



Update – 12th December 2025

Community Engagement - keeping you informed

Public meeting – our first meeting on the 15th November, held at St Andrew's Church was attended by over 130 people, copies of the minutes and presentation have been circulated. Our MP John Glenn attended and has thrown his weight behind the campaign, featuring our cause on his Instagram feed. Radio station 'This Is Alfred' also gave us some very valuable coverage.

Website – we plan to have the website up and running in December.

Social media – we plan to have our Facebook page up and running in December.

Updates – this is our first community 'Update'. When we have more news, we will issue fresh 'Updates'.

Securing the Asset of Community Value designation – ACV

We are delighted to report the **ACV** was granted on 17th November. The ACV will be enormously helpful fighting the planning application for change of use.

Planning application

A decision was due by November 19th however the planners have put this back to December 5th and we are still waiting to hear. With your 248 objections and our objection on behalf of the CBS we trust that the Planning Officer will make the right decision.

Creating our Community Benefit Society

We have reviewed a raft of information from the Plunkett Foundation who are guiding us through our application. We have drawn up a long list of questions for our meeting with our Plunkett adviser in the coming days. We plan to submit our application in December.

How much money do we need to raise?

Work continues to obtain estimates for the refurbishment of the buildings internally and externally, outline costs of fixtures/fittings and the costs of redesigning some areas. Professional surveys of the building and the business will be also carried out. To buy the pub, allow for working capital, stamp duty, professional fees and other costs we will need to raise around £700-750k.

Fund Raising amongst the community

As mentioned at the public meeting, we now need to understand everyone's appetite to invest. We have emailed the 320+ email addresses we have on our register, asking how much everyone is prepared to invest. There will be absolutely no commitment at this stage, we simply want to understand the appetite of the community.

If you can make a pledge, please email [cllr**barkham@donheadstandrew-pc.gov.uk**](mailto:cllrbarkham@donheadstandrew-pc.gov.uk)

We thank you in advance for your continuing support