



A Vision for The Old Stables

An opportunity has arisen for the community to potentially purchase the 'relocated pub' in The Old Stables. This could be financed by a grant application to the government's [Community Ownership Fund](#) (COF), up to a maximum of £250,000 of capital funding and up to £50,000 of revenue funding. The COF requires the community to match-fund 20% of the value of the project; so if Hullavington was awarded the full £250,000, we would need to raise an additional £62,500 ourselves. We are being supported and advised in our potential acquisition by the [Plunkett Foundation](#), which specialises in supporting this sort of community initiative.

The working vision for the relocated pub is to operate as a licenced café during the day, serving coffee, cakes, light lunches and pizzas, with take-aways. Evenings will focus on a bistro style menu with pop-up events on a regular basis, such as visiting chefs with fixed menus, wine tastings, fish and chip evenings and so on. There would be wi-fi to enable residents to co-work outside of the main dining hours. Located in the heart of the village, the focus will be on providing a welcoming community hub – warm in the winter and cool in the summer. Somewhere convenient where friends and neighbours can meet. A real community asset. It is expected this venue would accommodate a maximum of 30 seated customers. It would be community-owned, but professionally managed, with a full-time manager and professional staff. It would be run on a not-for-profit basis.

An aim for this venture would be to complement other amenities in and around the village, including the Flying Monk Café and Tap, the Village Hall, the Friday coffee mornings at the Church and the Village Shop.