

Now you see it now you don't
 Just a few of the local pubs
 lost in the last few years



Bristol & District CAMRA Pubs Campaigning Group
BRISTOL PUBS GROUP



Bristol Pubs Group was formed in response to the growing number of pubs in the Bristol area closing or being drastically altered. The Group was launched formally in 2008 with the support of local councillors, members of the trade and the media.



Aims of the Pubs Group

The British pub is the envy of much of the world. From rural local to city music pub and suburban roadhouse, the pub has been a part of our lives for centuries. We want it to stay that way.

Our aims are simple.

The Pubs Group will:

Promote the use of community pubs.

Campaign against closure of pubs that could be viable.

Campaign against insensitive alterations.

Who makes up the Pubs Group?

The Bristol Pubs Group is made up entirely of volunteers from the area. Although the group is led by Bristol CAMRA, it includes several non-members. The group includes representatives from the licensed trade, a local councillor, architects and members of community groups.

All the members have one thing in common: a love of the British Pub. They value the place of the pub in the community and are aware that pubs are closing at an unprecedented rate and that action is needed to stem the tide of destruction of a much-loved part of our way of life.

Why are pubs closing?

STAPLETON ROAD TAVERN

There are many reasons for the increased number of pubs calling "time" for the last time.

Many pubs have had difficulty adapting to the Smoking Ban.

Many closures result from pubs being badly run or from greedy owners cashing in on the value of the property as housing or flats.

Some pub companies and breweries issue restrictive covenants when selling, to ensure a new owner cannot compete with their other pubs.

Supermarkets heavily subsidise alcohol, offering prices as little as a third of what pubs can afford.

THE WAGGON & HORSES

Bristol Pubs Group campaigns where we believe that a pub is or could be viable.

We support the place of the pub in the community and the value of pubs as part of our architectural and social heritage.



How do we campaign?

We maintain and develop relationships with local authorities, councillors and MPs.

We alert the media and encourage high profile coverage of the issues.

We liaise with local community groups to campaign for the retention of their local.

We liaise with groups such as English Heritage on issues including the listing of buildings.

We encourage people to support their local through promotional material and the award-winning CAMRA newsletter Pints West.

We develop our website www.camrabristol.org.uk

If you are interested in joining us, please email bristolpubsgroup@yahoogroups.co.uk or write to us at: P O Box 2960 Bristol & District CAMRA BS6 9FW.