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THE
FORESTER



Our campaign has real momentum, and this month has shown just how strong and determined our community is. Here's the latest on what's been happening and how you can keep the energy growing.

1. **Publicity: A Brilliant Community Turnout – Thank You**

Over 100 supporters – plus a good number of enthusiastic dogs and a tortoise – gathered outside The Forester on a very wet Saturday for a photograph requested by The Telegraph. The Telegraph has since followed up with interviews, and a photographer returned on 25th February for more shots. We've been assured an article is coming, and we'll share it the moment it lands.

How you can help:

If you know anyone in print, radio, TV, or online journalism who might champion our cause, please put us in touch. Every bit of publicity strengthens our hand.

2. Social Media: Growing Our Voice

Our online presence continues to expand across:

- Website: [Support The Forester](#)
- Instagram: @foresterpub
- Facebook: Support The Forester

How you can help:

Follow, like, share, repost, tag, and spread the word. Our MP, John Glen, is already sharing our posts. If you know any social media influencers who might support us, please respond to this email address.

We're also looking for great photos of the pub—inside, outside, and in the garden—as well as stories, memories, or suggested posts. Simply reply to this email with anything we can use.

3. Fundraising: A Strong Start

We are working towards our target of £750,000. So far, we've received £557,550 in pledges from 153 potential investors—a fantastic achievement.

How you can help:

If you haven't pledged yet, please consider doing so.

Encourage friends, colleagues, and businesses to get involved.

If you have fundraising experience and can volunteer your skills, we'd love to hear from you.

4. Donheads' Community Benefit Society Registered

We're delighted to confirm that the Donheads' Community Benefit Society is now officially registered with the Financial Conduct Authority under the Co-operative and Community Societies Act 2014. This is a major milestone, as it allows us to issue community shares to raise the funds needed to buy the pub.

5. Survey and Valuation

We commissioned Sidney Phipps to carry out a full evaluation of The Forester—both the building and its business potential. The survey took place on 17 February, and we expect the report in the second week of March. This will give us the professional

foundation we need for negotiations, costing any repairs and for shaping the Business Plan.

6. Change of Use: Decision Deferred

The Change of Use application (PL/2025/0577) was due for decision on 6 February. The applicant has requested more time, and the deadline has now been moved to 31 March 2026. We continue to lobby the planning officer, her supervisor, our ward councillor, and our MP.

Together, we have submitted 249 objections—a powerful demonstration of community resolve. We'll post updates on the website as soon as we hear more.

Thank you for your continued support. It is your energy, commitment, and belief that keep this campaign moving forward. Together, we will save The Forester and bring our pub back to the heart of the Donheads.