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Bringing About Lasting Change to Communities Through Co-operation

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PROUD
TO SUPPORT OUR
COMMUNITY
SHOP

Established by Sir Horace Plunkett in 1919

We believe that the key to thriving communities is co-operation

We help communities to take control of their challenges and overcome them together



We want to inspire people to proactively explore co-operation to make the lives of the individuals in their community better

We support people to set up and run life-changing community co-operatives, owned and run democratically by large numbers of people in their community

Maracuja Community Bistro, Rochdale



We work in partnership with a wide range of organisations

We share experiences to help communities learn from others

We provide specialised support and expertise through our national adviser network

Drug and Alcohol Service for London

The Plunkett Way

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INSPIRE

EXPLORE

CREATE

THRIVE

The Croft Tea Room, Bromley

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Inspire

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We are working to inspire a new wave of
community co-operatives



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Explore

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We are helping communities explore
co-operative ownership



The Seven Stars Pub, Marsh Baldon

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Create

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We are supporting communities to create co-operatives



The Bevendean Pub, Brighton

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We are ensuring communities thrive



The Bull Pub, Great Milton

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The Angler Rest, Bamford

Changing the Landscape

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The Anglers Rest, Bamford

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The story of a community that wouldn't give up

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Why did we buy the pub?

- Concern over the future of the last pub in the centre of the village.
 - Village meeting -> set up a group -> formation of BCS
 - Registered the pub as an Asset of Community Value
- Development of a village plan
 - Consultation with 100+ residents, identified desire to:
 - Create a more vibrant heart to the village
 - Have more social events
 - Keep pub and PO and to have a café
- Post office Network transformation programme
 - Proscribed timescale

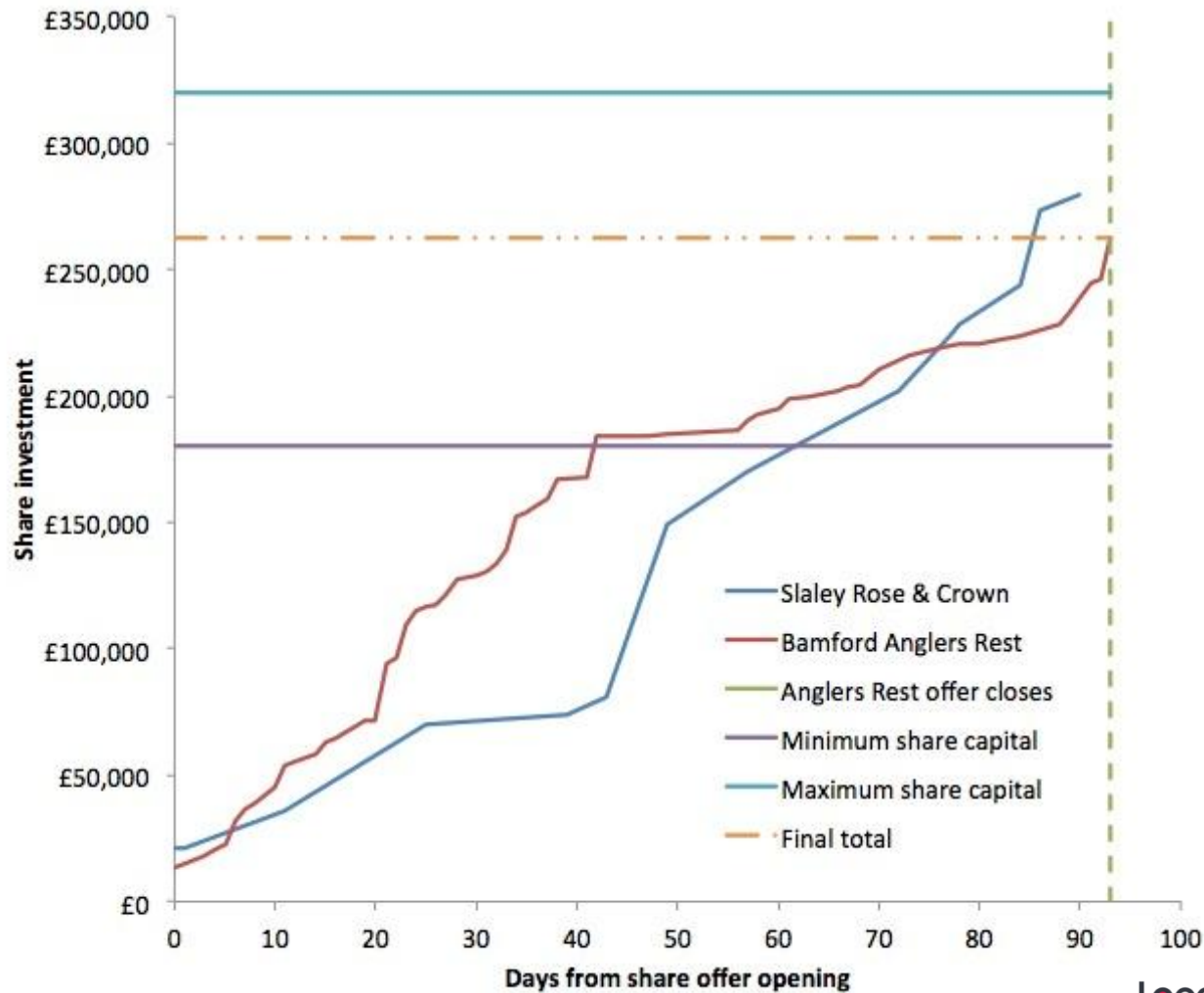
Engaging the community

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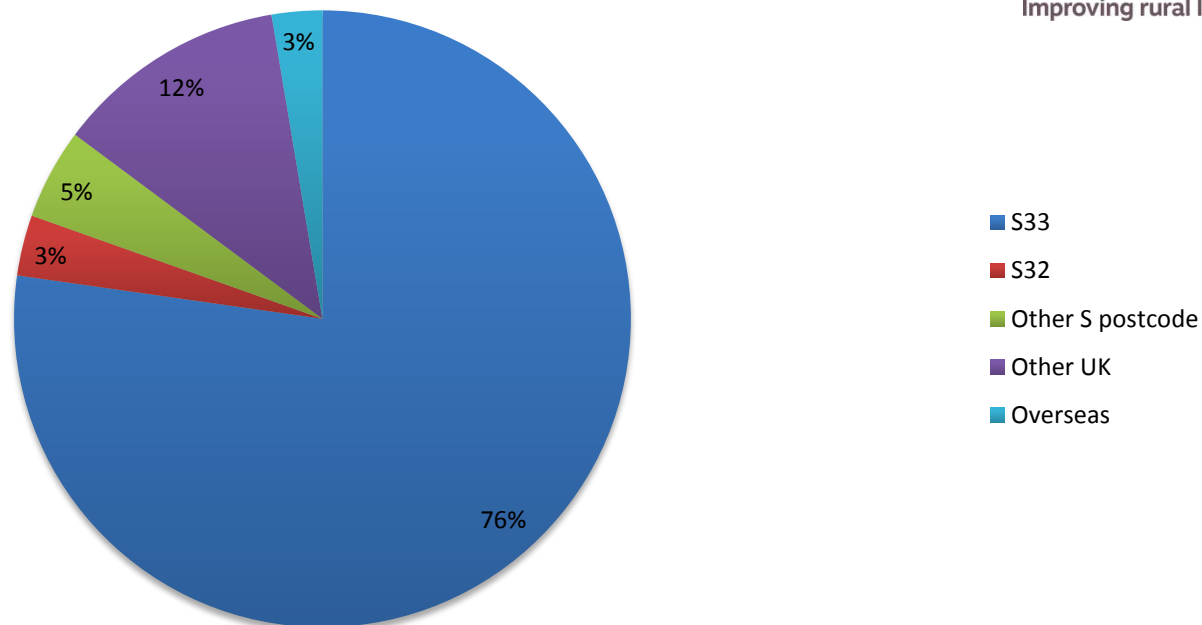
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Share sales



Who invested by location



S33 = Bamford, Bradwell, Castleton, Edale, Hope, Upper Derwent Valley

S32 = Eyam, Grindleford, Hathersage

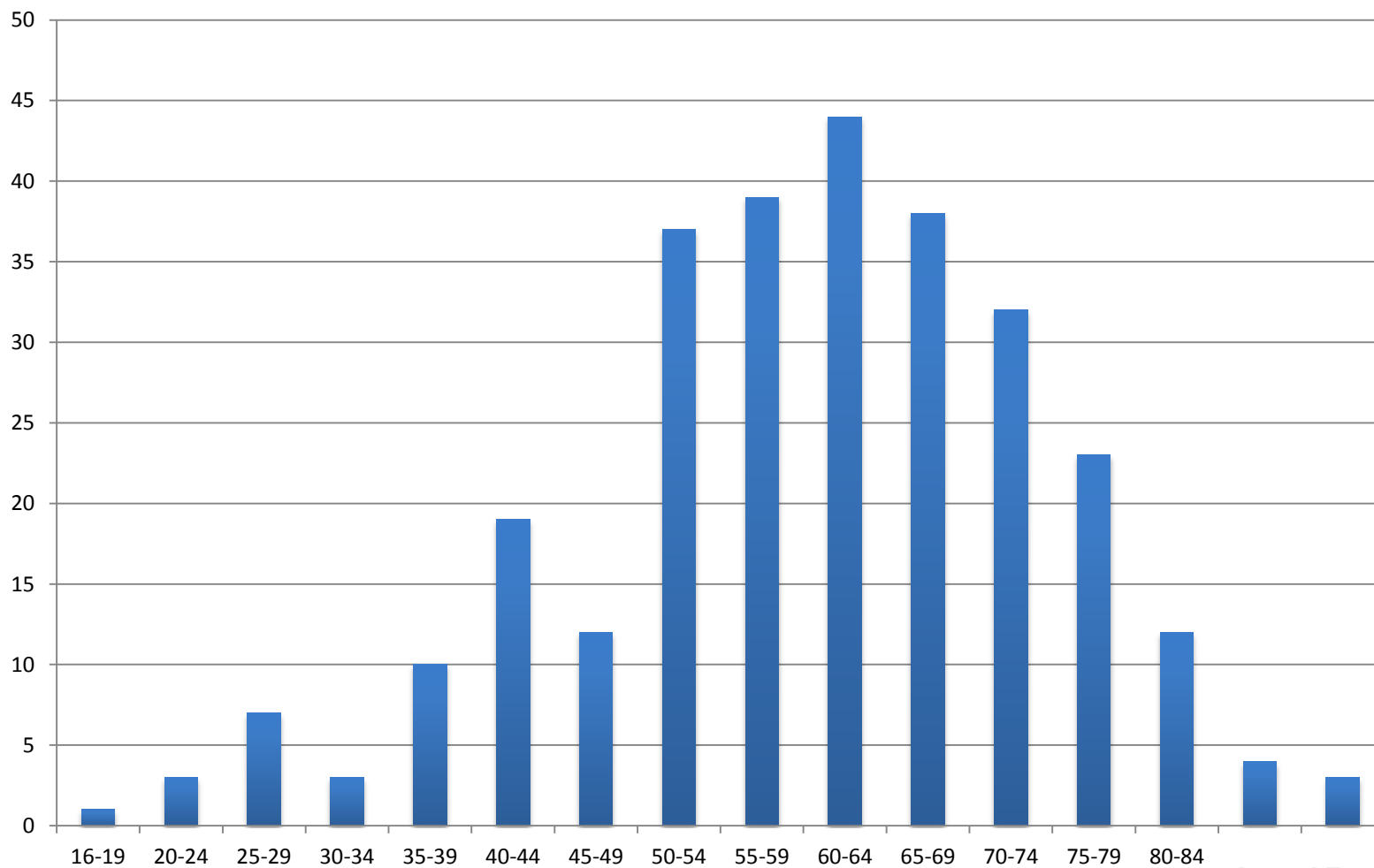
Included in the investors are:

- ✧ Bamford with Thornhill Parish Council
- ✧ The Parochial Church Council of the Parish Church of St John the Baptist Bamford
- ✧ Bamford Primary School PTA
- ✧ Bamford Community Arts and Crafts

Who invested by age

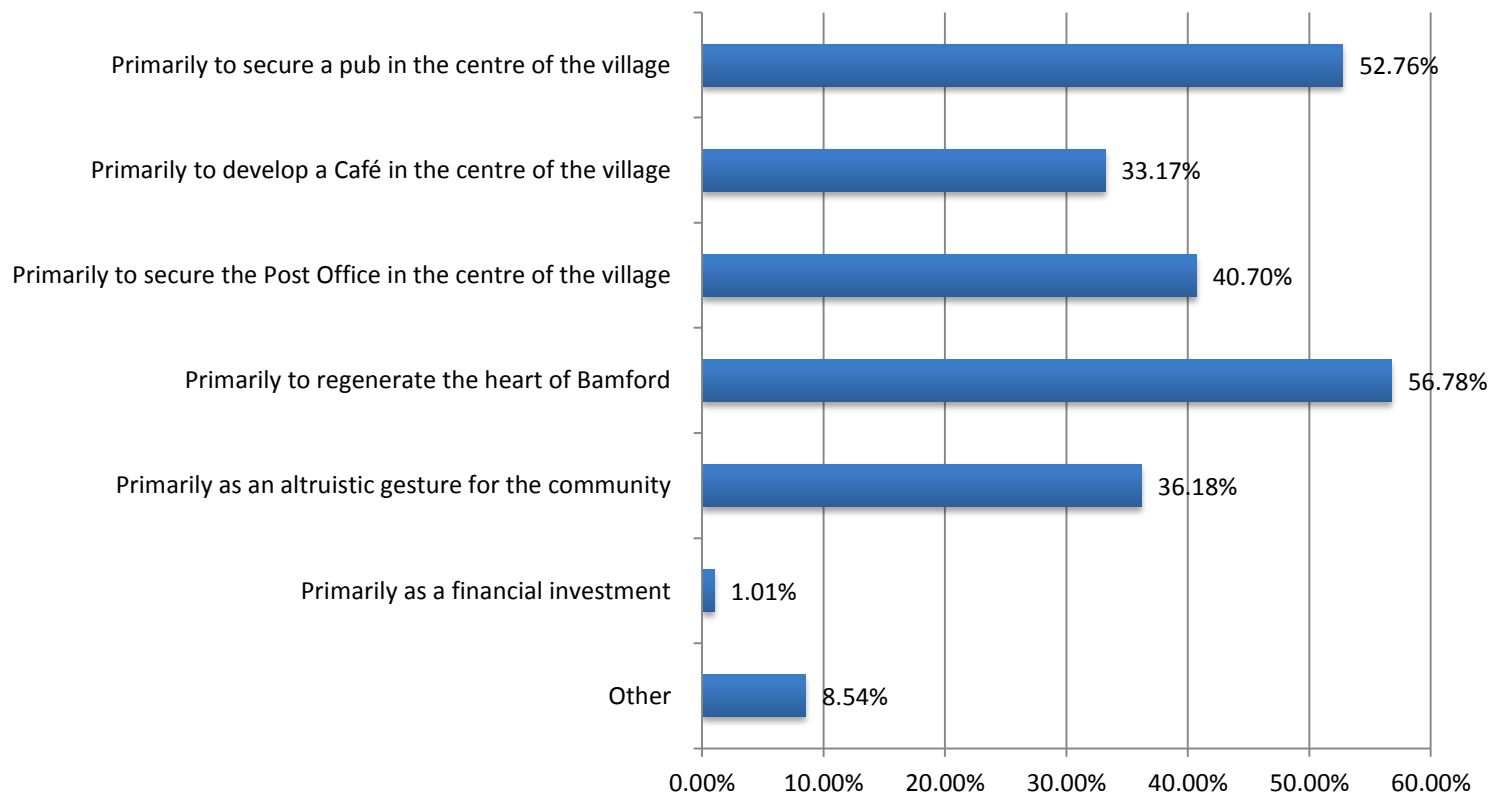
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Why did they invest?



50% bought the minimum shares of £250

90% of investments are for £1,500 or less.

10 people invested £4,000 or more, they hold approx. £80k or 30% of the shares

Vision and identity



Our vision is:

To develop a sustainable community business, that is inclusive and with a reputation for good customer service, that contributes to a vibrant and thriving village.

Our strapline is:

Bought by our community, supporting our community, investing in our community.

Crafty coffee session, with local artwork, toys and book exchange in the background

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Improving social contact



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Have you met new people as a result of the community taking on the Anglers Rest?

Yes: 80.2%

No: 19.8%

If yes, how many people do you think you have got to know as a result?

1-10 60.0%

11-25 29.3%

26-50 9.2%

50+ 1.5%

Supporting the community

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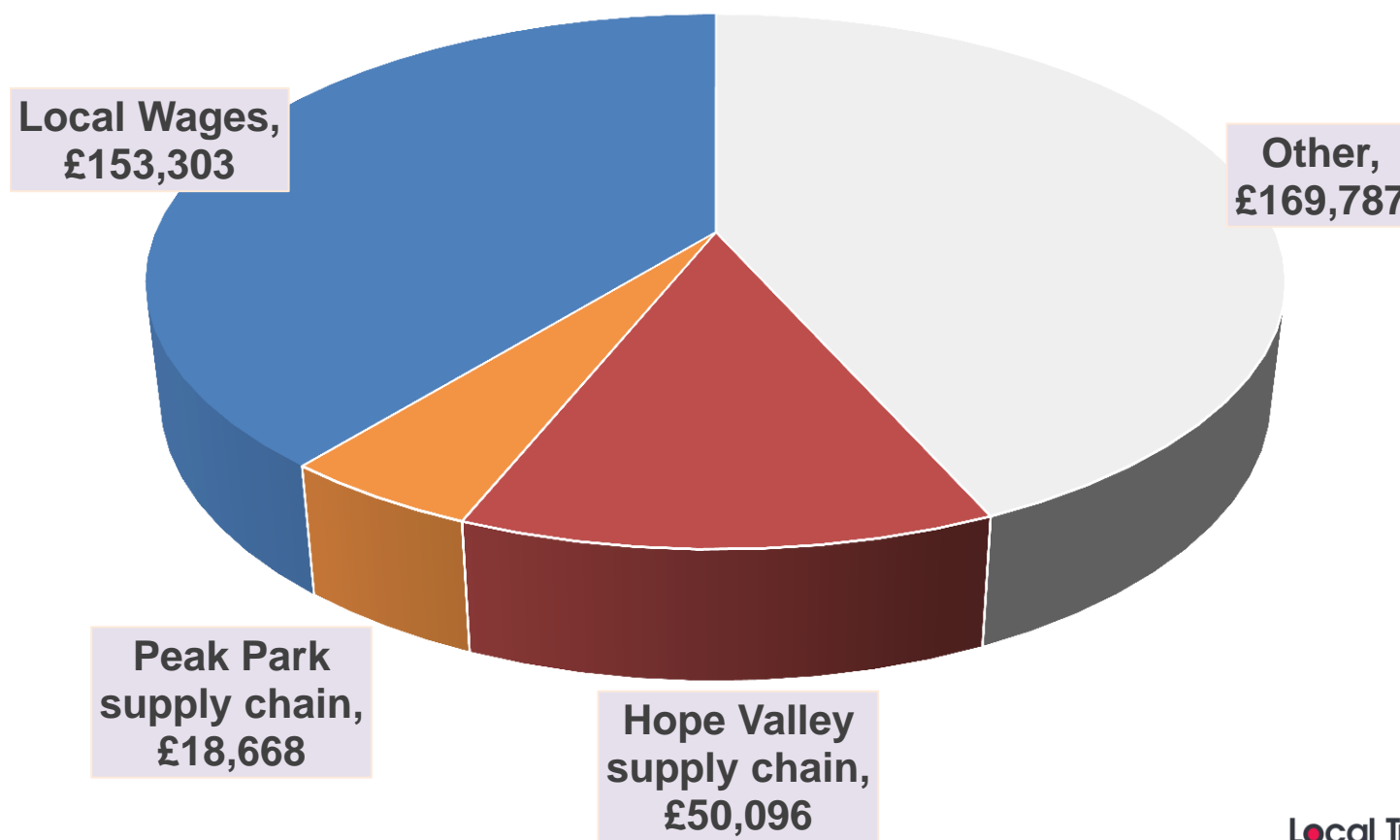
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Local spend

Including wages and purchasing 57% of our spend is local



Capture your story

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Running a community business

- Good finance systems and timely processes
 - Where is the income coming from?
 - Where are spending your money?
- Legal and compliance duties (H&S, EHO, etc.)
- Governance structures
- Membership and community engagement

Owning an asset

- Probably not in a good state of repair
- No shortage of ideas but not much money
- Expertise/volunteers within your membership/community
- Can you reduce your overheads?
 - Better deals on energy, insurance, etc.
 - Energy and water efficiency
- Increasing income
 - Do you have unused space, equipment or time periods?
- Know what you have
 - Building/equipment manual
 - Building surveys
 - The more you know the better you are able to take advantage of grants

Never give up!

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