



The White Swan Newsletter



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Save Our Swan Action Group

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£7,150 GRANT APPLICATION SUCCESSFUL!!

Although Enterprise Inns withdrew its Planning Application last month, the future of the White Swan remains uncertain - **WE HEAR NEW PLANS ARE VERY LIKELY TO BE SUBMITTED.**

During the recent Public Meeting we explained the Asset of Community Value (see p2) and the opportunity it gives the Village to bid for the Swan. In an attempt to save the Swan it was decided to go down this route.

MONEY - ALWAYS A PROBLEM!!!

We applied for a Pre-Feasibility Grant at the end of August to pay for Structural Surveys,

Valuations, etc and

WE GOT IT!!!!

• NEXT STEPS

The Group has been accepted by the FCA and is now an Industrial & Provident Society "The White Swan Hunmanby Community Pub Ltd"

This means we can now go ahead with preparing our bid to buy the Swan and run it as a Community Pub which will belong to the Village for the Village

We have applied for a Feasibility Grant to help fund the purchase and refurbishment of the Pub when the time comes.

Obtaining this Grant is brilliant news - it means the fight to save The White Swan can continue!

MANY THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED - WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!!



CHEERS!!

THE SOS ACTION GROUP

- What We Are & What we are NOT!!

WE ARE:

A Group of Villagers who got together with one aim - to 'Save Our Swan' as a Village Pub by:

Forming an Industrial Provident Society (IPS) to enable the village to bid for and hopefully buy the Swan to secure its future **as a village Pub** at the heart of the Community. It will belong to the village of Hunmanby!

WE ARE NOT:

Intending to run the Swan ourselves. An experienced Manager will be employed.

The Action Group will be disbanded once the IPS is set up and the members will elect their own Board that will work with the Manager to ensure services provided reflect the village's wishes.

TAKE A LOOK INSIDE:

Catch Up:

- WHO WE ARE
- ASSET OF COMMUNITY

Events Diary:

- HERITAGE DAY - 14 September 2013

THE SOS ACTION GROUP

- Who We Are:

Stephen (Shet) Sinclair: SOS Founder - Always willing to help where/when he can.

John Breffitt, Chair: Long-standing member of the Community, former owner of the Village Chemist

Linda Tindall, Vice-Chair: A well-known figure in the village, passionate about the Campaign and a tireless worker!!

Carol Mather, Treasurer: Carol has lived in the village for 26 years. Former treasurer of Hunmanby Carnival Committee

Mary Read, Secretary: A relative newcomer - only 15 years! Accounts/Admin Manager for a local business

Phil Cook, Press Officer: Phil is a former teacher and regular at the Swan; he is the Group's Publicity Officer

Martin Sykes: IT: Martin, aka Eric, has lived in the village since boyhood and keeps the Website & Facebook up-to-date

Ian Mather: Self-employed, Ian has been involved with the Hunmanby Carnival Committee and Cottage Aid

Bernard Hall: Bernard is a retired Publican with 25 years' experience - very useful!

Paul Riley: Paul lives in Reighton but is a regular user of the Swan, often walking to and from the Pub!

THE
SERIOUS
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ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE (ACV)

- What DOES it mean for the White Swan??

The idea of giving communities the opportunity to nominate buildings and land as ACVs was introduced in the Localism Act 2011. Briefly, this involved demonstrating to the relevant Local Authority that the asset in question had in the recent past and could in the future be used as a resource for the community.

With the help of Hunmanby Parish Council based on a case put together by members of the SOS group, Scarborough Borough Council (SBC) accepted that the White Swan fell into this category and it was listed as an ACV in July 2013. This meant that Enterprise

Inns (the current owners of the Swan) had to formally notify SBC of their intention to 'dispose' of the Asset, at which point an 'eligible' community group would have six weeks to submit a 'non legally binding Expression of Interest' to bid for the pub and a further 20 weeks (making 6 months in total) to raise the funds to buy it. This is called the 'moratorium' period during which time Enterprise cannot sell the premises other than to an eligible community group.

The initial 6 week period expires on 18th September 2013 by which time SOS have to become

'incorporated' to be eligible to bid and then we will have until 7th February 2014 to raise the necessary funds. However, this does not mean that Enterprise have to sell to us and they can continue to market the property during the moratorium period.

This is why time is of the essence and to be successful in our aim to 'Save Our Swan' from redevelopment we all have to work together to make our bid both possible and irresistible!

Linda Tindall, SOS

HERITAGE DAY - 14TH SEPTEMBER, BAYLEY GARDENS

We'll be there with more info on the Campaign and to answer questions

So...

IF YOU WANT TO HELP - AND BELIEVE US, WE NEED YOU!

Please come along, give us your ideas, advice and, hopefully your support. We welcome anyone's input. Our Only Aim is :

TO SAVE THE WHITE SWAN

For the Village - that's YOU!

