



# Coetmor Mill Trust

## Coetmor Mill – Under New Management and in need of your help!

### Introduction

Hertfordshire Scouts managed the Mill as one of its 7 Outdoor Centres, providing a base in Snowdonia for Scouts and other groups to take part in outdoor activities. You may or may not be aware, but, at the end of 2016, Hertfordshire Scouts chose to relinquish the lease. You may have even been involved in the petition and the social media campaign to save the Mill.

Given the considerable interest in the Mill, a group of like-minded people and former users of the Mill, took the decision that the Mill was still needed. They have formed a Not-for-Profit Charitable Trust, *“The Coetmor Mill Trust”* (Charity Number 1172211), to continue to operate and run the Mill with the following vision:

***“To improve the lives of young people by enabling them to access basic and affordable accommodation to take part in outdoor activities in the heart of Snowdonia”***

Of course, the Mill has never just been about young people: over its history it has been enjoyed by all age groups, clubs, organisations and movements and it is intended to continue and promote that philosophy going forward.

The Trust took over the Mill in February 2017, and following some immediate remedial work, expect to be fully “open for business” in September 2017 – **although are open for bookings now!**

### Trustees (“The Trustees”)

John Henson and Bruce McFarlane (Joint Chairmen); Kim Henson (Secretary); Geoff Nichols (Trustee); Patricia Hall (Bookings Secretary); Christine Snelling-Nash (Treasurer); Andrew Rice (Co-opted Trustee).

### So How Can You Help Us To Help The Coetmor Mill Trust and the Trustees?

The Trustees have plans to upgrade and improve the facilities at the Mill having listened to users and the Trustees own knowledge of other facilities in the UK.

**Planned Upgrade in brief:** Upgrade Showers; Improve Toilets and Kitchen; Reconfigure large Dormitory to cater for mixed groups and smaller groups; Provide Leaders Room. **Target for the Trustees to raise £45,000** for the initial phases of the upgrade.

The Trustees took over the Mill without any funding and the pace of the upgrade can only be driven by the funds the Trust can raise through its own activities and through a network of like-minded Friends and from donations. This will help to meet immediate needs and once there is a cushion for running costs, will then contribute to the planned works.

In the meantime, the Trustees will look to raise external funds from other sources to enable the investment in the Mill; these funds by their nature may take longer to be realised.

In essence, this email is asking whether you, your Group, or the Organisation that you belong to could find their way to support The Coetmor Mill Trust by making a donation to the cause.

There is already a website; <http://coetmormill.btck.co.uk/> and there you will find a link to the **MyDonate** page or follow the link: <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/coetmormilltrust>.

There is the ability to Gift Aid donations, which we would appreciate, if you are eligible. There is also the ability to “Share” the **MyDonate** page with others whom we may not have yet reached from our network of Friends.

Please leave us your details and any messages of encouragement and support for the Trustees for taking on this venture. In particular, if you are aware of any pots of funding that the Trustees could approach.

### Summary

The Trustees passionately believe in the Mill and its future; they have taken on the challenge of making it a success, but cannot do this alone, so the Trustees thank you in advance for any financial support that you may be able to afford, no matter how large or small. All donations will help and will be invested 100% into the Mill and towards its operation.

A Facebook page and Facebook Group have been established as the portal for the Trustees and users to exchange comments, experiences, pictures, ideas and any thoughts for the Trustees to consider. It is hoped that the use of social media will enable everyone to participate in the Mill and its future as well as developing a community for all.

Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/coetmormilltrust/>

Join the Facebook Group [https://www.facebook.com/groups/1413792172033193/?source\\_id=946732028796723](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1413792172033193/?source_id=946732028796723)

A Big **Thank You** in anticipation of your support.

**For and on Behalf of the**

**The Trustees of The Coetmor Mill Trust – [coetmormilltrust@gmail.com](mailto:coetmormilltrust@gmail.com)**