

## Somerset Arms – Village Survey – Spring/Summer 2025 – Summary Results



A pub in Semington will have to count on strong support from the village and from the boating community on the Kennet and Avon Canal. An online survey that was conducted in the spring/early summer of 2025 gives every reason for optimism.

Of the 247 people who responded, only two thought Semington didn't need a pub. An overwhelming 85 per cent said it was essential or very important.

There was a strong consensus that the pub should provide:

- quality food at lunchtimes and evenings
- not just a traditional "local" limited to drinks and bar meals
- not a gastropub either

The pub should also serve the community, with local events and support for village groups.

An astonishing 130 people offered a variety of practical help from fund-raising to refurbishing the pub after a community buy-out. And more than 90 were open to buying shares, with another 70 answering "maybe."

A lot of respondents wanted more information, which will be provided in the business plan which is currently being drafted. We are confident that local enthusiasm will grow, as the campaign develops and prospect of seeing the Somerset Arms reopening as a community owned pub becomes a viable reality.