

Nominate an Asset for Community Right to Bid

**Part C: About the Asset**

<b>Name of asset</b>	The Bell Inn Public House
<b>Address or location of asset</b>	Lambourn Road, Boxford RG20 8DD
<b>Description of the asset and its boundaries</b> (you are encouraged to attach a photo and/or a plan as supporting evidence).	The Bell Inn has been extant on the current site since before 1880. It offers a high quality of architectural design and is situated on the entrance to the Boxford village looking into and out on the AONB. The Inn only narrowly missed a heritage listing due to its age.  The Pub benefits from a large car park, pub garden, bed and breakfast accommodation along with staff accommodation.
<b>Does anyone live at the asset? If yes, please give details</b>	Pub landlord
<b>Reasons for nomination: Why do you believe the asset is of community value?</b> (You are encouraged to attach supporting evidence)  <i>Any information entered here may be copied and passed onto the owner of the property you are nominating; the rest of your nomination will not be shared with the owner.</i>	This once thriving local pub is the centre of our community; there is no village shop with the village and this offers a much needed social gathering place for the parish.  With its the critical position in the village and proximity to the North Wessex Downs AONB, the pub benefits from passing traffic, cyclists and walkers. While the current commercial offering is not popular, there is strong support within the parish for keeping and using a revitalised pub. The Parish Council and those it represents, feel that the Bell Inn is a real social asset to the community and if the owners were to sell the pub we would like to have the opportunity for a community purchase to ensure it is kept as a community asset that with an improved business model can be kept for the benefit of all.  The site itself benefits from a good car park, a small pub garden and has, we believe, the potential to thrive. Located only 4 miles from Newbury, on a route out of the Newbury and up the Lambourn Valley, and within the AONB the guest bedrooms have the ability to offer additional income.
<b>Current owner's name and address (if known)</b>	The Bell Inn, Lambourn Road, Boxford RG20 8DD
<b>Date nomination submitted</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2020



You are encouraged to attach photos, maps, plans and other documents to help us correctly identify the asset and to support your nomination.

If you wish to post your form, please send to:  
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