

YOUR PUB

Sally Miller, the owner of the Sir Walter Raleigh pub is very kindly offering the community of East Budleigh the opportunity to acquire the pub. This would embed the pub into the community and ensure that there will always be a 'local' in the village. Sally is fully supportive of this concept, feeling that this is the right moment for the community to take over after many years of proud family ownership.

A number of pubs have already followed this route and it is a fairly well trodden path. The most common method of funding the purchase is through the issuing of community shares whereupon every shareholder has an equal say in matters regardless of quantity purchased. Grants, including the latest Government offering, and loans, may also be available, but only where enthusiasm and viability can be demonstrated.

This is an exciting opportunity for the East Budleigh residents to own and enjoy their own pub. In order to gauge the level of interest and enthusiasm, a questionnaire will shortly be delivered to all households. Please complete and return this questionnaire in order that an assessment may be made of the community's wishes.

If, as a result, the feasibility and viability appear positive, then a formal steering group would be formed to take the project forward within a regulated framework. A full parish meeting and presentation would follow shortly afterwards (Covid notwithstanding). The community would be fully engaged and notified throughout.

For any queries or if anyone has a special interest in this project, please contact: enquiries@eastbudleigh.org.uk.

Please do not contact the pub directly.

