

Yarnfield and Cold Meece Parish Council



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January 2024

Labour in Vain – community project to buy the pub

After years of speculation, the owners of the Labour in Vain have finally put the pub up for sale.

Efforts to secure the future of the pub are being made by the Labour in Vain Working Group with the support of the parish council to ensure that the pub returns to being a thriving and welcoming place for the whole community.

An application has been made to the Financial Conduct Authority to create Yarnfield and Cold Meece Community Limited. Once formed, the new company will take over the work of negotiating with Stonegate Group to buy the pub.

The government has announced that the latest bidding round for the Community Ownership Fund will run until the 31 January, 2024, and the working group is now preparing an application that will be submitted by the newly formed company.

The new company will need to raise over £600,000 to buy and renovate the Labour in Vain. This will be raised through a combination of grant applications and donations, with at least £120,000 needing to be raised from the community. To do this, they will be offering shares in the company.

In the first week, £32,000 has been raised in pledges.

How can you help?

The aim is to turn the Labour in Vain into a real community venue that is more than just a pub and is somewhere that can be a focal point for everyone to use. The more people that are involved in the project, the greater the likelihood of success.

We appreciate that some people will not be interested or able to purchase shares and may prefer to make a donation or volunteer their time to help the project for which we would be extremely grateful

If you can help save the Labour in Vain please support the project by making a pledge. You can do this by completing the pledge form using the QR code. Paper copies of the pledge form are available from the parish clerk. (Details on page 2)

Save our Pub Petition

The "Save our Pub" petition now has over 400 signatories. Signing up to the petition is the best way to be kept up to date with developments. You can do this by using the petition's QR code.

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Labour in Vain - Pledge Form



Save Our Pub Petition - The Labour in Vain, Yarnfield



Green Space Competition

We are looking for engaging photographs capturing the green spaces in the parish, the wildlife that calls them home and the positive impact they have on our physical and mental wellbeing. Submissions can be taken on any device and are open to residents of Yarnfield and Cold Meece.

There is a chance to win one of two £25 M&S vouchers through a random prize draw in March 2024. The competition closes on Tuesday 29 February at 23:59.

Protecting Green Space will form an important part of the neighbourhood plan and allow local people to identify and protect green areas of particular importance to them. We have identified six areas of possible open green space that we feel are worthy of inclusion in the plan. We are interested in hearing from residents about these sites: should they be included? Are there any other areas of open space that should be considered?

With your help, we need to gather evidence to show why these green spaces need protection. Are there any other areas that need to be included? Let us know what you think by completing our survey by scanning the QR code.

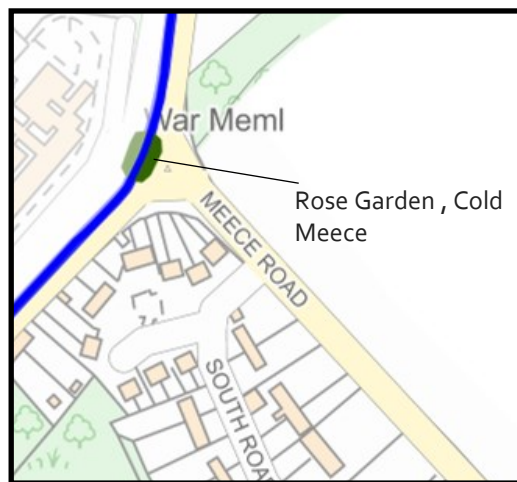
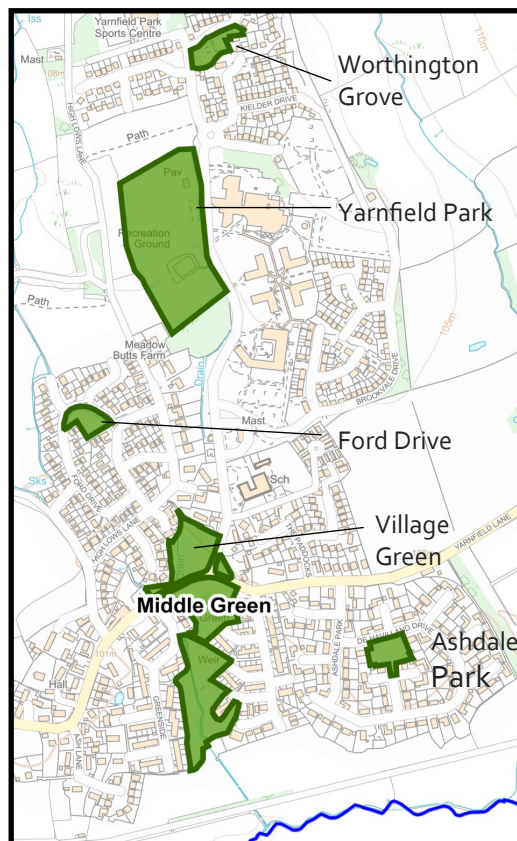
Paper copies of the form are available on request from the parish clerk.

Competition entries should be sent to the parish clerk, together with your contact details and, in the case of entries by children or young people, their age.

Good luck and thank you for helping with this important work.

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Parish Council Calendar 2024

22 January	7.30pm	Parish Council	Yarnfield Park
23 January	7.30pm	Community Action Group	Village Hall
14 February	7.30pm	Parish Council	Yarnfield Park
18 March	7.30pm	Parish Council	Yarnfield Park
22 April	7.30pm	Parish Council	Yarnfield Park
23 April	7.30pm	Community Action Group	Village Hall