



The Railway Inn Norton Bridge

Business Plan 2026 - 2028

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We have a once in a generation opportunity to purchase and re-open the Railway Inn and to secure it for the future.

We can preserve its historic character as a traditional pub but also ensure its future by making it more than just a pub.

We can make it a hub of the community, that we own together and have a stake in, and make it a place welcoming to all

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Help to Make it Happen

Executive Summary

The Railway Inn is situated in the railway village of Norton Bridge Staffordshire around 3 miles from Eccleshall and 5 miles from Stone. It has been a pub since the late 1840s when it served the London and North Western Railway and North Staffordshire Railway and later the London Midland and Scottish London to Glasgow line. Parts of the building date back to the eighteenth century.

It has not traded for over a year and prior to that only traded on very limited hours, as it was the tap room for a micro-brewery. There is no other pub in the village.

We intend to buy and refurbish the Railway Inn to provide a local hub for the villagers of Norton Bridge and the surrounding areas. We are looking to open the pub as a local wet-led pub (where revenue is generated primarily through alcohol sales) with a good cask ale offer and to add value to the business by introducing a coffee shop/tearoom, simple food and later upstairs rooms will be converted to accommodation and/or workspace, or event space rooms.

The pub was registered with Stafford Borough Council as an Asset of Community Value in April 2024 and this lasts until April 2029.

To fund the purchase of the pub we are looking at a Community Share Issue, donations, fund raising activities and if necessary a low interest loan.

By owning the building, we will make money from managing the pub. After covering our costs and building up a contingency fund, this will leave an annual profit. Our members will decide how to use this profit to benefit the community.

We intend that the pub

- operates as a community hub that provides more services than a traditional pub;
- supports local businesses and the local community;
- makes the most of its railway history and the local link with Izaak Walton;
- is welcoming to all.

We estimate sales of approximately £140,000 net of VAT in the first year, and we estimate a net profit of around £22,000 in the first year which will be ploughed back into the business.

After purchase we will give ourselves around three months to get the pub back into a basic trading position before re-opening. We will then invest in the business from profits to add value to the offer.

If you are considering buying shares, it is important that you read the whole of this document and the accompanying Community Share offer document on our website www.railwayinn.org or email contact@railwayinn.org

Our Railway Inn in Community-Ownership

On the right track

The Railway Inn is the only remaining pub in Norton Bridge and has been at the heart of our community since the 1840s. At a packed meeting at St. Luke's Church Hall on 15th September 2025 there was unanimous agreement to try to buy the pub and run it for the community. The Railway Inn Steering Group was formed to take on this task and since then we have been on a steep learning curve.

Named for the historic railway that shaped Norton Bridge, The Railway Inn is a living piece of our local history. It stands as a reminder of our village's unique identity and heritage. Losing the pub would mean losing an irreplaceable link to our past. We hope to revive The Railway Inn as a community pub to provide an invaluable resource to the area.

Please help us to get to our goal and buy the Railway Inn for generations to come and make it an important social and community space for the Parish. More than just a pub—it's the warm, welcoming heart of our village. From lively quiz nights, celebrations, and live music, The Railway Inn can provide an excellent resource for Norton Bridge once more, creating connection, opportunity, and a lasting legacy for Norton Bridge.

Mission, Aims and Objectives

This Business Plan provides a summary of our ideas and guidance on the risks and opportunities involved in purchasing and operating the Railway Inn as a pub. Further details, including how to become an investor, are in our Community Share offer document, available at www.railwayinn.org, or on request.

Mission

We intend to buy and refurbish the Railway Inn to provide a local hub for the villagers of Norton Bridge and the surrounding areas.

We intend that the pub operates as a community hub that provides more services than a traditional pub and has something for everyone to enjoy.

Aims

- We are looking to open the pub as a local wet-led with a good cask ale offer and to add value to the business by introducing a coffee shop/tea room, simple food, a village shop and later upstairs rooms will be converted to accommodation and/or work space rooms. We want the pub to be a place for everyone to enjoy and to be a useful resource for the community.
- Profits in the first years will be ploughed back into the business.

Objectives

We want our pub to :

- Support and strengthen our village and local community

- Support local businesses
- Provide new services and amenities
- Make the most of its railway history and the local link with Izaak Walton.
- Be welcoming to all.
- Make a profit which will be reinvested in the pub and the community

Our legal structure

Community Ownership

We have created a Community Benefit Society, which is an independent, autonomous legal structure that can issue community shares to raise the finance we need to purchase and run the pub. The company is called the Railway Inn Community Pub Limited.

Community Benefit Societies can raise funds and are accountable to its members. Everyone who buys shares becomes a member of the Society. Members are not liable for any risks related to the project beyond the amount of their investment.

Community Benefit Societies are registered by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and listed on the FCA's Mutuals Public Register and democratically run by their members. Every member will have one vote, regardless of how much they invest, on decisions affecting the running of the Society.

Membership gives you the right to:

- Attend AGMs and other members' meetings and have your say on the running of the organisation.
- Elect the Management Committee at the AGM.
- Stand for election to the Management Committee.

The purpose of a community benefit society is to serve the broader interests of the community. It can have no secondary purpose, including any that may preferentially benefit members.

No profit can be distributed to members and interest on share capital is an operating expense.

Community Benefit

So much more than a pub!

The main reason why people buy community shares is for a social rather than a monetary return on their investment, in this case to reopen the Railway Inn and run it for the benefit of the community. Community ownership of the Railway Inn will encourage community cohesion by providing a reasonably priced, accessible and community driven space for all. It would be far more than a pub: it would be a community hub in an area which really needs one and you (our members) can decide how profits are spent locally.

By owning the building, we will make money from managing the pub. After covering our costs and building up a contingency fund, over time this may generate an annual profit. In this case our members will decide how to use this profit to benefit the community.

To make sure that we understand our community's needs, we undertook a questionnaire based survey, hand delivered to all residents in the parish and also available on line. We found that live music, coffee/cakes available, a social area for events and that other enterprises, such as a village shop, café /tea room, space for small businesses and space to hold events were needed. Details of the consultation and the results are on our website www.railwayinn.org

What we will offer

Our main sales will come from beer and lagers/soft drinks. At a later date, we will offer coffee/tea and simple snacks.

Our community survey showed there is also a demand for a village shop which will stock everyday items and local produce. We will need to conduct further work on this, to assess its feasibility.

We intend that two rooms will be for the sale of alcoholic drinks, and part of the pub opened as a tea room/café. A further room will be available for use as a meeting room for a range of activities. Other rooms, including those upstairs will be developed over time to extend our offer to the village and surroundings.

Villagers have requested a venue for family events. We would carry out a feasibility study to see if they could be accommodated in the pub. There may be an opportunity for larger events (marquee) on the carpark/paddock subject to the owner's consent.

Revitalising Norton Bridge

We feel that reopening the Railway Inn as a community hub will play a big part in revitalising the village and the local area, in the following ways:

Stimulating the local economy through localised supply chains. Where possible, we will use local suppliers for our food and drink offers and utilise local business and

craftspeople in refurbishing the pub. Our main food offer for the pub will be a variety of food vans visiting on a regular basis. These are very popular.

Strengthening our community. Reopening the pub will be an investment in the village of Norton Bridge and its people and the local area. It will bring people together to promote community spirit and togetherness. It can be a place to hold events that promote wellbeing and reduce social isolation. We will strive to promote equality, diversity and inclusion by creating safe and welcoming spaces for all.

Providing new facilities. We hope to be able to provide the services that the community consultation held in 2025, showed that people wanted and would value, ie a tearoom/café, a small shop and a meeting space. People wanted a place to enjoy a cup of coffee and a cake as much as having an alcoholic drink. The pub should be a place for everyone, pub goers and non-pub goers alike, with something for everybody. We will be open to suggestions for holding events or providing spaces for agencies and others to hold events.

Support the local economy. We will create training and volunteering opportunities, as we are working with Volunteer it Yourself who offer apprenticeship level training in the building sector. They are interested in providing training opportunities under supervision in construction and building to help renovate the pub.

There will also be ample opportunity for local people (and others) to get involved in volunteer roles in renovating and running the pub.

Creating a sustainable community business. We will strive to be environmentally sustainable in what we do, to include promoting recycling and by using recycled materials in the pub where possible. Should suitable grants become available we will examine ways to be fuel efficient.

Culture and heritage. Norton Bridge and Chebsey parish as a whole has an interesting and diverse heritage that has been largely ignored, particularly the railway history of Norton Bridge. The Railway Inn is one of the few reminders of that past that still exists in the village and we will tap into that history to make the pub an interesting place to visit that celebrates its past.

Our Market and Strategy

The Market

The village is home to just under 90 houses and there is a large catchment in the rural areas around Norton Bridge/Chebsey/Shallowford/ Great Bridgeford, Cold Norton, Yarnfield and further afield.

There are no competitors for our intended market in the village or surrounding rural area. It also has a large, under-utilised beer garden, and the use of a large carpark by kind agreement of the landowner.

There is a higher-end eating establishment around two miles away which only has limited appeal to our potential market.

Eccleshall and Stone are around 3 and 5 miles away both with a variety of pubs/bars and restaurants. People will travel to those towns and some will pass through the village. People will also travel to a good characterful pub which offers a good level of service and product.

There are some industrial units close by where there would be a market for lunch time and after-work trade. There is also a large charity warehouse in the village where the public donate goods throughout the day, and a golf centre close by.

We are also close to Mill Meece water pumping station which is an attraction throughout the year with steam days and vintage vehicle rallies.

There is also the historic Staffordshire cottage that belonged to the famous fisherman Izaak Walton just along the road which attracts visitors from all over the world who are interested in *The Compleat Angler*. We aim to theme one of the rooms to reflect that connection.



The Railway Inn in the 1990s

Our Strategy

We intend to be the sort of pub where everyone, looking for an authentic public house experience, is welcome. We will also be dog-friendly in the public bars.

The front door of the pub will be re-opened to form a welcoming entrance.

Sales will be generated from the sales of beer and lagers at first. We would augment this with rent from a coffee shop, sales from a small shop and accommodation /workspace rooms after a feasibility study in the medium term.

We intend to engage with the local population who have pledged to help run the pub on a volunteer basis in the initial stages.

As a retail hospitality business, sales and thus revenues will be instant. We will install a card-reader system to take contactless payments. There may be a call to go completely cashless which would cut out banking charges and the need to visit bank premises to

deposit cash/obtain change. Other pub businesses in the area report that sales are currently 80/20% in favour of electronic payment. This would be an effective security measure. We also aim to install an ePOS system to keep track of stock v. sales.

We will negotiate a supply deal with local and national brewers. Terms will have to be negotiated at the time of supply but the national breweries will offer a complete cellar fit-out which will save the business around £5000 in start-up costs. They offer a cash-with-order or a credit facility depending on the package negotiated at the time. National suppliers carry a wide range of products from many smaller breweries around the UK so there could be a constant change in product available at the bar. There will also be a guest-ale facility to be negotiated at the time. They also offer retrospective discount on promoted product along with free promotional material such as glassware, bar runners, technical services and discount on some broadcast services. This should all add to the potential profitability of the business.

We intend to be more than just a traditional pub and will offer somewhere for local people to gather and interact, whether they are drinkers or not. We intend to have a lending library and will be a venue for open mike music nights. As a community owned and run pub we will be free to decide exactly what we offer, unlike chain pubs. We don't want to try and replicate generic chain pubs, we think creating something with a unique character and atmosphere will make it a destination pub of choice, attracting visitors from near and far.

Food sales will play a part in the medium term when we have generated enough profit to refurbish a kitchen/prep room to acceptable standards.

Whilst the pub will not be providing food in the short term, we will have a tea room operating on the premises in the day time. We will also be inviting pop-up caterers to make use of the large carpark which the pub will have access to if the community is able to purchase the pub. There is also space on the carpark to hold outdoor events during the warmer months. The use of pop-up caterers has proven to be very successful in the past, drawing in additional trade for the pub.

We would look at the feasibility of hosting family events in the pub or on the carpark subject to permission from the owners.

We aim to capitalise on the Railway connection by theming one of the trading rooms by decorating in LMS colours and adding railway-type memorabilia. The rear bar will be given an angling theme to tie-in with the Izaak Walton connection to the area.

There may be an opportunity to install a pool table and or discreet gaming/quiz machine in the pub. These can be very profitable.

We already have a Facebook page and website which will be used extensively to promote the business to the wider public.

What we will need to do

What is the business model?

We will open initially with volunteer bar and other staff. However, as soon as possible, we will find a manager with existing hospitality experience to run the premises (with performance related profit share). The management committee will oversee this arrangement and look after other requirements of managing the property (e.g. insurance, repairs, accounts). It is possible that the upstairs front rooms could be converted to accommodation for a manager if required.

We will work with a tenant who will operate a tearoom in the back rooms of the pub to generate an income stream and to increase the pub offer to the community. This was one of the businesses asked for in the community consultation and we have had preliminary discussions with an interested tenant who would complement our business model well.

What is the condition of the pub?

The Railway Inn has lacked investment for many years and needs renovation work. The front part of the pub retains its Victorian features and could be restored relatively quickly. The back part of the pub needs more work, especially the upstairs which has been neglected for a long time. However, there is much potential, and our plan is to concentrate on the downstairs rooms to begin trading within three months of purchase, whilst tidying up and making the upstairs rooms safe. These rooms will be the second phase of the project.

We will tidy up the beer garden which has been an underutilised space and the car park so we have space for outdoor activities. We will make the pub attractive from the roadside to encourage passing trade. Note: Although the car park is under separate ownership, our Community Benefit Society has permission to use it on an ongoing basis. This gives us a unique advantage over other potential purchasers of the pub who would not benefit from this arrangement.

What work is needed?

A detailed Pre Acquisition report gives a detailed schedule of the condition of the pub and recommended works. We also commissioned a 'Red Book' survey which is the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Survey and gives the value of the building in its present condition and the value if it were trading, both the sale and the lease value. Therefore, we have comprehensive information on what the property is worth and what essential works need to be done and in what order. Short summaries of these reports are available on request.

It is estimated that £40,000 is needed for essential works and a further £40,000 for recommended works. However, our community consultation showed that there are many people who would be willing to volunteer their time to help with renovating the pub. We have also been in talks with Volunteer it Yourself, an organisation providing apprenticeships who are interested in using the Railway Inn to train their apprentices under supervision.

Therefore, we are confident that we will be able to reduce this figure to around £50,000 for renovations to get the pub into a condition to start trading.

What will it cost?

We need to raise £275,000 - £300,000. This consists of £250,000 - £260,000 to buy and renovate the building, and £30,000 - £40,000 of stock and start-up costs.

This is based on the vendor's estate agent's view of an acceptable purchase price, our own 'Red Book' RICS Survey and our own Pre Acquisition Survey giving refurbishment costs. We have lots of local volunteer help and this is factored in.

How will we fund it?

To fund the purchase of the pub we are looking primarily at a Community Share Issue plus donations and income from fundraising events. If we are unable to raise the necessary capital from Community Shares, once we reach an acceptable threshold of community investment we have an offer of a member loan that can help to fund any shortfall from some local residents that want to see the pub secured for the community. We would then be in a position to purchase the freehold while continuing to sell shares and fundraise to renovate the pub and pay down any loan over a fixed period.

We have set up a GoFundMe page for donations and are running regular fundraising events.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-railway-inn-community-pub-norton-bridge-fundraiser>

We will have rent from a tenant running a tea room/café and also refurbish a room to be hired out for workspace/ meetings or community events which will generate income.



The Railway Inn in the 1940s

Milestones

- After the purchase of the building we will give around three months to get the building back into shape to open as a pub serving beers etc
- The beer garden is to be renovated and furnished. This is a great asset which has been under-exploited in recent years.
- We will provide an outside smoking shelter by moving the existing shelter to the beer garden or reducing it in size and moving it nearer to the rear door of the pub.
- After 6 months trading we will look to providing a kitchen/prep area for simple snacks, cakes and coffee/tea.
- One year down the line we will look to developing upstairs rooms into accommodation/ workspace areas with independent access from outside the building.
- We would like to be Good Beer Guide listed.

Funding and Finance

Where does the money come from and where does it go?

We are aiming to purchase the pub by becoming a Community Benefit Society and issuing £1.00 shares (minimum purchase 250 shares) to the local community and the wider public. There is much support from the local community in getting the pub reopen and we hope to raise enough interest to buy the freehold.

We have opened a separate Business Bank Account to accept investment and donations and we have a crowdfunding page to help raise funds in the short term for advice, legal fees and licencing etc.

Building purchase	£200,000 -£235,000
Stamp duty	£1,000 - £1,700
Refurbishment	£20,000 - £25,000
Contingency	£5,000 - £10,000
Total capital costs	£226,000- 271,000
Architect, surveyor, legal, etc	£7,500
Pre-trading bills	£6,100
Start-up contingency	£8,400
Total start-up costs	£22,000
Total capital and start-up costs	£248,000 - £293,000

We aim to attract grant funding for necessary refurbishment costs and have been in discussions with local building training providers to assist on a no-cost basis.

Our base case forecasts are based on raising £250,000 in community shares. If we fall short we have arranged an interest free loan with a repayment period to be agreed.

Costs to date to cover a surveyor, marketing and applications have been incurred by the Management Committee and amount to around £2,000. This has been paid for by donations from the Management Committee and from local community groups.

The financial projections below reflect our intent to establish and manage a commercially successful business for the benefit of the local community in the long term and are based on achieving a sustainable business model within that time frame.

Financial forecasts

We have produced financial forecasts for the next three years, as we feel that trying to project further into the future, given the economic climate uncertainties, could be misleading. All forecasts are estimates of what might happen, but we feel the following tables show realistic estimates of how the business will progress. However, in order to comply with the minimum time shares must be held for Venture Capital Tax Relief, we would need to suspend withdrawals for at least four years.

Year 0 represents the time in which we will purchase the property and incur the start-up costs to get ready for launch.

In Year 1, we will have sales income and also hope to access grants available to pay for our costs.

By the end of Year 2, we'll have cash to cover a year of costs, should we lose our rental income.

Profit and Loss Forecast

- After purchase we will give ourselves around three months to get the pub back into a basic trading position. We will then invest in the business from profits to add value to the offer.
- We estimate sales of £140,000 net of VAT in the first year.
- We estimate a net profit of around £22,000 in the first year which will be ploughed back into the business.

The Railway Inn Community Pub Limited Projected Profit and Loss Accounts 2026 to 2028

	2026 (9 months)*	2027	2028
Projected Sales	£143,720	£202,844	£218,844
Cost of Sales	£82,451	£87,648	£85,000
Gross Profit	£61,269	£115,196	£133,844
Expenses	£39,075	£53,274	£75,140
Net Profit	£22,194 14.90%	£61,922 15.49%	£58,704 18.76%

* April to December

Note :

All figures are estimates

There is no allowance for Depreciation or Corporation Tax in these figures

Weekly turnover will fluctuate throughout the year and seasonally

Trading hours - 54 hrs per week Minimum wage 12.71 per hour

Risks and Mitigations

Risks

There is some risk associated with buying the freehold of the pub but, because it will be a community based purchase no one person will be exposed to a large risk of financial failure. The community will be freeholders of a valuable asset which could be sold on if the business fails to generate enough profit to sustain itself.

We intend to minimise the risk by starting off slowly with a soft opening and gradually building the business from profit generated by sales in the medium term.

Like many investments, these community shares are at risk and you could lose some or all of the money you invest.

Unlike deposits with high street banks, community shares are not covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme, nor is there any right of complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

If you are considering investing a significant amount then you may wish to seek independent financial advice before doing so.

Mitigations

Amongst our steering group we have people who are well versed in administration, finance, IT, promotion and publicity, pub management, and practical skills. We also have a pool of tradespeople who are willing to give time and expertise to help get the pub up and running. The Railway Inn will be the only public house in the village and the only public house for around 2 miles and with a large rural catchment area including a number of villages and hamlets.

We will need to train staff in customer service and cellar management, cash and card payment handling.

We will have to rely on volunteer labour and bar staff in the short to medium term as we will not be able to assess cash-flow for at least 6 months. This could prove problematical but with the goodwill of the local population could work well as in other community-based enterprises.

What will you do with my personal details and data?

Your personal details as submitted on the application form will be held by the society and used in accordance with the provisions of the rules and of the 2014 Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act.

Only members can inspect the members' register and view members' names and addresses (but not how much they have invested) but the society will not share, sell or provide your details to any other individual or organisation and will ensure compliance with the GDPR regulation in accordance with its responsibility as a data controller.

Further information

1. For information on buying shares, including a detailed timeline to completing the project – see our Community Shares Document
2. Community consultation survey results are available on our website – www.railwayinn.org

Appendix 1 –Short profiles of the members of the Management Committee

Sue Wardle (Chair)

Sue has lived most of her life in Norton Bridge and raised a family here. She has also had a 30-year career in the NHS working in senior positions in Health Intelligence and Public Health. Sue was also a Public Health Trainer, an Honorary Senior Lecturer at Staffordshire University and has co-authored many publications in peer reviewed journals. Since retiring, Sue has become more involved with local community matters and is currently secretary of Friends of Norton Bridge and helps at the weekly Norton Bridge Community Drop In. A founder member of Chebsey Parish Local History Society, Sue also volunteers at Oak Tree Farm Rural Project and enjoys spending time on her allotment and singing with the Serenity Singers' Choir.

David Wills (Vice Chair)

David moved to Norton Bridge in 2014 and has since become an active member of the community, standing as a parish councillor on Chebsey Parish Council and chairing Friends of Norton Bridge community group. In his spare time David enjoys classic car shows and pub quizzes, something he is keen to see us include at the Railway Inn!

Rachael Drinkall (Secretary)

Rachael started her career as a Police Officer in West Midlands Police Force. She later moved to work for Next at their head office in Leicestershire. She worked in the Charities & Sponsorship dept, helping to organise and run large charity events in London and Birmingham for many big Charities.

She has worked for the last 14 years in medical administration - mostly at the Donna Louise Children's Hospice. She has been a volunteer dog fosterer and home vetter for 5 dog rescues for the last 18 years. She loves spending time with her dogs, is a keen gardener and is training as a silversmith - specialising in jewellery making.

Andy Burdon and Sylvia Burdon (Treasurer)

Andy and Sylvia took over a failing pub in nearby Stone and turned it into a very busy and profitable business for over 12 years. The wet-led pub was Good Beer Guide listed and provided live Jazz once a week. Andy's background has been in sales and marketing before and after the pub. Sylvia's background has always been in Finance and Accountancy including treasury management, and VAT and PAYE accounting.

Kris Douglas (Data Protection Officer)

Kris's career began in 2009 when he won Staffordshire Young Entrepreneur of the Year for developing a prototype online music retail platform for independent bands. Discovering a passion for software development, he transitioned to developing in-house CRM software for a major Orange mobile dealer, before moving on to operating a high-street IT repair and services business in 2011. He later worked with his long-time friend and business partner to engineer a web-based ISO 9000 Quality Management System for solar installers under the emerging MCS scheme. Today, Kris runs a successful IT consultancy serving medium and large enterprises. Outside of his professional work, for 14 years he has been deeply involved in heritage railways, now serving as a charity director, events coordinator, and train driver at Amerton Railway, as well as having a passion for mechanical engineering.

Margaret Ainsworth-Hickman

Marg was brought up and has lived in the Parish all of her life and, after retiring from being a Youth and Community worker, is now involved in numerous community groups, activities and events including being a member of Chebsey Parish Council. With Sue, founded Chebsey Parish Local History Society which was created out of an awareness of the importance of recording the history of the parish for future generations.

Neil Butler

Retired chartered surveyor after 33 years. A volunteer at Bridgnorth on the Severn Valley Railway for 41 years working on locomotive repair and maintenance at Bridgnorth, also several years as a fireman. Presently pattern making.

Was chairman of the Heart of Staffordshire branch of CAMRA. A lot of time at present is taken up with Norton Bridge affairs.

Holly Douglas

Holly has been an active volunteer with several heritage railways, starting out when she was 13 years old. In her free time she enjoys long dog walks and cooking for friends. She has experience in organising and running events, catering and compliance management

Fran Drinkall

Fran did an apprenticeship as a welder for British Coal then worked as a fabricator for a company that supplied parts for Caterpillar. He now works in a press shop making car body panels. He enjoys DIY, gardening and going to places with the dogs and was an instructor and maintenance officer on a volunteer motorcycle training scheme for 15 years.

Ian Willshaw

Ian worked as a UK Distribution Manager for a worldwide glass company, then established his own glassware business. A change of direction led to him setting up his own design and printing business, then becoming Design Director for a group of printing companies. He was a Chebsey Parish Councillor for 12 years and is a member of Friends of Norton Bridge. Ian plays guitar in a blues band and is an avid local football fan.