

BLACK LION COMMUNITY GROUP LTD

February 2024 Update.

The support continues to grow. We have received the following from Lord Bragg:

I had scores of terrific nights drinking in the Black Lion with friends. It was the perfect pub for many years. Truly local, classless, and always welcoming. It has been much missed.

Good luck and warmest wishes,

Melvyn Bragg

Mark Jenkinson, our Member of Parliament, will be visiting the Black Lion on **Thursday 15th February at 6pm** to show his support. He is keen to experience first-hand what the Lion has to offer as a community hub and the scope to work in collaboration with the Globe Hall, to enhance its reputation as a centre of excellence for music, theatre and indoor wellbeing activities.

The support of the local MP and other relevant bodies significantly enhances the likelihood of our bid succeeding. We are extremely grateful to Mark for finding time to visit our village and the Black Lion. Regardless of your political views, **it would be great to see a large turnout for his visit**, to demonstrate the importance attached to having a community pub in the village.

We are in the process of arranging similar visits for the Prospective Parliamentary Candidates for the other three main political parties. We are appreciative of the continuing efforts of Jill Perry our representative on the County Council and our Parish Council.

The survey: Many thanks to those who took the time to complete the survey and many thanks to Andrew for tasking the time to ensure such a wide distribution. The survey results play a key role in ensuring that we deliver a community hub to meet the needs of those living in the village and surrounding area.

Communications: You may have noticed that we now have a logo, a website, a Facebook account and a recently added X (Twitter) account - @BlackLionIreby. In addition, we will continue to maintain our more traditional communications via email, the Parish Council Notices and by talking with each other. If you have any views or comments, please feel free to approach any member of the group, who are listed below.

The Community Ownership Fund bid: We continue to complete the tasks required of us. These range from securing structural surveys through to developing a complete range of HR policies and impact assessments. All of course underpinned by three-year business plan.

Local Share Launch: Regardless of all the great work being undertaken, we will need to play our part in raising the funds to secure the purchase of the pub. The share launch date is approaching, and we are working with the Community Shares Standard to ensure that our prospectus fully meets the obligations placed on any organisation seeking to raise funds through community shares. There will be a full prospectus issued and a further public meeting, to enable you to make a fully informed decision. Shares will be available via Crowdcube, after the initial launch to the local community.

Next events.

10th February: Safari Supper **SOLD OUT**

8th March: Mountain Film Festival in the Globe Hall – see below

Coming soon: Bingo night at the Globe – date to be announced.

Please continue to support these events as they raise funds to pay for the legal fees and other charges associated with the funding bid.

The Black Lion Community Group: *Tim Hardy, Richard Ellinson, Andrew Knights, Steve Proctor, Denise Hardy, Laura Crane and Malcolm Boswell.*

As ever, if you have the time and think you can help us achieve our aim, please let us know.



LONDON MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL @Ireby



The Black Lion Community Group Ltd

present

An evening of curated Adventure Films

In aid of the purchase of the Black Lion as a Community Pub

Friday 8th March 7pm

Admission £10 (under 18 £5)

The Globe Hall, Ireby

Bar at Emily's Black Lion

Further details/booking andrewblcg@gmail.com



