

Share Purchase Form

Investors must be over the age of 16. Please complete the form below & return with a cheque to:
The Dog Inn (Belthorn) Ltd. c/o Kathryn Sharpe, 4 Prospect Terrace Belthorn, Lancs, BB1 2PP

Name:

Full address (including post code):

Bank Account Details – where interest payments will be made

Account Name: Sort Code:

Account Number:

E-mail Address: Phone No.

No. of shares you wish to acquire:

(Shares cost £1 each. Minimum £250, maximum £25,000)

Value of the shares purchased: £

Please make cheques payable to The Dog Inn (Belthorn) Ltd

By investing I agree to my name, address, phone number, email address (where applicable), amount invested and number of shares allocated to me being held on a computer database. The amounts or sums invested by individual members will be confidential. I understand that this information will be used for the purpose of maintaining a register of members as required by the rules of the Society and will not be passed to third parties.

Signed: Date:

Volunteer Form Any offer of time, materials or skills would be fantastic. Please either return this form to: The Dog Inn (Belthorn) Ltd. c/o Kathryn Sharpe, 4 Prospect Terrace Belthorn, Lancs, BB1 2PP or simply email your offer to admin@thedoginnatbelthorn.net

I can help The Dog Inn by:

Name:

Contact Details:

For further information

www.thedoginnatbelthorn.net

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The Dog Community Action Group

No. 1



Dog's LIFE

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Your Community Freehouse News - June 2015

Hi everyone, welcome to the first of hopefully many more newsletters from the Dog Inn at Belthorn - your new community freehouse. We are hoping to produce this on a quarterly basis and it will also be available online; www.thedoginnatbelthorn.net



YOUR PUB NEEDS YOU!

A VERY BIG THANK YOU goes out to all who have bought shares - all pledges have now been confirmed and as you can see above, the cheques have been deposited.

Well done to everyone - this is so exciting for such an achievement to happen in a very short space of time!

Enough money has been raised to go ahead with the legalities of buying the pub - which should hopefully be completed by the end of June. There are still around £8000 worth of shares available to buy which will help get the pub off to a fantastic start and enable us to begin our exciting plans.

A share form is included with this newsletter in case you haven't had the opportunity to complete one.

Once legal completion has taken place then the hard graft begins!! The project plan is already under way with the first aim to make the pub water tight. Many volunteers have already come forward but more will be very welcome.

Once its water tight, it's going to need an intense clean so the more to help the merrier! Please don't be afraid to add your offers of help by emailing admin@thedoginnatbelthorn.net or returning the form on the back.

What makes this such a unique and exciting venture is that our whole community is pulling together to offer not only a financial investment but just as importantly their skill, expertise & time.

Skills offered so far include plasterers, builders, legal, plumber, electricians, design & marketing and many more. These skills are gratefully received and will help give our new community freehouse a great start.

Our priority is to create a central focal point for village life which will act as a catalyst to re-ignite the economy and sense of community in Belthorn.

not just a pub, it's It's ^ your village centre!



The Dog Inn has been a thriving pub in the past, and we believe it can be again in the future.

However, The Dog Inn will not just be a pub - we aim to bring a shop back to the village, have a base for community activities (such as a library and youth club), bring in new trade through business network events and develop community gardens on the land at the back of the pub.

To help pull all these plans together, the board, along with volunteers who have come forward to help, have formed small teams. The teams being formed at the moment are:

- **Sales, Marketing & Social Media** of which Kathryn Sharpe, Yvonne Brown, Claire Smyth, Collette Riding, Jean Bain & Kirsty Sharratt are involved in.

- **Shop** Diane Fallon will organise this. Volunteers to help run it have come forward, more still needed.
- **Legal** Jason Slack has volunteered to run this.
- **Youth Clubs** We are still welcoming any ideas and volunteers are still needed. A youth representative would be fantastic.
- **Refurbishment** Steve Horrocks and Dave Vose are the refurbishment and project managers.

Other teams are still needed for 'Community Gardens' & 'Entertainment'.

Some of the first skills we still need and are looking for are sandblasters & scaffolders.

If you would like to help in any of these areas, please do not hesitate to contact any of committee members - please email admin@thedoginnatbelthorn.net or return the form on the back.

This is a unique opportunity to take control over our village centre and make a difference.

By investing your time and/or money in this community-owned venture you will be taking back control over your village pub and we, the people of Belthorn, will have a pub in the village for as long as we want one - because we will own it and we will run it.

Any further ideas for any community activities to be held in the pub are welcome - this is your pub!



Approximate Timescales

Completion of Purchase
End of June 2015

Bar & Shop Refurbishment
July 2015

Manager Starts
Late July / Early August

Bar & Shop Opening Night
Late July 2015

Restaurant open for food
Winter 2015

More news...

What's Brewing?

Because the Dog Inn will be a freehouse, and therefore not tied to a brewery, there will be a selection of branded lagers & real ales - does anyone have any favourites out there that they would like to have?

A few local micro-breweries have also expressed interest so hopefully there will be something different always on offer! We could even have our own brand!

All suggestions for beverages including soft & hot drinks will be considered, let us know!

Recruitment

The recruitment process for a pub manager has begun, details can be found on the website. Other staff will also be required and job descriptions will follow later.

The Shop

Volunteers will be running an 'essentials' shop which will stock a basic range of items that we find ourselves short of all too often! Stock will include milk, tinned goods, sweets, crisps, eggs & more. A order & collect service from a local butchers is also being considered.

The shop will also house the coffee/tea room. There will also be a village notice board and a display unit giving local people an opportunity to sell their homemade arts & crafts.

In the Spotlight



Since we made the announcement last month, that we had raised enough to buy The Dog Inn to run as a community freehouse, there has been a lot of attention from the media.

From local radio to the Evening Telegraph, they all want our amazing story of how we are set to become the first co-operative pub in Lancashire!

Vicky Grimes from ITV was the most recent visitor on 17th June. Stan Ainsworth (Ribble Valley Luxury Homes Ltd) was the first to be interviewed, about how he had agreed to sell the pub to the community.

They then questioned board member Kathryn Sharpe who first had the vision of a Community Freehouse back in January, starting the whole project off with an e-mail to villagers. Vicky then sought soundbites from shareholders, explaining the share offer with chalkboard aid from George Hollings (age 5)!

Dog Inn Makeover

Our aim is to open the doors to the bar & shop areas as soon as possible.

However, we plan to carry out some essential refurbishment and redecoration first.

Whilst we aim to brighten up and modernise The Dog Inn, the refurbishments will be in sympathy with the original features. A lot of the cosmetic decoration of recent decades will be replaced or painted.

Original features such as the large wood beams, stone flag floor, stone walls and the fireplace surround will be restored and enhanced. We are a country pub and that is the look we want to achieve.



Decisions will also be made with safety, cost & energy efficiency in mind. The Belthorn winters are never far from anybody's thoughts! The warmer and more efficient we are, the better.