



Update – 18th December 2025

Community Engagement - keeping you informed

Dear Supporter,

Forester Fund Raising Update

We are delighted to share that this past week has been truly fantastic — with pledges from **65** supporters totalling **£400,300**. This represents more than 50% of the target sum, and we are hugely appreciative for such an incredible response. It confirms how much the community really do want to save The Forester!

Your Interim Management Committee is working hard to complete the registration of the Community Benefit Society, and to prepare both the business plan and share prospectus for the New Year. These will be key to encouraging you to convert your pledges into Community Shares and help us reach our goal to reopen The Forester for the community.

Over Christmas, we ask you to help us 'spread the word'. Whilst, thanks to the many pledges so far, we are well on the way to meeting the goal, we do still need to raise a further **£350,000**.

Please encourage friends, family, and colleagues who may not be on our mailing list to participate and **send an email with their name and the amount they wish to pledge to cllrbarkham@donheadstandrew-pc.gov.uk**. While we won't be contacting you again until the New Year, we welcome all further pledges in the meantime, so we can go into the New Year in a position to purchase the pub.

Thank you again for the terrific support.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best regards,

Interim Management Committee

Simon Barkham, Peter Dawson, Nick Martin, Alistair Stoker, Miranda de Bellaigue, Natalie Everest, Marcus Shepherd, Hamish Sherlock.

We thank you in advance for your continuing support