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Heddington villagers to complete purchase of The Ivy Inn to run as a community pub

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The Friends of The Ivy Community Benefits Society is delighted to announce that it exchanged contracts on the purchase of The Ivy Inn in Heddington on Friday 30 January. The sale will be completed on Tuesday 3 February.

Toby Bartholomew, Managing Director, Wadworth, will hand over the keys to Paul Moyle-Harris, Chairman, Friends of The Ivy, on Wednesday 4 February at 11.00 am.

This is an historic day for the village and for The Ivy and represents a very bold move by Friends of The Ivy in these challenging times for rural pubs—but the Society is convinced its community focus will be key to The Ivy's success.

Paul Moyle-Harris commented, *"I've always looked at the project of saving The Ivy as having three phases. The first was to make it possible—which we've now done. The next phase will be to make it happen, where we'll focus on the building, recruiting staff and refining the business structure. The final phase, once we open, will be to make it work!"*

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Photo opportunity:

If you wish to take photos of the keys handover on 4 February, please contact Dave Denny for more details.

Photos of the Ivy Inn are available at: <https://friendsoftheivy.org.uk/press>

Friends of the Ivy logo can be downloaded from: <https://friendsoftheivy.org.uk/logos>

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