

Working Industrial Heritage for Sale



Far down Cornwall's north coast in the village of Zennor is an unpretentious little watermill producing good quality, organically grown, stoneground flour. It owes its existence to the dreadful floods endured by the community in 2009 as the owners of the Mill House, Bob and Sarah Priddle, who had lived there for 15 years, decided to restore their mill, the remaining 1 of 3 which had been in the cleft valley.

Trewey Mill and the Wayside Museum Entrance



So, after 150 years dereliction, the little mill is active and thriving again following extensive works carried out by local craftsmen, faithfully adhering to the original design. Where ever possible the same materials, or closest match, have been used. The Douglas Fir waterwheel measures 12 feet in diameter with 40 buckets, each holding 14 litres approximately.

The flour is sold on site and through farmer's markets – quantities far in excess of the Priddle's expectations.

The site is shared with a valuable repository of Cornish industrial machinery, relics, artifacts and information relating to the mining industries and living conditions. The Trevithick Society asked the Priddles to act as guardian/curators and so they formed The Wayside Museum. Both museum and mill are a delight and full of interest.

Trewey Mill after rebuilding

Now, if you would like to live in the mill house and operate both the mill and museum, you could discuss the opportunity of purchasing all three, lock stock and historic barrel, with Bob and Sarah Priddle as they have now put the 'job lot' on the open market – but at the very least, you should visit Trewey Mill and the Wayside Museum.

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Where to find it: Grid reference: SW 454 384 OS sheet: 203 Postcode: TR26 3DA
On B3306 coast road, 4½ miles W of St Ives.

