

The Thorold Arms Vision

The vision is to create a warm, welcoming, community hub for our two villages - a place where neighbours and friends can meet and our rural villages can come together. We aim to re-open as a country pub, village shop and café with reliable hours to make best provision of the facilities for locals and visitors alike.

The re-designed ground floor is intended to be inviting, attractive and accessible to all. The bar will be moved and positioned at the building's heart. The interior will be opened up and extended to maximise the floor space whilst retaining a cosy log burner.

Old and Young, Cyclists and Walkers

We know that the demographics of our villages indicate that we have a relatively elderly population, yet the property of course also sits opposite the school. We will ensure improved access and the comfort of less physically able visitors with dedicated disabled toilet facilities and the updated layout.

Social and age-related isolation has a wide-ranging effect on health and wellbeing. It is vital that the residents of our villages have somewhere to meet, chat and socialise with one another in a comfortable environment and without it costing the earth. The risk of isolation and loneliness to our neighbours can be greatly reduced by support for this proposal.

We plan to open the car park up for the use of school parents and hope that they find the shop and café useful. There will be employment, volunteering and training opportunities that might particularly suit our younger population or those who do not have independent transportation. We will welcome Viking Way walkers and would like to create facilities for visiting cyclists also.

Day and Night

Our plans anticipate that the building will be used throughout the day and evening hours. Clubs, societies and other initiatives might use the café as a meeting place earlier in the day with more traditional pub and restaurant use later on.

A friendly welcome and great service with a smile will encourage repeat custom. The pub and café will sell food and drink that is appetising, enticing and good value for money. The shop will stock essentials and will, wherever possible, stock local produce and support local businesses and individuals. The combination of value and service will ensure the long-term viability of the project.

What do you want it to be?

Most importantly, this will be your pub and your social hub. You must tell your us what you want – let your imagination run wild and help us create a focal point for our villages that thrives and is protected for the foreseeable future.