

Regional Pub Protection Coordinator – role guidance

Purpose of the Role:

To advise and support Branches and pub campaigners in the region on pub protection issues and to coordinate local activity around pub protection and Council liaison.

Key Activities:

- to advise and support Branches and pub campaigners on specific campaigns to protect pubs in the region from closure or undesirable development.
- to ensure that requests for assistance regarding pub protection are responded to in an accurate and timely manner.
- to encourage Branches and others to nominate appropriate pubs as Assets of Community Value and, in conjunction with CAMRA HQ, provide support for such nominations.
- to encourage Branches to lobby the Local Authorities in their area to adopt planning policies which afford protection to pubs.
- to keep the Regional Director and National Planning Advisor informed of the work carried out in the region and of any trends or difficult issues which emerge.
- to seek assistance from the National Planning Advisor on any issues that are especially complex or have implications beyond the region.
- to identify best practice amongst Branches on pub protection matters and help to share it.
- to establish links at a regional level with bodies and organisations involved with the planning process and ensure CAMRA's voice is heard.

Code of Conduct:

To refrain from putting forward any personal points of view to the media that are against CAMRA's policies or might bring the Campaign into disrepute.

Time Commitment:

- This role can take up as much time as you are willing to give. Around six hours a month is probably a minimum except at key times, such as a major national or local campaign, when a higher level of commitment might be needed.
- Attendance at Regional Meetings will be desirable.

Skills:

- Good writing skills.
- Good interpersonal skills.
- Access to a computer and the internet.
- Ability to act as a spokesperson.
- Expert knowledge of relevant planning practice and procedures.

Support:

- Support on planning issues is available from CAMRA's National Planning Adviser (paul.ainsworth@camra.org.uk)
- A great deal of detailed information can be found in the Protecting Pubs section of the CAMRA website. In particular the document "Saving Your Local Pub" contains much advice and guidance on running campaigns along with explanations of relevant sections of planning law.
- The website also contains advice on registering a pub as an Asset of Community Value.
- CAMRA's Pub Heritage Group can offer help with pubs of architectural or historic interest. Visit the website at www.heritagepubs.co.uk or contact the Chair (paul.ainsworth@camra.org.uk).

