

# CRAFT BEER BOTTLE SHOP & TAPROOM (A1) LEASE FOR SALE



## 40 Mount Pleasant Rd, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1RB

- Located in heart of affluent town
- On & Off Premises License
- High quality fit out

- Craft bottle shop with rear taproom
- Scope to take over existing business & improve sales
- Suitable for alternative A1 uses (café, wine bar etc)

#### **LOCATION**

Situated in the heart of the affluent Kent town of Royal Tunbridge Wells, the store is conveniently located opposite the busy commuter railway station and near to The Pantiles, a popular tourist spot. Neighbouring businesses include high end retailers such as Neal's Yard Remedies and Bang & Olufsen, as well as popular restaurant chains Wagamama and Carluccio's. There is a Hotel du Vin around the corner, whilst to the rear of the property is the busy Calverley Grounds.

#### **PROPERTY**

The business is arranged over the ground floor only measuring 756 sq ft. The front area consists of the bottle shop whilst at the rear there is a fantastic tap room as well as a kitchenette, WC, store and yard.

Interested parties should verify the accuracy of the above floor areas for themselves.

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#### **LEASE**

Available by way of an assignment of the existing 10 year lease due to expire on 25th November 2026 at a rent of £28,000 pax and subject to five yearly reviews, the next due in 2021 at which time there is also a tenant only option to break the lease. The lease is contracted outside the security of tenure and compensation provisions of the L&T Act 54.

#### **LICENSE**

We are advised that the premises license permits the sale or supply of alcohol ON & OFF the premises from 8am to 11pm Monday – Saturday and from 10am to 11pm on Sundays. Full details of the license are available on Sevenoaks District Council's website - Ref 16/03108/LAPRE

#### **PREMIUM**

Offers invited for the benefit of the lease, license, goodwill and fixed fixtures and fittings.

#### **BUSINESS RATES**

Rateable value £20,500
UBR (2017/18) 48p
Rates payable £9,840
Interested parties should confirm the above with the local authority

#### **SERVICE CHARGE**

On application

#### THE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

The business currently trades as The Beer Boutique, a specialist craft beer bottle shop / bar hybrid. The main focus of the business is selling artisanal craft beers to take away (around 85% of revenue), featuring a range of over 300 different beers from breweries across the UK and beyond. There is a small percentage of turnover that comes from customers drinking beers on the premises as well as a regular series of tasting events, which are held in the 'taproom' area at the back of the store.

The Beer Boutique has been trading for 2 years in Royal Tunbridge Wells although has sister sites in Putney & Wandsworth, South West London. It has built up a well deserved strong reputation within Tunbridge Wells and is very much considered a staple of the town's thriving food & drink scene, having collaborated with other high quality independents including Fuggles Beer Cafe, Marlowe's Burger Restaurant & The Guinea Pub.

There is scope to increase revenue through more focused local management, in particular in the following ways:

- Increase range to include wine & spirits (a common request from customers) to drink onsite and take away
- Increased range & regularity of in-store events
- Taking better advantage of gifting opportunities & occasions

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### **REASON FOR SALE**

The current owner is looking to sell this site in order to focus on their core business in London, which includes 5 other stores under two brands. It is the current owner's firm belief that with a local owner operator, this business has great potential due to its strong reputation, loyal existing customer base and firm foundations.

Whilst this is a turnkey opportunity the site itself would also lend itself to many other uses. Should a purchaser wish to continue trading the site as a craft beer retailer then the seller is prepared to offer full process manuals, training and access to certain stock as part of the sale process.

#### **VIEWING**

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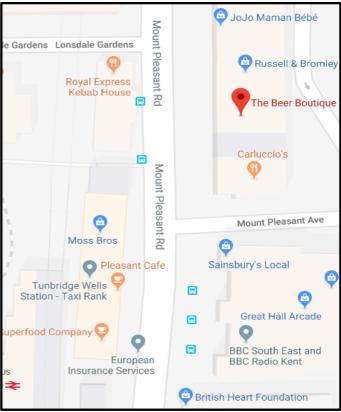
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