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PubAid supports new pub report

PubAid President Keith Bott attended the launch of the All-Party Parliamentary Beer Group's report on the social and economic contribution of pubs following its inquiry in 2019.

The report, titled 'Unlocking Pubs Potential' urges policy makers to understand pubs' potential in spearheading high street revival and delivering wide-ranging policy initiatives. It calls for a fundamental review of business rates and a reduction in beer duty to release this potential for the sake of jobs, tourism and the cultural and social enrichment of Britons.

Launching the report, the group's Chair, Mike Wood MP (Con, Dudley South) said: "As government charts a new course for national wellbeing, it's time to wake up to the widespread initiatives pubs can help deliver."

"During this Inquiry we heard how well-trained licensees are playing an unsung role in supporting the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities; pubs' investments are regenerating employment and enterprise prospects around the country showing they can be a critical anchor in bringing left behind communities back to life. But if we're to take full advantage of all that the nation's pubs offer as a force for good, we must first tackle their disproportionate tax bills."

Bott, who earlier this year became PubAid's first President, added: "I was delighted to see this report's recognition and praise for the work that pubs do in their communities.

"Every year, pubs raise more than £100 million for charity and provide £40 million worth of support to grassroots sport. These are impressive figures that we at PubAid are determined to communicate more widely, as a way of highlighting pubs as a force for good, in their local communities and society more widely.

The report follows the APPBG's 2019 inquiry. All evidence sessions, written evidence and the full report can be downloaded from www.beergroupinquiry.com

Caption to attached image: (l-r) Mike Wood MP, Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Beer Group with Keith Bott, President of PubAid

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Notes to editors

PubAid is a working party created in 2009 to highlight the work done by UK pubs for charity, sharing the message that UK pubs raise over £100m per year and contribute £40 million to grassroots sport.

The PubAid working party is led by co-founder Des O’Flanagan, and includes a number of well-known figures from the pub world, who lend their time and other resources to help spread the positive messages about pubs’ role at the heart of their communities.

The All-Party Parliamentary Beer Group was set up in 1993 and has a membership of over 350 MPs and Peers. The Beer Group’s objectives are to broaden recognition of the enormous contribution of brewing and pubs to the UK economy from grain to glass - and to celebrate the unique role that beer and pubs play in our society

