

Nympsfield Community Pub

Newsletter October 2025



Hi All,

September and October has been a busy time as we gear up for the purchase of the pub, held our first AGM and got our hands dirty (literally) at the Rose & Crown Inn! We are also making plans for our next pop-in-pub fundraiser. Read on for more details...

Purchase of the Rose & Crown Inn

After a challenging six months, a new buyer for the Stables has been found and we are excited to report that our purchase is moving forward again. We have been working closely with the buyer of the Stables to agree the boundary line and access rights for pub deliveries. In late August, we instructed our solicitor to recommence the transaction, and we hope to complete the purchase next month (November).

Renovation and Reopening

With the purchase back underway we are now focussing our attention on phase one renovation works to enable the bar area to reopen in the summer of 2026.

A planning and listed building consent application will shortly be submitted including reroofing the pub, the addition of a disabled washroom and improved accessibility. We recently applied for permission to remove the shrubs/trees at the front of the pub and at the side entrance, which will increase light into the bar and entrance areas.

The cellar has been subject to flooding for many years. Following recent flooding in September, we conducted a major clean-up operation and root cause analysis. During the clean-up we removed years of silt and debris from the cellar that was blocking gulleys which allow natural spring water to flow through the cellar and out to the external drains under the road. The external drains were also blocked and causing rainwater to backup into the cellar. A CCTV inspection of the external drains identified numerous tree roots growing through the joints and causing the drains to block. The roots have now been cut away using specialist underground equipment and the drains are flowing freely for the first time in a long while. We will continue to monitor the cellar and lift the manholes for blockages as part of the cellar's maintenance schedule.



Several unsolicited enquiries have been received from people interested in managing the Rose & Crown Inn. Informal discussions have begun with prospective tenants, but we won't begin a formal process until the purchase has completed.

We have also been in contact with Stroud District Council about reactivating the premises licence, which is currently suspended.

AGM

It was encouraging to see so many of our members at our inaugural AGM on 26th September. For those who could not make it, the AGM presentation is available for [download](#) from the documents section on our website. Following the AGM, our FY25 financial statements have been filed with the FCA and are available for [download](#) from the FCA's website.

Grants

Our application to [The Honourable Company of Gloucestershire Charitable Trust](#) was unsuccessful. However, our application to [The Langtree Trust](#) was successful and they have confirmed a pledge of **£800** subject to completion of the purchase of the pub.

We have started preparing an outline submission to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for a grant of £250,000. The funds will primarily be used for re-roofing and repairing the external fabric of the listed building.

We will shortly be launching a [Stroud Funding](#) project to raise funds for the ground floor renovation works. Eligible projects can receive a pledge from Stroud District Council of up to £10,000 (up to a maximum of 50% of the project's target). Once our Stroud Funding project is open, we will be writing to our members and followers seeking

pledges to help us reach our funding target. Click [here](#) for a sneak preview of our project – please click like to show your support!

Events

Our next fundraising event is a **Pop-in-Pub on Saturday 20th December 6pm – 11pm**. The event will be held in the front and rear bar of the Rose & Crown Inn with carol singing (hopefully a local male choir) and live music. The Cotswold Pizza Co. will be serving wood-fired, stone-baked pizzas again. As always, there will be a wide selection of drinks including different real ales. Watch out for more information nearer the time.

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