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Gayle Mill

Dear Mr Bell

Friends of the Dales [registered charity 515384] were disappointed and saddened to learn from a number of our members of the closure of Gayle Mill. I am writing to encourage your Civic Trust to do all it can to reopen the Mill to the public as soon as possible.

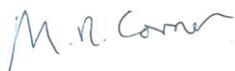
Our charity had the pleasure of visiting the Mill in September 2017 as part of the day of our Annual General Meeting. You can read my report on that visit in the enclosed copy of our quarterly membership magazine, the Yorkshire Dales Review (circulation 1500). Over the years we have written on several occasions about this wonderful example of an important aspect of the cultural heritage of the Dales.

We appreciate the challenge of being the custodian of such a significant listed building and we know how much resource and effort has already gone into restoring and then running the mill. On behalf of our members, we would like to see this fine asset conserved, brought back into use again and reopened to the public as soon as possible.

We will be noting the closure of the Mill in the next edition of our membership magazine, in April this year. I would be happy to include a short update from the Civic Trust on your plans for the future of the Mill. If you would like to do that please contact Ann Shadrake, Executive Director, on 01756 749400 or email her at ann.shadrake@friendsofthedales.org.uk by 1 March 2018.

Alternatively I would welcome your response to this matter to me at the address below. If there is anything we can do to help, funding aside, please do let me know.

Yours sincerely



Mark Corner, Chairman



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