



3rd January 2017

Dear supporters and potential supporters

Help The Hare & Hounds – We need to raise more money

Our fund raising campaign before Christmas demonstrated the tremendous level of enthusiasm and support from Harlton, the surrounding villages, and further afield, for the community purchase and re-opening of the Hare & Hounds.

So far, we have raised over £300,000 and have submitted a bid to the owner. This initial bid was rejected. Since then, we have met with the owner, and have agreed a short time period in which to raise further funds in order to increase the offer to an acceptable level.

We could raise the amount required by taking out loans at commercial interest rates, but the interest payments on such loans would be a drain on the cash flow of our proposed business. If we can raise the required sum by selling additional shares, this would be a much better solution.

CAN YOU HELP?

If you have already pledged to invest in shares, we would like to thank you again for your most welcome support to our campaign. We would now like to ask if you can pledge a little more? Even one more £500 share would help, but if you can offer more than that, so much the better.

If you haven't pledged so far, would you like to join the more than 100 people who have already pledged to support this worthy local project? Please pledge as much as you can.

If you have already pledged and can help a little more, an email will be sufficient – no need for another pledge form.

If you have not pledged before, but want to support us, please email or telephone John Watson, j.watson2006@btinternet.com, 01223 264033, and a pledge form will be sent to you, or you can download the form from our website, www.helpthehareandhounds.org.

WE ARE NEARLY THERE - PLEASE HELP US REACH THE FINISHING LINE

Timescales are tight. The deadline for new or additional pledges is 21st January 2017.

Thank you again for your support which has been brilliant so far. Please help us to get to the next stage, so that we can create a thriving village pub at the heart of the community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Phelan'.

Patrick Phelan
Chairman - Help the Hare & Hounds Steering Committee