## **Black Cat and Old Wool House**

The Parochial Church Council of St Peter & St Paul and the Northleach Church & Town Enterprise Community Interest Company are pleased to announce that the ownership of The Old Woolhouse will be transferred on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 to the Sly Trust.

Having been selected to take on the Old Wool House building in which the Black Cat café is situated, the trustees of the Sly Trust are pleased to be able to share their plans for its future. The property will be improved and utilised for the benefit of the local community in accord with the wishes of the Fleming family, who provided the original gift to the town.

In summary, the Trust's plans are as follows;

Refurbishment and upgrading of the upper storeys to provide an affordable housing unit for residents of Northleach and the surrounding hamlets. This will include the provision of independent access to ensure proper separation from the café.

Reconfiguration of the café area to improve circulation for staff and customers, and the provision of new WC and kitchen space. Making available the café area to enable the provision of not for profit community space.

Planning permission and listed building consent has been granted and work has already begun to prepare for the necessary improvement works which we hope will be effected during the course of this year.

J W Sly & Sons (Northleach) Charitable Trust 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024