

PUB PROTECTION OFFICER

Purpose of the Role:

To initiate, stimulate and coordinate campaigning activities within the Branch boundaries which are about protecting pubs from closure or damage, in line with CAMRA's national aims and policies on pub campaigning.

Key Activities:

- To gather intelligence and information on any likely threats to pubs within the Branch area.
- To assist local campaigns to protect pubs within the Branch area from closure or unwanted changes.
- Where necessary, to initiate and coordinate Branch campaigns to protect pubs under threat.
- To be aware of local Council policies which concern pubs e.g. on planning, conservation and assets of community value.
- To work with the Public Affairs Officer to lobby local Councils to adopt planning and other policies which give greater protection to pubs.
- To identify pubs which could benefit from Asset of Community Value status and then coordinate the application process.
- To be aware of local pubs with interiors of heritage interest and take necessary steps both to protect and promote interest in these pubs.

Code of Conduct:

To refrain from putting forward any personal points of view to the media that are against CAMRA's policies or might bring the Campaign into disrepute.

Time Commitment:

- This role can take up as much time as you are willing to give. Around two hours a month is probably a minimum except at key times, which could be a threat of closure to a local pub or another major local campaign (such as revisions to the Council's Local Plan), when a higher level of commitment might be needed.
- Attendance at local Branch meetings is very useful.

Skills:

- Good writing skills
 - Good interpersonal skills
 - Access to a computer and the internet
 - Ability to act as a spokesperson (useful but not always essential)
 - Working knowledge of the basics of planning practice and procedures
- or, at least, knowing where to find relevant information on the CAMRA website.

Support:

- Support on planning issues is available from CAMRA central office (ellen.hudspith@camra.org.uk) or the volunteer Local Planning Policy Advisor

(paul.ainsworth@camra.org.uk)

- A great deal of detailed information can be found in the Protecting and Saving Pubs section of the CAMRA website. In particular the document “Saving Your Local Pub” contains much advice and guidance on running campaigns along with explanations of relevant sections of planning law.
- The website also contains advice on listing a pub as an Asset of Community Value.
- CAMRA's Pub Heritage Group can offer help with pubs of architectural or historic interest. Visit the website at www.heritagepubs.co.uk or contact the Chair (paul.ainsworth@camra.org.uk).

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