Community right to bid

The Community Right to Bid is an opportunity to help communities who are interested in taking over and running valued land or buildings such as your local pub, shop, library, sports centre and swimming pools or parks and play spaces.

Community groups can nominate local assets to be listed on a register that will be held and published. Nominations can be made at any time throughout the year.

Assets can be owned by a public body, private company or an individual. The building or piece of land must be within or immediately adjacent to the Blackpool district.

If something on this register is offered for sale, you then have up to six months to prepare a bid to buy it, if and when they come onto the market.

This list is managed by Blackpool Council and we are required to maintain a register of nominated and unsuccessful nominations.

Nominating an asset

Assets can be nominated by:

- A parish council in whose area the asset lies
- Unincorporated groups with a membership of 21 local people.
- Neighbourhood forums as defined within the Localism Act 2011
- Community interest groups with a local connection that are:
  - A charity
  - A community interest company
  - A company limited by guarantee
  - A non-profit distributing industrial and provident society

If you meet the criteria above and wish to nominate an asset you are required to complete the application form.

Submit A Nomination

When the owner decides to sell the asset

If the owner decides to sell the asset, the council will advertise it to the community to find out if there is local interest in bidding for the asset. Within a 6 week period groups interesting in bidding for the asset can express an interest in bidding.

If an expression of interest is shown then the owner will not be allowed to sell for up to 6 months to allow for the community to develop a business plan and secure funding to purchase the asset at market value.

After 6 months the owner can sell to whoever they choose.

Additional information