

#### Hi All,

It's been another busy month for our volunteers, but it's been great to see the support shown for our Community Share Offer and ongoing fundraising efforts – thank you all! Please see our latest updates below.

# **Community Share Offer**

Since our Community Share Offer opened last month, we have raised over £120,000 towards the purchase of the Rose & Crown Inn from more than 150 investors.

This is a fantastic start, but we need to ensure that we keep this momentum up in order to reach our goal of £400k. Our Community Share Offer is still open until 6 November, but the sooner we get close to reaching it, the more likely it is that we will be able to unlock further investment, so we urge anyone planning to invest to do so as soon as possible.

If we don't succeed, the current owner has good planning grounds to convert the building into housing, and the pub will be lost forever. To secure the pub's future, we need each of you to invest as much as you can afford. If you have already purchased shares, you can add to these by submitting an additional application form and cheque/BACS transfer.

Whether you are able invest yourself or not, please do share our social media posts and help spread the word about our Community Share Offer as far as possible!

We will be promoting the share offer at Stroud and Nailsworth markets on Saturday 26 October, so please come and say hi if you are there.

Our share offer prospectus, business plan and share application form are <u>available on our website</u>. If you, or anyone you know, would like a paper copy of the share prospectus and share application form, please contact <u>nympsfield.community.pub@gmail.com</u>

## **Fundraising Events**

#### **Promises Auction**

Our Promises Auction is coming up on Saturday 9 November from 7pm at the Nympsfield Village Hall. Tickets are now on sale for £10 per person – please contact: <a href="mailto:nympsfield.community.pub.events@gmail.com">nympsfield.community.pub.events@gmail.com</a> to order your tickets.

Tickets will include a glass of prosecco and cheese board on arrival, as well as the chance to bid on the fantastic promises on offer – including a Trial Gliding Lesson with the Bristol & Gloucestershire Gliding Club, an exclusive tour of Uley Brewery, a barista course with the Rough Hands Coffee Team, a short break in Watchet, a series of Pilates sessions, a month's membership to Golden Valley CrossFit, a tour of Highgrove Gardens, family admission to Woodchester Mansion and many more! There will also be a cash/card bar available throughout the evening – a very appealing way to start your Christmas shopping or treat yourself!

If you'd like to put forward a promise but haven't done so, please get in touch as soon as possible by emailing our fundraising team at: <a href="mailto:nympsfield.community.pub.events@gmail.com">nympsfield.community.pub.events@gmail.com</a>

#### **Cardiff Half Marathon**

Janet Acton and Jenny Bailey raised over £1000 for Nympsfield Community Pub earlier this month running the Cardiff Half Marathon – and achieved a personal best time. Congratulations and thank you Janet and Jenny!

If you're feeling inspired by Janet and Jenny's efforts and would like to run a marathon, commit to a dry January etc to fundraise for the pub, please get in touch at <a href="mailto:nympsfield.community.pub@gmail.com">nympsfield.community.pub@gmail.com</a>

## Purchase of the Rose & Crown Inn

As announced at the share offer launch event, we have exclusivity on the purchase of the Rose & Crown Inn until 31 January 2025.

We continue to work with the pub's owner and the prospective purchaser/developer of the stables to agree the boundary between the pub and the stables and associated rights of way. The pub's owner and stables developer intend to relocate the pub's LPG tank to be buried in the pub's front garden and we are investigating the impact of this on the use of the garden.

# **Grant Applications**

We have applied to the Clothworkers Foundation open grants programme, which awards grants towards capital projects including the purchase, construction, renovation or refurbishment of buildings. Clothworkers Foundation can award grants of up to £150,000 and we should know the outcome of our application within 3 months.

We expect to know whether our application for £1000 funding from Cooperative Bank Customer Donation Fund was successful during the month of October.

The team are also being interviewed on 17 October as part of a £4000 grant with the School for Social Entrepreneurs.

If you are aware of grant funding opportunities, particular ones that fund capital projects, then please contact the grants team at: <a href="mailto:nympsfield.community.pub.grants@gmail.com">nympsfield.community.pub.grants@gmail.com</a>

# Keeping in touch

We will be sharing further updates about all these topics through our various communications channels as they progress. If you haven't already, please do:

- Join our Facebook page: Nympsfield Community Pub
- Follow us on Instagram: @the\_nympsfield\_community\_pub\_

• Visit our website: nympsfieldcommunitypub.co.uk and check out our press coverage.

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 in person!

Kind Regards,

**The Nympsfield Community Pub Group**