

DITTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Incorporating the Hamlet of Capton and the Manors of Bozomzeal and Coombe

Topic: Registration of the Red Lion Inn as an Asset of Community Value

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Background

DPC is considering whether to make an application to South Hams District Council to register The Red Lion Inn as an Asset of Community Value.

If approved, registration gives the community more time (up to six months) to buy The Red Lion Inn if it came up for sale on the open market. The owner is not required to sell to a community group.

Basis of Nomination of the Red Lion Inn

Assets have to meet the definition in the Localism Act 2011:

‘a building or other land in a local authority’s area is land of community value if in the opinion of the authority –

- an actual current use of the building or other land that is not an ancillary use, furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community

and

- it is realistic to think that there can continue to be non-ancillary use of the building or other land which will further (whether or not in the same way) the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community.

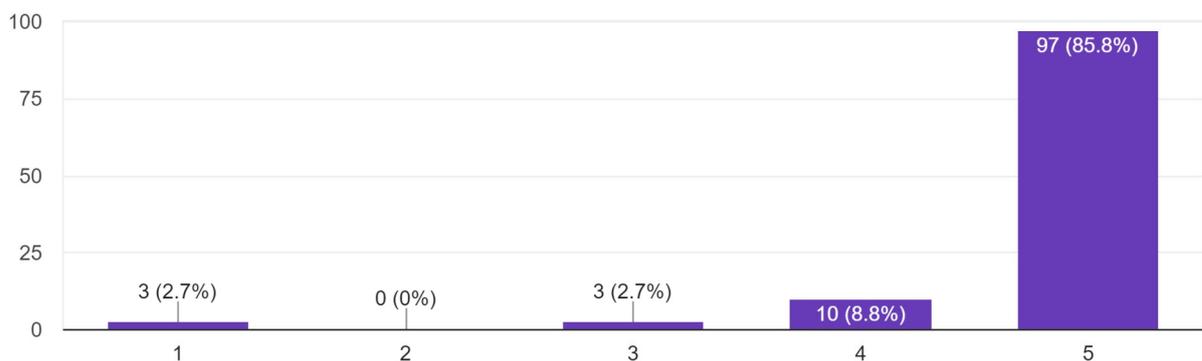
Questionnaire Responses

113 Responses received.

- i. **On a scale of 1 – 5 (where 1 is not important and 5 is very important), how important do you think it is to keep The Red Lion Inn?**

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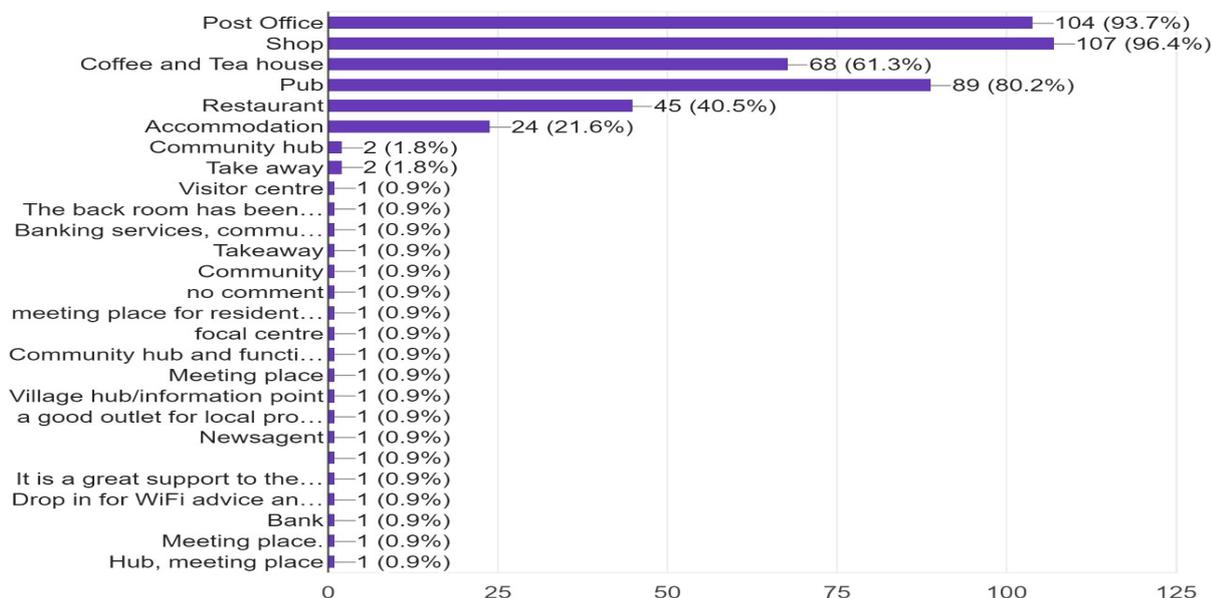


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**ii. What is important to you about the current use of The Red Lion Inn?
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iii. How do you think The Red Lion Inn supports the community's or your social well being?
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Themes:

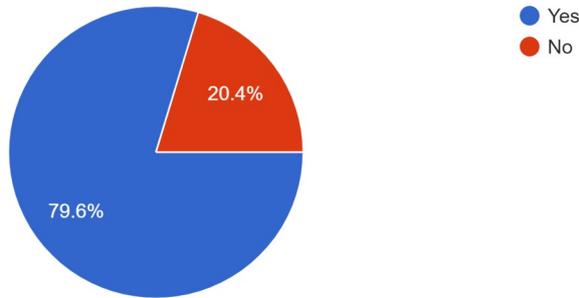
- Community shop – buy essentials, reduce miles or don't drive
- Post office, including banking services
- Community hub / meeting place
- Resource for less mobile / elderly
- Assist and look out for vulnerable
- Local information
- Heart of the village
- Someone to talk to

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iv. Do you support your Parish Council making this nomination?

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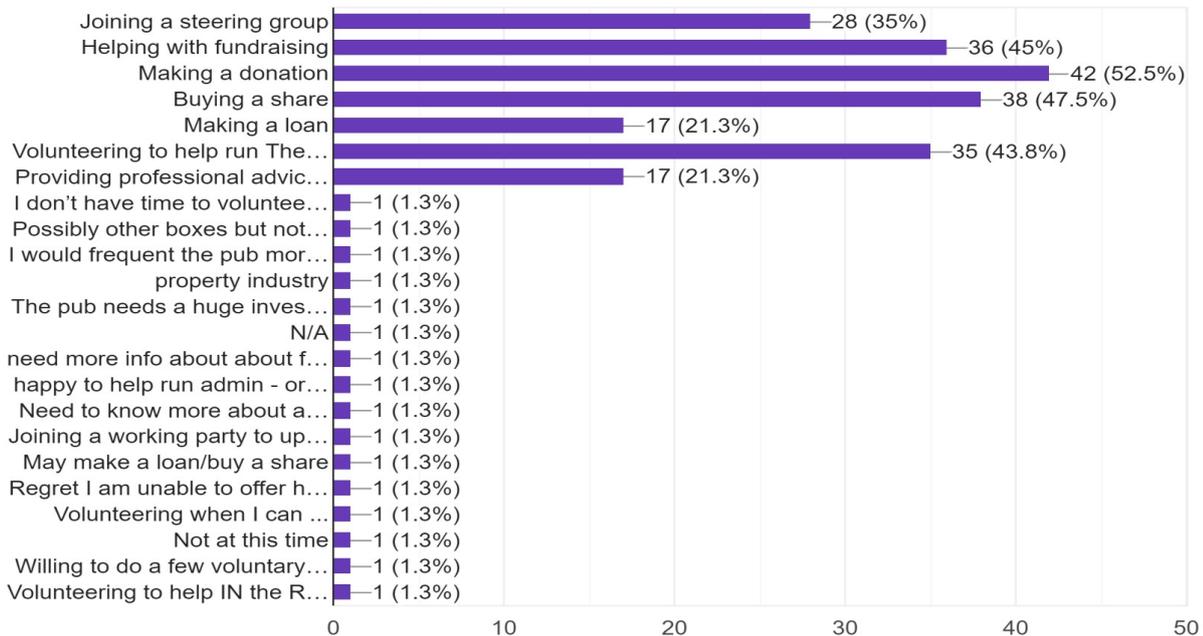


**v. Would you or anyone in your household be interested in helping by:
Please tick all that apply.**

80 Responses (71%)

SHDC needs to know if it's realistic for The Red Lion Inn to be owned and run by the community. We would like to know if you feel you could help in any w...interested in helping by: Please tick all that apply.

80 responses



vi. Do you have any other comments, suggestions, or information?

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- are there sufficient permanent residents?

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- it is hard to keep a pub going
- are there enough local volunteers?
- concern that it will make it more difficult current owners to sell or that the PC shouldn't interfere with a private sale
- Investment needed for refurbishment