



Update – 12th January 2026

Community Engagement - keeping you informed

Dear Supporter,

A very big thank you — 120 of us have now pledged over £500,000 to Save The Forester. Your enthusiasm and commitment have been extraordinary.

We do, however, still need a further £250,000 in pledges to reach our target. We are writing to our whole support base of 320 people, hoping to reach any of you who have not yet made a pledge and ask if you would consider doing so, as this will help us plan our finances and move forward with the purchase of The Forester.

At this stage, we are seeking an indication of potential financial support only. This is a pledge, not a binding commitment, and no money is required now. You may pledge any amount from £250 up to £100,000, either as an investment or as a donation. Before any investment is formalised, we will issue a share prospectus and business plan.

All responses will be treated in confidence, and individual contributions will be visible only to the chairman, Simon Barkham.

We would also be grateful if you could share this message with anyone else who may be interested in supporting the project. Please help spread the word!

Please reply now to: [Thank you again for your tremendous support.](mailto:cllrbarkham@donheadstandrew-pc.gov.uk with your estimated financial contribution (your name and the amount you wish to pledge or donate), so that we can collate responses and proceed towards making an offer for the pub.</p></div><div data-bbox=)

We wish you a very 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