



Debenham Angel Community Limited

An application has been made for change of use of the Angel which is being contested vigorously by DACL. We believe that this valuable community asset should remain available to the village as it has been for hundreds of years.

The owners of the Angel have submitted to the Council a Change of Use application from pub to residential use. This is despite there being another two years to run on the designation of the Angel as an Asset of Community Value. It could hardly meet that designation if it were a private house. The deadline for public comments was the 11th of April.

Should you wish to refer to the application use reference number **DC/24/01358**. With DACL being a Community Benefit Society, registered at the Financial Conduct Authority, it's no wonder that many people within Debenham village are strongly against the change of use application. They would like to see the pub reopened and adding to local amenities.

Debenham Angel Community Limited is now also a fully paid up and engaged member of the Plunkett Foundation which supports community businesses across the UK, providing professional advice to all types of community business, at all stages of their journey – from the initial idea, to long after the business is open and trading.

We have also registered our expression of interest with the government backed Community Ownership Fund. This fund helps community groups buy or renovate assets that would otherwise be lost to the community. The fund could potentially contribute up to 80% of the capital costs of this worthwhile project. The feedback that we have received so far is that our application is a 'good fit' for round four of this application period.

The 17th of February provided a good turnout for a quiz night at the United Reform Church. It was organised by DACL, who are aiming to reopen the Debenham Angel. The local winners of the quiz were 'The late arrivals' who won a selection of chocolate buttons and the coveted Angel Trophy (An Angel mainly comprising a wooden spoon with wings)!

The money raised from this event was to cover setup and administration costs. The quiz night is one of many events being arranged to raise cash for campaigning and running costs. As part of a succession of fundraising events, plans are now underway for a murder mystery night. If you would like to help with this or any other events please contact us.

To raise the profile of our aim of reopening the Angel pub a new website will also be launched shortly. This will enable us to get information into the community quickly and raise public awareness.

Further information is available from:-

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