runners-up with GL11 Community Hub. Congratulations to The Door who won the award!

AGM

A reminder that our first AGM will be held on **Friday 26th September** at 7pm at Nympsfield village hall. Members of the Society have received notice of the AGM and details on the Management Committee nominations and elections process by email.

Keeping in touch

We will continue to share further updates about all these topics through our various communications channels as they progress. If you haven't already done so, please:

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

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch via email, social media or by speaking to one of the team members in person!

Kind Regards,

Nympsfield Community Pub Group