

KENT COMMUNITY BUYS ITS VILLAGE PUB

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After a long two and a half year campaign to Save The Chequer Inn, Ash, Kent from conversion to a private house, villagers are now looking for a tenant to run the pub.

Campaigner Matthew Titterton who has been working to save the pub since 2015 said: “We are all very excited and can’t believe that this day has finally arrived.

“It’s fantastic to know that this wonderful historic pub which has been the heart of the community for hundreds of years will now re-open.

“This time there will be no national pub company owning it, but instead a community passionate for it to succeed.

“We have more than 300 shareholders who are determined to make a success of it, and with the right tenant, we really hope that it will be a community pub to be proud of.”

The pub is expected to reopen in the Autumn.

Campaigners raised £400,000 to buy the pub including a £50,000 grant and a £50,000 loan from the Plunkett Foundation.

The community interest group which owns the pub has more than 300 members.