# Nympsfield Community Pub Newsletter June



Good Afternoon,

Since we last wrote to you in May there has been further progress in a number of areas, so we wanted to take the opportunity to share an update with you all.

## **Pop Up Pub Event**

On Saturday 18 May, our 'Pop Up Pub' event saw the usually empty Rose & Crown Inn car park transformed into a lively hub of activity. Thank you again to the more than 300 of you who came along to show your support and raise vital funds to preserve our much-loved village pub! And a special thanks to all the village institutions and local businesses that helped make the day possible!

The money raised at the event has gone towards funding activities, such as a bat survey, that are required to secure the purchase of the pub and ensure its place as a central part of village life for generations to come.

#### Purchase of the Rose & Crown Inn

We received an independent valuation report for the pub towards the end of May. As well as valuing the property, the report analysed the business potential and concluded that the pub can be run as a sustainable business. We are in regular contact with the owner to finalise a purchase agreement informed by this valuation report.

#### **Grant Funding**

In June, we received a £10,000 'Reach' grant from the Social Investment Business Group. This grant will support the launch of our community share offer, including development of our share offer prospectus, assessment for the community share standard mark and further ecological surveys.

In May, we also received a £500 grant from Nympsfield Parish Council to support upfront costs for fundraising events like the Pop-Up Pub. Thank you Nympsfield Parish Council!

We had been preparing our application for a £300,000 grant from the Government's Community Ownership Fund (COF) but, due to the upcoming general election, this funding has been put on hold. Whilst we wait to hear about COF, we have identified and applied for a number of other grants.

## **Business Plan and Community Share Offer**

The team have been very busy over the last few weeks developing our business plan and community share offer prospectus. We should be ready to share these soon!

#### **Upcoming Fundraising Events**

#### Nympsfield Open Gardens

We are planning an open gardens event from 2-5pm on Sunday 4 August. We will share more information on this event soon but in the meantime if you would like to open your garden to help with our fundraising please contact <a href="mailto:Nympsfield.community.pub.events@gmail.com">Nympsfield.community.pub.events@gmail.com</a>

#### **Promises Auction**

We will be holding a promises auction on Saturday 9 November at the Nympsfield Village Hall. If you would like to put forward a promise for auction, please get in touch as soon as possible by emailing our fundraising team at: <a href="https://www.nympsfield.community.pub.events@gmail.com">nympsfield.community.pub.events@gmail.com</a>. Promises could include offering to bake a cake each month for a year, washing someone's car, a night in a holiday home, sports or language lessons, help with gardening etc.

## **Volunteering**

As the project continues to progress, we will need more volunteers to support the Operations and Building working groups. If you're interested in being involved in the working groups please contact <a href="https://www.nympsfield.com/nunity.pub@gmail.com">nunity.pub@gmail.com</a> and one of the team will get back to you.

#### **Keeping in touch**

We will be sharing further updates about all these topics through our various communications channels as they progress. Don't forget to:

- Join our Facebook page: <u>Nympsfield Community Pub</u>
- Follow us on Instagram: <a href="mailto:othe-nympsfield\_community\_pub\_">othe-nympsfield\_community\_pub\_</a>
- · Visit our website: <a href="mailto:nympsfieldcommunitypub.co.uk">nympsfieldcommunitypub.co.uk</a>

Kind Regards,

The Nympsfield Community Pub Group