

Bulls Head
78 Old Road
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Derbyshire SK13 1JY

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To Whom it May Concern

Re: Ms D Cooper/Crossgate Farm Campsite, Crossgate Lane, Tintwistle SK13 1HP

My name is Jane Jackson I am the owner, chef and resident of the Bulls Head Pub Tintwistle, which is approximately ½ a mile from Crossgate Farm. I write in support of the campsite at the farm in the hope that it will return this year and for many years to come.

For my business, especially following the Pandemic, the extra footfall the campsite has created has been a God send, it has meant extra revenue, especially on a Thursday and Friday (traditionally quiet food times) when food takings have risen as much as 30%. We have also taken on 1 extra member of staff part-time at these busy times.

More than this though, people just attracted people so we find our regulars are staying longer when there are new people around, which then encourages the campers to spend more money and time in the pub. The pub is in a beautiful but difficult location, so it has been hard to survive in the present climate. I know many of my customers and neighbours feel the same, we often talk about peeping over the wall to count the tents in the morning and how diverse the campers are.

Traditionally the area has just attracted serious walkers and runners now we see family groups, sports groups, faith groups, loads of students and lots of singletons which isn't so common in an country pub.

I think so many are attracted to the site because it's cheap, so accessible to all, and it has excellent transport links especially with the Manchester and surrounding areas; there is a Bus stop at the bottom of Crossgate Lane and the train station only 2/3 miles away. Its just a great location!

Historically this village has always welcomed visitors, we had refugee camps during the war and summer camps for disadvantaged children from the war to the late 70's the campsite feels like a modern-day extension of this tradition.

The campsite creates a positive vibe and I hope the site survives and continues I personally would like to see more permanent structures around the site such as Yurts and the like, its such a beautiful place it should be shared by all.

Should you wish to talk to me, my neighbours or customers further about this site please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

Jane Jackson