

Wimbledon's Oldest Freehouse
THE
TRAFALGAR



THE FUTURE OF THE TRAFALGAR FREEHOUSE STARTS WITH US — SECURING THIS SPACE FOR THE COMMUNITY IS AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO.

SAVE THE TRAF – YOUR MAY 2026 UPDATE

Following the success of our inaugural meeting in April, this is the first supporters' newsletter that we are publishing to keep you up to date with the campaign. This looks at what the Save the Traf committee has been up to since that meeting, what's coming up over the next month and how you can get involved.



COMMUNITY MEETING

Over 100 people attended our inaugural meeting on 15 April at St John the Divine, where the support for securing the future of The Trafalgar through a Community Benefit Society ('CBS') was clear.

Since then, we have welcomed three new members to the committee and have met with a number of people who have offered their advice and expertise as we move into this new phase. We are also speaking with local representatives to gain their support for the campaign.

WE'RE ONLINE!

www.savethetraf.co.uk is up and running, which is a one stop shop for everything you need to know about the campaign. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

THE LOST PINT PROJECT X SAVE THE TRAF

If you've been in the pub recently, you might have spotted some filming notices around the bar. Peter Fellows and his amazing team from The Lost Pint Project are creating a documentary following the progress of the campaign.

If you haven't seen the first two episodes, they are a fantastic watch, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who has given their time and skill to make this happen.

Part 1: SAVE THE TRAF – Part One
Part 2: SAVE THE TRAF – Part Two

Keep an eye out for Peter and the team when they next visit on the 2nd and 3rd June.

WE NEED YOU!

The Save the Traf committee is entirely made up of volunteers, and we are continuing to build the skills and support needed to take the campaign forward. We would love to hear from anyone who may be willing to share their time or expertise with the committee, with this month's focus particularly being on those with the following skills and knowledge:

- Commercial property law/conveyancing
- Tax advisors
- Social media campaigns
- Suggestions for potential grants

THE TRAFALGAR WINS SW LONDON CAMRA PUB OF THE YEAR 2026



We were delighted to celebrate with Oli and the team last month when The Trafalgar was named CAMRA South West London Pub of the Year 2026! The award is a real reflection of how important and valued the Traf is, and the strength of support behind it.

LOOKING AHEAD

We are now at a pivotal point in the campaign, with Oli's lease due for renewal at the end of June. The CBS Committee is in active discussions with both the freeholder and Oli as these negotiations take place, with the aim of ensuring there is a viable route and window for the CBS to purchase the freehold subject to agreement with the current owner. This is a tricky process, but we remain optimistic that a constructive path forward can be found and will keep you updated on our progress.

We are also planning a limited merch drop of pins, totes and possibly some tees, to help fund the costs and fees that will be incurred, and help towards generating a small pot to help with this. Check out the website for this coming soon!

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH

As well as sending us an email (savethetraf@gmail.com), members of the committee will be at The Traf between 6:30-7:30pm on the following dates:

- 8th June
- 22nd June
- 6th July

Please come along if you'd like to meet with us over a pint to share your thoughts and ideas about the campaign.

And finally...what's on at The Traf

- **19-20 June Beer Festival**

Thank you again for your support so far. It's clear there is real momentum behind securing a positive future for The Trafalgar, and we'll keep you updated as things progress.

See you in The Traf!

The Save the Traf Committee