



Save The Forester Community Update

27th January 2026

1. Fund Raising

We continue to ask for pledges to reach our target of **£750,000**.

- We are hugely grateful to all **138** of you that have pledged **£526,300**
- This leaves us with **£223.7K** to raise to reach our target, and we are working hard on the following:
 - We are expanding our fundraising reach beyond The Donheads via social media
 - We have a team working through a list of possible grant-funding bodies to contribute towards the target – sums are likely to be low
 - We are writing to local businesses to ask for contributions and sponsorships

How can you help?

Please make your pledge if you haven't already.

Please help spread the word and ask your friends, colleagues and companies to participate in Saving The Forester

2. Social Media

A huge thank you to David Curless and Jane McCarthy who have got us up and running with a professional website, plus Instagram and Facebook accounts. The website is populated with information on our plans and we will keep adding to ensure that you are kept up to date on our progress.

- **Web site** [Support The Forester](#)
- **Instagram** foresterpub
- **Facebook** Support The Forester

How can you help?

If you use social media, please follow these accounts; repost, share, like and comment on posts. Tag The Forester in your own posts. Our MP, John Glen is sharing it on his socials. If you would like to be involved in running the social media campaign, please respond to this email.

We would appreciate any content that you might have that we can use: we are short of good photos of the pub & of people enjoying themselves inside and in the garden. Also if you have any stories or suggested posts we can use, please send them by replying to this email.

3. The Donheads Community Benefit Society

The rules have been agreed between the Management Committee and the Plunkett Foundation. These have been submitted to the Financial Conduct Authority for registration. Once registered – expected date 16th February - these will be posted on the website.

4. Vision for the Pub

We are engaging with other community pubs and hospitality professionals to learn from their experiences and take advice on how to turn your aspirations for the pub into a commercial reality.

5. Business Plan

We have an early first draft which we are circulating between ourselves before passing on to hospitality professionals to comment on. Once complete, expected end of February, we will publish on the website.

6. Change of Use

The Change of Use application PL/2025/0577 is to be decided on the 6th February. Together we have left **249 comments** in opposition. We will post the results on the website as soon as we hear.

7. Surveys

A Structural and Business Valuation Survey will be conducted after the Change of Use decision is known.

Thank you for your continued support, which is vital for us to be successful and means so much to our community. Together we will make it happen!