

## **Cornwall Gold has Record Year with Visitors Supporting Ancient Mill Restoration**

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Cornwall Gold, the home of one of Europe's last original tin stream works, has experienced a record year with visitor numbers up by 23% over the summer months, despite Cornwall having experienced an overall dip in visitor numbers. This increase in visitors has helped support their vital ongoing Tolgus Mill restoration works which are entirely funded by Cornwall Gold themselves.

The first phase of work began in November last year with the focus on repairing the roof that shelters the Frame House section of this Grade II listed building. The last 8 months have seen the team working tirelessly to protect Tolgus Mill from the elements, with just two team members carrying out the majority of the work. This enormous project has seen them carefully remove the tin roof sheets by hand to be used as templates for the new sheets, which have then been remade from reclaimed corrugated steel.

Alongside this they have installed new wiring throughout to enable better lighting, as well as aiming to have the large frame house up and running again soon. In addition, they have also opened a room which has spent the last 10 years locked away from the public as well as uncovering parts of the mill that have long been hidden.

As Cornwall Gold's Managing Director Mike Taylor explains "We are so proud to be regenerating the mill in such a sustainable way, allowing visitors to make a positive difference knowing their proceeds are used help keep our history alive. It has been lovely seeing so many travel from miles away just to learn about Cornwall's milling past. Being able to witness Cornish engineering in action has been a real draw along with our new, interactive Tolgus exhibition. With the new roof now in place, visitors will be able to experience more than ever and we are looking forward to welcoming schools groups and residents over the coming months, knowing they will leave proud of the pioneering work our ancestors undertook right here at Tolgus Mil. "

Completely free to enter, Cornwall Gold offers visitors the opportunity to experience their interactive Tolgus Mill exhibition as well as the mill itself. They process and smelt tin on-site, which is then added to their Tolgus jewellery collection sold onsite as well as online. The profits from the Tolgus jewellery goes back into supporting their restoration efforts and ongoing maintenance of the Tolgus Mill.

With exciting plans afoot for the second phase of restoration works in 2025 Cornwall Gold are encouraging visitors to keep returning, joining them on their vital restoration journey.

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**About Cornwall Gold**

Located in the heart of Cornwall's traditional mining district, Cornwall Gold invites you to discover Cornwall's tin mining past with their interactive Tolgus Mill exhibition. Visitors are also able to pan for gold, enjoy the walking trails, refresh in their award-winning café or opt to Pick a Pearl, Build a Bear, Create and Paint or shop for jewellery in their unique showroom.

Dog friendly, free parking, open daily and free entry.

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