

# Stephen Kearney's Rural Pubs Survey

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A syndicate of villagers in Sydenham have rallied round to make sure the Crown remains as a pub. But many local pubs remain under financial pressure.

## Section 1: You and your pub

- 1.0 Is your pub:  Managed  Freehold  Leased
- 1.1 Do you think that you will be running a pub in 5 years time?  Yes  No

If no, please say why:

## Section 2: Your pub and the community

- 2.0 Do you feel that your pub is an important resource for the local community?  
 Yes  No
- 2.1 Is your pub supported well by the local community?  Yes  No
- 2.2 Is the majority of your trade from  Locals  Passing trade?  50/50
- 2.3 Do you serve food?  Yes  No

If yes, to what extent does the food subsidise the rest of the enterprise?

## Section 3: The Business

- 3.0 Do you currently enjoy a business rate discount?  
 Yes  No
- 3.1 Do you think that all rural pubs should qualify for a discount?  
 Yes  No
- 3.2 In what ways did the most recent licensing bill affect your business?

## Section 3: The Business/continued

3.3 How has the smoking ban affected your takings?  Up  Down  The same

3.4 If your takings are down, what would you estimate the percentage lost to be?

## Section 4: Bootleg beer

4.0 Is bootleg beer a problem in your area?  Yes  No

4.1 Have you been offered any bootleg beer in the last 12 months?  Yes  No

## Section 5: Viability

5.0 Have you begun to provide extra services to the local community other than those traditionally associated with pubs?  Yes  No

5.1 If yes, please describe the extra services you provide.

5.2 If no, would you consider providing extra services to remain viable?  Yes  No

5.3 What would you say are the main reasons why so many rural pubs are struggling to remain viable?

## Section 6: Any further points?

6.0 Which regulations, if any, would you like the Government to repeal to make it easier to run your business? Please add any further comments you would like to make on any subject:

Name.....

Address.....

Please do not feel obliged to give your name and address, but the information does help us for statistical checking and will remain strictly confidential.

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