

### Section 3

#### Supporting information for nomination

Any information entered in this section only may be copied and passed onto the owner of the property you are nominating. Definition of an asset of community value can be found in the guidance document.

Why do you feel the property is an asset of community value? Please give as much information as possible.

##### 1. Current or Recent Use That Furthers the Social Wellbeing or Social Interests of the Community

The Blacksmiths Arms has served the Skelton community for generations and has, for many years, been the only public house located within the main village and within convenient walking distance for residents. Its longstanding primary use has been as a public house providing food, drink, and a place for social interaction.

This use clearly furthers the social wellbeing and social interests (including cultural and recreational interests) of the local community, as defined within the Localism Act. The pub has historically functioned as a central meeting place where residents of all ages and backgrounds come together, supporting community cohesion, reducing social isolation, and providing an informal but vital social space.

During the recent period when the Blacksmiths Arms was closed due to the absence of managing tenants, there was a noticeable decline in opportunities for local social interaction. Many residents were forced to travel outside the village to meet and socialise, demonstrating the significant community role that the pub normally fulfils. Its reopening has already restored the social benefits that had been temporarily lost.

##### 2. Realistic Prospect of Continued Community Use

With the arrival of new managing tenants and the recent reopening of the Blacksmiths Arms, there is a clear and realistic prospect that its community-focused use will continue. The pub has rapidly resumed its role as a thriving focal point for village life, with residents once again able to meet, socialise, and participate in community activities.

The building and site are fully suitable for ongoing use as a public house, and no alternative use has been proposed that would displace or undermine this. The demand and support demonstrated by local residents further reinforce the likelihood that this community use will be sustained in the future.

##### 3. Conclusion

On the basis of the above, the Blacksmiths Arms meets both statutory criteria under the Localism Act 2011 for designation as an Asset of Community Value. Its use as a public house has demonstrably furthered—and continues to further—the social wellbeing and interests of the Skelton community. There is also strong evidence of a realistic prospect of this community value being maintained in the years ahead.

It is therefore considered appropriate and justified that the Blacksmiths Arms remains listed as an Asset of Community Value.

### Section 4

#### Boundary of Property

What do you consider to be the boundary of the property? Please give as much detail/be as descriptive as possible. Please include a plan.

The boundary of the Public House, with car park and beer garden, is detailed on the attached plan

### Section 5

#### Attachment checklist

- ☐ Copy of group constitution (if you are a constituted group)
- ☐ Name and home address of 21 members registered to vote in nomination area (if group is not constituted)
- ☐ Site boundary plan (if possible)

### Section 6

#### Declaration

I can confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this nomination form is complete and accurate.

Signed:



Dated:

4/12/2025