All under-threat locals need cash help not just heritage pubs

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Following the launch of a new UK government heritage revival scheme yesterday, CAMRA’s Pub Heritage Group chair Paul Ainsworth (pictured) said: “CAMRA warmly welcomes this new fund which will help communities bid for money to breathe new life into closed, derelict or at-risk heritage pubs. We believe that pubs in nationally important buildings, or with historic interiors, need to be protected both as buildings which tell us about our national story, but also as thriving pubs acting as the beating heart of communities today. “The government also needs to provide funding to save under-threat locals that aren’t classed as heritage pubs. There are more than 200 community-owned pubs in the country, where previously struggling pubs have been taken over and run for the people, by the people. “But those looking to take over their local as a community-owned pub, if it is under threat of closure or conversion, need to be able to access advice, support and money to make sure bids are successful, securing the pub at the heart of community life for decades to come. Since the community ownership fund closed last year, no such support has been available. The government should urgently create a new funding stream so that communities can save their pub.” The government’s announcement about additional funding for heritage buildings, including pubs, is here.