

29th February 2016

Dear All,

To end speculation over The King's Head, discussions are to be held aimed at a possible combining of the pub and the shop, with the eventual aim of both becoming community owned (Please note this doesn't necessarily mean community run).

Although approaches to this end have been made in the past, at the time, the shop owners preferred to continue with their original plans. In light of their recent announcement that the shop is again threatened ("Use It or Lose It" - Steeple and Street, November 2015) it appears there could be a change of heart.

Having had a long held belief that this represents the best possibility of retaining BOTH of these all important village assets, I am very pleased to have the opportunity to explore what could be achieved.

Should this initiative prove unworkable, alternatives based on 8&8, lodges etc are being considered, with the aim of taking advantage of our position on the edge of the national park. This, it is hoped, would boost pub turnover, with the added benefit of extra trade for the shop.

I hope that these plans meet with approval, and I look forward to establishing a lasting means of re-opening the King's Head.

Finally, a great deal of misinformation has been circulated regarding the pub and this remains a major obstacle to success. In an effort to overcome this, several months ago, all records, books etc were put at the disposal of the 'Friends of The King's Head' support group. To date there is little sign of fact replacing fiction, and I would urge those involved to correct misleading detail.