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Please help your community protect our local woodland!

Dear business owner/manager,

Nestled between the villages of Cullingworth, Harden and Wilsden, just outside Bingley, is a hidden gem of West Yorkshire - the beautiful 70-acre Goit Stock Wood. It has been a popular spot for locals and those from further afield to visit for hundreds of years. Visitors enjoy its rich green space, abundant wildlife, and the majestic Goit Stock waterfall, which is right at the heart of the wood. But Goit Stock Wood has been in private hands for centuries, and **right now we have a rare, time-limited opportunity to reclaim this green space for everyone** and make it a community-owned asset. **Will your business help us make this a reality?**

Goit Stock Wood is up for sale. It has been registered by Bradford Council as an Asset of Community Value, giving the **local community only until September** to place a bid to buy it. And that is why we are writing to you **to ask for your help**.

We are Friends of Goit Stock Wood, a registered charity formed by local residents to fundraise, bid for and hopefully buy the wood. Our aim is to protect and enhance the wood for generations to come, focusing on enhancing biodiversity as well as creating a welcoming place for visitors. You can read more about our mission and vision at goits.uk/vision.

The asking price for the wood is £195,000. We've started a big campaign to engage locals and visitors in donating to support the purchase of the wood, and we've applied for grants which will help us, but **it will be impossible to reach our goal without the support of local businesses like yours** as well. So this is where you come in!

There are several ways that local businesses can support us, and we ask that you please consider whether your organisation is able to help with one or more of the following:



- **Sponsorship.** We have put together sponsorship packages to suit all budgets, from £50 to £10,000, with fantastic benefits in return! Please see goits.uk/sponsor for details and to arrange a sponsorship.
- **Promotion.** Can you help get the word out to your staff and customers? We have A4 posters and A5 flyers available. Please email support@goitstock.org.uk if you would be able to display a poster or distribute flyers at your premises.
- **Support.** We'd love it if your staff would like to organise a fundraising event or collection in our honour! We'll gladly share photos and videos with our supporters. Please email support@goitstock.org.uk if you would like publicity materials, an online sponsorship page, or other support for your event, and to find out how to get the money to us.
- **Donations of items or services.** We are organising an online auction and a raffle to be held at an event in early September: donations of auction or raffle prizes (anything from a bottle of wine or box of chocolates, to a voucher for services) would be gratefully received. Please email us if you are able to donate. We will of course credit your business as the donor.
- **Pro bono or reduced cost services.** We will need the services of solicitors, accountants, etc, and any forms of publicity we can get. If you can help us with this, please get in touch.
- **Monetary donation or grants.** Finally, cash donations or grants from businesses, owners, individual employees and foundations are all welcome - you can donate as a business at goits.uk/biz or an individual at goits.uk/give - or email us with details of grants that we may be eligible for.

We need to act fast - we have to get as many contributions as possible before 12 September so we can put together a successful bid.

There is a lot more information about the project on our website at www.goitstock.org.uk, where you can also sign up to our mailing list to stay up to date. If you have any other suggestions of how you could support us, we'd be glad to hear of those too! To get in touch, just email support@goitstock.org.uk.

Thank you in advance for your support, it really could make the difference!

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Treasurer, Friends of Goit Stock Wood



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