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Save The Forester
Community Update October 2026

Unanimous vote to proceed with the purchase of The Forester



We are buying the pub!

A huge thank you to more than 150 people who turned up last Saturday morning to vote unanimously in favour of proceeding with the purchase of the pub at the agreed sales price of £412,500. Thank you also to those who were unable to attend in person and confirmed their support via email. This is a big vote of confidence in the project and we can now move forward with the four next steps as outlined in the **presentation**: legal, fundraising, refurbishment and selecting tenants.

What to expect next from us

We will be circulating the Business Plan and the Share Offer Document later this month as soon as we have received the **Community Shares Standard Mark (CCSM).** The CCSM is a voluntary national "kitemark" awarded to community share offers in the UK that meet strict guidelines of

transparency, fairness, and governance. The certification process requires an independent, rigorous assessment of the **business plan, share offer document, and governing rules** by a licensed practitioner.

After this point, we will update you on anticipated timings for the various workstreams. For now, we are hoping to complete the purchase by the end of January 2027 and then start immediately on the refurbishment work with a view to **re-opening the doors of our pub** during the summer months.

Questions from the floor

During the meeting, a number of important **questions** were raised across several topics including: ensuring that the community impact aspects are delivered; stress testing the business plan and financial projections; sourcing high calibre tenants; and specific details regarding the shares.

The answers to these questions can also be found in the Business Plan, but please do contact us directly for any further points of clarification.

What you can do to help

Please do continue to come forward with suggestions, ideas and offers to volunteer. We have been delighted to already receive further pledges and several offers of help since the meeting.

If you have been waiting for more certainty before making a pledge and now feel you can, please do make a pledge now

The Management Committee (Simon Barkham, Nick Martin, Peter Dawson, Alistair Stoker, Miranda de Bellaigue, Marcus Shepherd, Hamish Sherlock, Brent Hyde-Smith, Michael Culligan)
