

Dear all,

We once again move forward to another milestone. On the 17th April, a formal offer was placed to Merrifields for the community purchase of the Plough and Fleece. It has taken a long time to get to this point and we appreciate your persistence when there were periods of little progress. It was fantastic to read of the recent success of the Dobermann Inn, Framsden ([click here](#)), the circumstances and timescales are something that we can draw parallels to.

Now at the appropriate stage, we will be ramping up our marketing and communications and have created a website (www.cockfieldvillagehub.co.uk) and Facebook page ([click here](#)) to serve this purpose. Future updates will be published on these platforms, please do check them out and follow our Facebook page!

As we enter the next phase, the next important step will be to hold a village meeting for community share launch, details will follow soon. Those of you who tentatively offered financial support in the 2022 community engagement survey were recently contacted for pledges so that we could provide evidence of funds for a Community Ownership Fund. We successfully submitted an application on the 9th April and, like the Dobermann Inn, this will be a source of funding for the community purchase.

We are grateful for the donations through our GoFundMe pages, these have been crucial for creating the Cockfield Village Group and facilitating the take over of the Village Shop. Upon request, donations received previously through GoFundMe will be converted into community shares. Please contact us through the website if you wish us to proceed on this basis.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we are another step forward in making this dream a reality.

Best wishes,

Cockfield Village Group