



Community Right to Bid for Hare and Hounds Inn

We have positive and exciting news!

Last week we were contacted by Rory Deighton, the owner of the Hare and Hounds Inn, who let us know that he has triggered the Community Right to Bid process with Calderdale and will soon be putting the property up for sale. This is a very positive step for us and we thank him for his offer to open discussions with WACA over a community purchase of the pub.

After a quickly arranged emergency Board Meeting, as you would expect we responded positively to set up a meeting, and we have also formally expressed an intention to bid for the property with Calderdale.

On Friday of last week, representatives of the WACA Board met with Rory, and we agreed Heads of Terms - a non-binding agreement providing a framework for constructive negotiations.

We are very pleased to announce that the 2 parties are now in constructive and positive discussion.

(You can find out more about the Community Right to Bid process, and see the live Hare and Hounds Inn listing at new.calderdale.gov.uk/communities/community-facilities-and-activities/community-right-bid)

After our WACA Board Meeting on Thursday 9th April, we will be able to share more about the process and to describe how we plan to consult with our community on this exciting project. We are looking for members and volunteers, and we'll soon be sharing our plans for how people can get more involved.

We recognise that the process of community fundraising and public campaigning can involve strong views.

WACA is committed to ensuring that all such activity is conducted in a positive and respectful manner at all times, and trusts that all supporters of WACA and members of the wider community will do the same.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch with us at info@WACACoop.org.uk and we'd be happy to discuss any aspect of this project with you.

What next:

- Watch out for a **Consultation Questionnaire** that we will share soon so that you can give us your views.
- Watch this space for information about a **Public Meeting** when you can find out more, ask questions and volunteer to help in key areas.
- Become a **Member of WACA** – we will send out information on this before our AGM, which is on 19th May.

Key Dates (to be found on CMBC Community Right to Bid webpage):

2nd March 2026: Hare and Hounds Inn listed as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) following WACA's application under the Community Right to Bid legislation

27th March 2026: CMBC received a Disposal Notification from RD, triggering the Community Right to Bid moratorium

31st March 2026: CMBC received an Intention to Bid notification from WACA

8th May 2026: End of 6 weeks moratorium for community groups to make an Intention to Bid

27th September 2026: End of 6 months moratorium for community groups to make a bid to purchase