## The Farmers Arms, Muker - Community Ownership

Many of you will know the Farmers Arms in Muker. The pub has been at the heart of the community since the mid 19th century, catering to the needs of both locals and visitors alike. If you've ever joined the community singing outside the pub at the end of Muker Show Day you'll understand just how important it is.

The Farmers has been on the market for two years, so we're now investigating the potential for community ownership. This could secure its future and ensure it is run for the benefit of the Upper Swaledale community. Grants of up to £250,000 are available through the Government's Community Ownership Fund and the current owners are supportive of a community purchase.

We are now assessing the level of support for community ownership. The more support we receive from locals, local businesses, second home owners, visitors and anyone else who has an interest in ensuring the Farmers has a viable future, the more likely we are to both obtain a grant and to raise the remaining funds needed.

With its prime location, its potential to cater for the many visitors to The Dale and the benefits of community ownership, we believe the Farmers Arms can be at the heart of Upper Swaledale for many years to come.

If you're interested in supporting a community purchase of the Farmers Arms, and would like to know more, please visit the <u>Muker Community Pub Facebook Page</u> or email <u>mukercommunitypub@gmail.com</u>.

Equally, if you have any concerns, objections, ideas or general feedback, again please email **mukercommunitypub@gmail.com**. All feedback will be considered as we progress, with the intention of making community ownership work for everyone.