

# Newcastle Parish Council

## The Crown Inn - November update

Since we met in The Community Centre on October 24th, there have been a number of developments in our quest to purchase The Crown.

Most significantly, we have been advised that the next window for Community Ownership Grant applications is now likely to open in December rather than the first quarter of 2024. In order to prepare our bid for funds we are aggressively tackling the processes necessary for the submission of our bid.

Costs identified for repairs, refurbishments and redevelopment of the building, fixtures & fittings are being confirmed with quotations from relevant trades and suppliers. Further work is being done to identify costs for redecoration throughout the building for improving the garden and carpark.

Application to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities is being made for permission to apply for the loan element of the funding. We need confirmation of this permission to be included in our grant application pack.

The Parish Council's website, [www.newcastleparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.newcastleparishcouncil.org.uk) now has a page where we are providing updates and access to documents related to the bid process.

## Friends of The Crown

For the grant application we need to be able to demonstrate community support and involvement. We have mentioned the need for a community group, referred to as The Friends of The Crown. The first meeting of this group will take place in The

Community Centre on Tuesday, **November 14th** at 7:00pm. Invitations have been sent to those who indicated an interest in joining this group on the voting slips used at the August meeting. However, the meeting is open to anyone else who would like to get involved.

## **Public Meeting**

A further public meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, **November 21st** in the Community Centre at 7:30pm. The application and supporting information will be presented to the meeting and a further vote will be taken to confirm the community's ongoing support of the project. Evidence of community support is critical to the success of the grant application.

## **Cheese & Wine**

In support of The Friends of The Crown and to provide further evidence of community support for the project, The Newcastle Wine Club is to host a Cheese & Wine Evening in The Community Centre on Friday, 8th December. Tickets, priced at £10, to include food and your first glass of wine, are available from:

- Sandra Reynolds - 01588 505099
- Debbie Favier - 07979 197770
- Sue Wilks - 01588 640234