

Pubs Owned by the Community or Co-operatives

There are a number of pubs, usually located in villages, that have been bought and are run by groups of locals.

Lancashire Co-operative Development Agency which helped in the buyout of Heskett Newmarket Brewery is prepared to give advice of co-operative buyouts of pubs.

Contacts:

Dave Hollings 01772 203692

Try also:

Legal Services Section at the Industrial Common Ownership Movement in Leeds on 0113 2461738

Co-op Enterprise Hub

www.co-operative.coop/enterprisehub

Tel 0161 246 3020

The following is a list of those pubs of which we have knowledge.

The CAMRA branch in whose area the pub is located is also given.

Berkshire

Bell

The Street

Waltham St Lawrence

Berkshire

RG10 0JJ

Tel 0118 934 1788

www.thebell.biz

Owned by a local charity for the poor of the parish. A 15th century pub.

CAMRA branch: Reading & Mid-Berks

Dan.C.Honeysett Dan.C.Honeysett@googlemail.com

Jolly Farmer

Church Road

Cookham Dean

Berkshire

SL6 9PD

Tel 01628 482905

Landlord Simon Peach

Pub "bought by the village for the village" in the mid 90s.

Bought for £500,000 by six village regulars. Run by Neil Brennan

CAMRA Branch: Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead

Alec Moore Quart-of-Ale@Anygoodpub.com

Shurlock Inn (previously The White Hart)

The Street

Shurlock Road
Berkshire
RG10 0PS
Tel

A former Enterprise pub which has been bought by a group of 17 villagers all of whom now have shares in the pub. The group qualified for tax incentives under the Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS) The pub will be run by villager Gordon Hulme.

CAMRA branch: Reading & Mid-Berks
Dan.C.Honeysett Dan.C.Honeysett@googlemail.com

Buckinghamshire

Unicorn

High Street
Cublington
Buckinghamshire
LU7 0LQ
Tel 01296 681261

A freehouse run by three local families.

CAMRA Branch: South Bedfordshire
Dave Oakley dwoakley@tiscali.co.uk

Cambridgeshire

Dykes End

8 Fair Green,
Reach
Cambridgeshire
CB25 0JD
Tel 01638 743816

Bought by villagers in 1999.
48 villagers have an interest in the pub.
bought for £160,000 in 1999.

Now privately owned.

CAMRA Branch: Cambridge
Nick Winnington contact@cambridge-camra.org.uk

Pig & Abbots,

Abington Piggots,
Cambs
SG8 0SD
Tel (01763) 852273

Not sure of the status of this pub.

CAMRA Branch Huntingdonshire
Helen Barnard secretary@huntscamra.org.uk

Cheshire

The Church House Inn

Church Street
Bollington
Macclesfield
Cheshire
SK10 5PY
Tel 01625 574014
Fax 01625 562026
info@the-church-house-inn.co.uk
www.the-church-house-inn.co.uk

CAMRA Branch: Macclesfield & East Cheshire
Contact George Symes contact@eastcheshirecamra.org.uk

Swan

Macclesfield Road
Kettleshulme
Cheshire
SK23 7QU
Tel 01663 732943
www.the-swan-inn-kettleshulme
Saved from closure in 2005 when it was bought by a group of locals
CAMRA Branch: High Peak and North East Cheshire
Contact: mikewrose@gmail.com

Cumbria

The Butchers Arms

Crosby Ravens
CA10 3JP

Pub closed in 2010. A cooperative was set up by villagers in early April to buy the pub. They have received help from the Cooperative Enterprise Hub run by the Co-operative Group.

www.co-operatvie.coop/enterprisehub.

CAMRA Branch: Solway
Contact: Philip Tuer philip.tuer@virgin.net

Fox and Hounds

Ennerdale Bridge
Ennerdale

CA23 2AP
Tel 01946 861249

Pub was due to close in March 2011. On 27th February the villagers held a meeting to consider buying the pub and raised the £83,000 to take over the lease. There are 182 people who have invested anything from £100 to £4,000 in the pub. The pub re-opened on 4th April.

CAMRA Branch: West Cumbria
Contact: Stephen Walker contact@westcumbriacamra.org.uk
Tel 07747 084039

Old Crown

Hesket Newmarket
Main Street
Cumbria
CA7 8JG
Tel 01697 478288

www.theoldcrownpub.co.uk

Bought more than ten years ago by a cooperative of villagers and run successfully – a group of villagers also bought the attached brewery and run that as well

CAMRA Branch: Solway
Contact: Philip Tuer philip.tuer@virgin.net

Shepherds Inn

Melmerby
Penrith
Cumbria
CA10 1HF

Owned by the Hesket Newmarket Brewery (www.hesketbrewery.co.uk) which itself was bought by local of the village of the same name and who had also previously bought the Old Crown – see above.

CAMRA Branch: Solway
Contact: Philip Tuer philip.tuer@virgin.net

Devon

Royal Oak

Meavy,
S Dartmoor.
Devon
PL20 6PJ
Tel 01822 852944

www.royaloak.org.uk

Owned by the parish council since 1894. The pub itself is 15th century.

CAMRA Branch: Plymouth

Contact: Ian Daniels daniels@aol.com

Dorset

The New Inn

Shipton Road

Shipton Gorge

Dorset

DT6 4LT

Tel 01308 897302

<http://www.thenewinnshipton.co.uk/>

Palmer's pub closed in 2005 but re-opened after action from villagers and parish council who set up the "New Inn Support Ltd" to refurbish the pub. The pub is still owned by Palmer's and is out on a tenancy but it was the work and financial input from the community and the incoming tenants that made it possible for the pub to re-open. The pub is run as a tenancy – Gary and Sandra Pellow.

CAMRA branch West Dorset

Contact: Tony Egertonagegerton@aol.com

Durham

The Bridge Inn

Middleton-in-Teesdale

Barnard Castle

Co Durham

DL12 0QB

Tel 01833 640283

Owned by a not-for-profit trust set up by the villagers under the chairmanship of Chris Jones

Purchased in 2008

CAMRA Branch: Darlington

Contact: John Magson John.magson@ntlworld.com

Grey Bull

17 West Terrace

Stanhope

Bishop Auckland

Co Durham

DL13 2PB

Tel 01388 526663

www.finepubs.co.uk/greybullstanhope

Run by the same trust under the same chairmanship of Chris Jones. Purchased in 2009.

CAMRA Branch: Wear Valley
Contact: Marian Brand brandytrek@aol.com

Essex

The Norton

54 Latchingdon Road
Cold Norton
Essex
CM3 6JB

www.savethenorton.org

Closed in 2007 but was re-opened following a campaign by the local community. It re-opened in August 2009 and is run as a not-for-profit organisation. Featured in the 5 part TV series "save our Boozer" shown on Blighty TV

CAMRA branch: Dengie Hundred
Contact: Jim Morton Mortontheale@aol.com

Hertfordshire

The Red Lion

The Green,
Preston,
Hertfordshire
SG4 7UD
Tel (01462) 459585

Owned by the village for more than 12 years. The pub was in the 2008 Good Beer Guide. Recent change of manager.

CAMRA Branch: North Hertfordshire
Contact: Tony Driscoll tony.driscoll@hotmail.com

Kent

Farriers Arms

The Forstal
Mersham
Ashford
Kent
TN25 6NU
Tel 01233 720444

In June 2009 93 Kent villagers clubbed together to buy this former Punch Taverns pub for £430,000 via an Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS) they spent a further £185,000 on refurbishment. In the Summer of 2010 a microbrewery is due to open in one of the pub's outbuilding. Under the EIS scheme villagers get a 20% tax relief on their investment.

CAMRA Branch: Ashford, Folkestone and Romney Marsh
Stephen Rawlings branchcontact@camra-afm.org.uk

The Tiger

Stowting

Ashford
Kent
TN25 6BA

Owned by the community for a number of years.
CAMRA Branch: Ashford, Folkestone and Romney Marsh
Contact: Stephen Rawlings branchcontact@camra-afrm.org.uk

Lancashire

Little Blue Bell

Rectory Road
Downall Green
Lancashire
WN4 0QF

Tel

After being closed for 5 years, the villagers persuaded the owner that the pub could be ruin as a not-for-profit enterprise. 20 people contributed to buy the pub.

CAMRA Branch: Wigan

Contact: Ken Worthington kenworthington@virginmedia.com

Lincolnshire

Cherry Tree

Laburnam Drive

Cherry Willingham
Lincolnshire
LN3 4AS
Tel 01522 754244

A Punch pub that has been leased by a group of 43 villagers and run as a community pub. Licensee is Barbara Mawer, a former barmaid in the pub, and one of four directors running the pub.

CAMRA Branch:Lincoln

Contact: Stephen Renshaw

branchcontact@lincolncamra.org.uk

Tel 01452 859567

Plough

Spring Lane,
Horbling, nr Spalding,
Lincolnshire
NG34 0PF

Tel (01529) 240263

Owned by the Parish Council for many years. It was built in 1832 century building. The pub was in the 2010 Good Beer Guide.

CAMRA Branch: Fenland

Contact: Pat Mableson

Greater London

The White Swan

Riverside
Twickenham
Middlesex
TW1 3DN
Tel 020 8744 2951
CAMRA Branch: Greater London
CAMRA Branch: Richmond & Hounslow
Contact: Brian Kirton briankirton@blueyonder.co.uk

Greater Manchester.

Woolpack

Belvidere Road
Salford
M6 5HE
Tel 0161 737 2874
Closed - attempts are being made by the locals to buy it; rumours that it has been sold for £175,000 and may re-open. Hazel Blears local MP has been supportive of the locals wish to buy it as a community asset.
CAMRA Branch: North Manchester
Contact: Dave Hallows davehallows@yahoo.co.uk

The Star

2 Back Hope Street
Higher Broughton
Salford
Greater Manchester
M7 2FR
Tel 0161 792 4184
Bought by 50 regulars in late 2009 for £80,000 after Robinsons decided to sell.
CAMRA Branch: North Manchester
Contact: Dave Hallows davehallows@yahoo.co.uk

The Old Thirteenth Cheshire Astley Volunteer Rifleman Corps Inn

48 Astley Street
Stalybridge
Greater Manchester
SK15 2EX

Bought from Enterprise Inns by four locals for £110,000 in 2010.
CAMRA branch: High Peak & North East Cheshire
Contact: Mike Rose mikewrose@gmail.com

Norfolk

The Dabbling Duck (formerly The Rose & Crown)

11 Abbey Road

Great Massington
Norfolk
PE32 2HN
Tel 01485 52027

Pub bought by local council (West Norfolk Council) after it had been closed since 2001.

Then it was bought from the Council by a small group of businessmen who have re-opened it under the Dabbling Duck name.

CAMRA Branch: West Norfolk

Contact: Bruce Ward carolward22@btinternet.com

Oxfordshire

West Witney,
Oxfordshire

The villagers of an estate, fed up with waiting for the council to build a promised pub have clubbed together to build their own (November 97). Twelve locals founded Community Pub and have issued prospectus to all 1,250 households on the estate. They are looking to raise £415,000.

Contacts:

Mike Freer Tel (01993) 771222 (home)

Mobile 0402 233449

Barry Beadle Tel 01993 702438

CAMRA Branch: Oxford

Contact: Stephen Lawrence contact@oxfordcamra.org.uk

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Shropshire

Crown Inn,
Clunton,
Shropshire.
SY7 0HU

The pub closed in August 1994. Some of the villagers decided that they wanted to buy it and re-open it, which they did with the help of local business man David Pearson who put up £75,000 of the £150,000 total purchase price.

CAMRA Branch: Shrewsbury & West Shropshire

Contact: Nigel Bevan nigel@bevan.com

Somerset

King's Head
Underhill
Coleford,
Radstock
Somerset
BA3 5LU

Tel 01373 812346

Village buy up of local pub.

CAMRA Branch: Bath & Borders
Contact: Denis Rahilly denis.rahilly@virgin.net

Staffordshire

Royal Oak

High Street
Church Eaton
Staffordshire
ST20 0AJ
Tel 01785 823078
www.churcheaton.org.uk

Bought by 25 locals when it was under threat of closure. The only pub in the village.

CAMRA Branch: Heart of Staffordshire
Contact: Mike Harker mikeharker@onetel.com

Surrey

The Three Horseshoes

Dye House Lane
Thursley
Surrey
GU8 6QD
Tel 01252 703268

Bought by 24 locals and re-opened in 2004 after a five year closure period.

CAMRA Branch: Surrey Hampshire Borders
Contact: Kevin Travers shb@camrasurrey.org.uk

Wiltshire

Harrow

Little Bedwyn,
Wiltshire
SN8 3JP
Tel (01672) 870871

A co-operative of 75 shareholders set up in 1991 to buy the pub. Largest shareholder put in £5,000 and the smallest £100. The pub was later sold (in 1998) on to Roger and Sue Jones after the cooperative ran into trouble and closed.

CAMRA Branch : Swindon & North Wiltshire
Contact: Gill White contact@swindoncamra.org.uk

Yorkshire

George and Dragon

Hudswell
Richmond
North Yorkshire

DL11 6BL

Pub closed on 8th August 2008, but has been bought by a cooperative set up by villagers who raised the £209,000 purchase price. Pub is owned by Hudswell Community Pub Ltd. It was opened by William Hague MP (the local MP) on 11th June 2010.

CAMRA Branch: Darlington

Contact: John Magson john.magson@ntlworld.com

The Robin Hood

Cragg Vale

Hebden Bridge

West Yorkshire

HX7 5SQ

Tel 01422 881151

CAMRA Branch: Halifax & Calderdale

Contact: Edward Lee Edward-lee@sky.com

Scotland

Midmar Inn

Midmar

Inverurie

Grampian

Scotland

AB51 7LX

Tel 01330 860515

Local community have been granted right to buy. Currently closed and the owners have applied for planning permission to convert it to a house but this has been refused.

CAMRA Branch: Aberdeen, Grampian and Northern Isles

Contact: George Howie dodhowie@aol.com

Wales

The Angel Inn

Main Street

Grosmont

Gwent

NP7 8EP

01633 812841

A community purchase and in the 2010 Good Beer guide

CAMRA Branch: Gwent

Contact: Gerry Watkins Gerry.watkins@gwentcamra.org.uk

The Drovers Arms

Pumpsaint,

Carmarthenshire;

01558 650157

Purchased by a group of 14 local residents who each contributed £4,000.

Fox & Hounds

Llancarfan,

Vale of Glamorgan

CF62 3AD

Tel 01446 781 287

Saved from major redevelopment by concerned residents of the village who have banded together to buy the pub.

CAMRA Branch: Vale of Glamorgan

Contact: John Chapman

The Raven Inn

Ffordd Rhiw yn-lal

Llanarmon-yn-lal

Denbighshire

CH7 4QE

Tel 01842 780833

ravenmad@raveninn.co.uk

www.raveninn.co.uk

The Raven Inn has been run by the community since August of 2009. A traditional country pub, you can be assured of a warm welcome. We offer mouth watering, locally sourced food and the best real ales north Wales has to offer. We regularly bring in the best of local musical talent fitting to a traditional country pub.

A company 'limited by guarantee' has been set up run the pub, Raven Mad Ltd. The Raven Inn is manned by volunteers and any profit can only be used to fund village community projects. The whole story was filmed as part of the Save Our Boozer series with the first showing on December 8th 2009 on the 'Blighty' satellite channel.

CAMRA Branch: Vale of Clwyd

Contact: Dave Hughes cwrhughes@tiscali.co.uk

**Pubs closed which could be re-opened with some sort of
Community Ownership**

White Horse Inn

White horse Lane

Otham

Maidstone

ME15 8RG

Former Enterprise Inns pub sold in May 2010 to an un-named person. Rumours currently that it could be redeveloped for housing.

Lampugh Tip Inn

Lampugh

Workington

Cumbria

CA14 4SB

Tel 01946 861232

28 village residents have backed a bid to buy the pub and currently pledged £90,000.