

**The Three Tuns Public House- an Asset of Community Value**

The Three Tuns was registered as an 'Asset of Community Value' in early 2021 following an application by Nash Mills Parish Council (NMPC). This means that if, at any time, the owner decides to sell the land they MUST advise Dacorum Borough Council immediately, which in turn MUST advise NMPC (as the nominee for the ACV). Many applications for ACVs are refused, but our bid was successful. **Our success was mainly due to the overwhelming evidence of its value within our local community. The Three Tuns offers a much needed resource that furthers the social wellbeing and social interests of the local community and one which enables those who are lonely or isolated to mix with their neighbours whilst undertaking an activity that gives them an opportunity to socialise, in addition to its use by a local Residents' Association and the borough councillor who hold meetings in the pub.**

**What is an Asset of Community Value Means**

This government document explains this clearly, and in particular, the process of what happens when an ACV is put up for sale, is in section 1.2:

<https://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN06366/SN06366.pdf>

It states that "There is an initial six-week interim period, during which a community group may express interest in bidding". The nominee of an ACV (in this case NMPC), does not have to be the purchaser, so a local residents' group could be formed should that be deemed an option. If a community group registers an interest, there is a total 6-month period (including the 6-week period) for the community group to decide whether to, and if they do, to put in a bid. However, it must be noted that the seller IS NOT compelled to accept the bid and is free to sell to whomever they wish.

This kind of venture has been achieved in other communities all over the UK. There are currently 40 co-operative pubs in the UK and most of these have been set up with the support of the charity Plunkett Foundation - their website provides more details. ([www.plunkett.co.uk](http://www.plunkett.co.uk)).

**A community owned pub for Nash Mills?**

Following the sudden closure of the Three Tuns, NMPC decided to consult Parish residents regarding the pub to inform the Council's future decision making in the event that the pub's owner decided to sell it. **We must stress that at this stage, the owner's intentions are unknown.**

should this be in bold

This survey is the first step. We need to know your views on what might be provided and what would receive your support. Please be as honest and realistic as possible in your answers. Your response will be treated in confidence. We ask you to provide your name and postcode so that we can assess whether or not responses originate within the Parish.

parish should be lower case I think

**This questionnaire will be open for responses until 31st December 2022.** The results of this survey will be published and presented to a Parish Council meeting when the **results will be discussed further.** We currently expect this to be in February 2023, but that could change - please keep an eye out for our monthly agendas on the website.

should parish council also be lower case? (I think unless it's the name)

Please provide your name and post code.

Name   
Postcode

**About the Three Tuns pub within our community**

1. How often did you use the pub when it was open?

Daily  
 2-3 times a week  
 Once a week  
 Once a fortnight  
 Occasionally  
 Not at all

2. If the Three Tuns pub was run by the community would you or any member of your household use it?

Daily  
 2-3 times a week  
 Once a week  
 Once a fortnight  
 Occasionally  
 Not at all

This sounds more like a yes or no answer? Maybe it should be "how often would you or any member of your household use it?"

3. What did you visit the pub for?

Drinks  
 Community or Association meetings (Please give the name of group and how many members it has)   
 Games (pool / darts etc)   
 Live music  
 Other musical entertainment  
 Quiz nights etc  
 Food from car park concessions (e.g. seafood / pizza)  
 Big-screen sports  
 Other (please specify)

Do we need a NEVER VISITED option? Or are you happy that this is covered by 'other'?

4. What additional services would you be most like to see the pub offer?

5. If you never used the pub, was there a particular reason why?

6. If you currently use an alternative pub, where do you go?

7. If the opportunity arose, do you think a community run pub is a good idea?

Yes  
 No  
 I do not know enough about what a community run pub is to decide

Is it worth adding a link to more information on this question (Just in case anyone is interested enough)? [https://plunkett.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Plunkett\\_BB-2020\\_Pubs.pdf](https://plunkett.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Plunkett_BB-2020_Pubs.pdf)

8. On a scale of 1 – 5 (where 1 is not important and 5 is very important), how important do you think it is to have a local pub in Nash Mills?

NOT IMPORTANT <<<  1  2  3  4  5 >>> VERY IMPORTANT

9. Are you or any member of your family and friends involved in any local group who might be interested in using the pub for meetings etc? Please give name of group and how many members

10. Please state how many people in each age range there are in your household:

0-16 number of people:  17 – 25 number of people:  26 – 45 number of people:  46 – 65 number of people:  over 65 number of people:

11. Would you or anyone in your household be interested in helping a co-operative pub project in any way by:

Joining the steering group  
 Helping with fundraising  
 Providing professional advice/services and my profession/skills are:  
 Be involved in running the pub/volunteering e.g. DIY help  
 Making a donation  
 Buying a share  
 Making a loan  
 I cannot help

Do we need to say that by ticking a box, you are not committing yourself, it's just to gauge interest? Do we need a "I'm not sure yet but I'd like to stay informed" option?

If you would like us to contact you in relation to question 11, then please provide your email address and / or phone number.

**Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.**