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# Bishopstone

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## True Heart Inn

### Plans for a Refurbishment

SIGNS of life at The True Heart Inn have begun to stir in Bishopstone, where plans for a refurbishment and two new building plots have been shown to villagers.

The pub has been vacant since 2009, when proprietor Mandy Hickton decided to move on after a family bereavement.

But now an idea to get the True Heart pumping again has been drawn up.

Owners John and Rosa Jones, who also run The Royal Oak in Wootton Rivers, handed out flyers around the village ahead of Bishopstone Parish Council's meeting on March 3.

The flyers show plans for two detached houses at the rear of the property, a 10-bay car park, paved terrace, pub garden, and an extended, refurbished pub.

Parish councillors were told the couple would use proceeds from the sale of the building plots to fund the refurbishment of the pub.

The aim of the presentation was to gauge public reaction before submitting plans to Swindon Council, although owner John Jones, who attended the meeting, may not have been heartened by the response he received.

Ian Thomas, a parish councillor, said most of the 50 residents present were not impressed and did not want the site changed.

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