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Community Connection

As a community paper, it seems apt that much of the news carried by Nailsworth News is community orientated and October is no exception. This month we feature the project to revive The Rose & Crown at Nympsfield as a community pub, café and shop, Mid-counties donation to the Stroud Valley Project and the inception of Jenny's Joy, an organisation offering help to those in our community in need of support.

Your community magazine also details plans for the much-anticipated Nailsworth Goodwill evening, a wonderful community event held in the season of goodwill. Last but not least, an invitation to join Stan's Patch Community Orchard for a chat, a brew and a share of the labour on the slope of Rockness. 🐣

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Help Save the Rose & Crown, Nympsfield

**It takes a village to raise a child,
it takes a village to save a pub.**

On Saturday 7th September, Nympsfield Community Pub Limited launched its Community Share Offer, giving people the opportunity to purchase shares and own part of the Rose & Crown Inn, Nympsfield.

The Rose & Crown Inn is the last remaining pub in Nympsfield and has been at the heart of the community since the mid-1800s. Sadly, following a sustained period of chronic under-investment in the pub's beautiful Grade II listed building, it closed in March 2023 and the fabric of the building has continued to deteriorate rapidly, leaving it in a critical state of disrepair. In April 2024, a group of Nympsfield residents registered Nympsfield Community Pub Limited (NCPL) as a Community Benefit Society in order to purchase, refurbish and reopen the pub.

NCPL's vision is to recreate a welcoming pub at the heart of the village, owned by and run for the benefit of the community. As well as serving good quality, locally sourced and reasonably priced food and drink, the Rose & Crown Inn will be a space to meet and connect with others and will provide additional services such as a café and village shop.

NCPL's newly launched Community Share Offer, open until 6th November 2024, is aiming to raise between £400,000 and £450,000 to purchase the pub. The share offer has been awarded the Community Shares Standard Mark, awarded to offers that meet national standards of good practice.

Matthew Burke, Chair of the Interim

Management Committee, said: *The response from the wider community so far has been fantastic. In the lead up to the share offer launch we've already seen the momentum building. There's been an incredible amount of support shown for our plans to reopen the Rose & Crown Inn as a community-owned pub; hundreds of people have attended our fundraising events, participated in our consultation, followed us on social media and signed up to our email updates. We're under no illusion that raising the capital required will be easy, but we are confident in the long-term success of the project. The Rose & Crown Inn has a long history of being commercially successful, and we received an independent valuation report in May which concluded it can still be run as a sustainable business. Its current closure comes down to the poor state of the building as a consequence of long-term underinvestment.*

We invite anyone over the age of 16 to purchase shares. You don't have

to live in Nympsfield and you can purchase shares on behalf of a business or to gift to family and friends. Our £50 minimum shareholding is designed to make it as accessible as possible to the whole community. If we don't act now, this historic building, a registered asset of community value, could be lost forever! If you are interested in purchasing shares, please visit nympsfieldcommunitypub.co.uk to read the business plan and share offer prospectus, and complete the online share application form by 6th November 2024. You can also request a paper copy of the prospectus and application form by emailing: nympsfield.community.pub@gmail.com

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