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Please help a community group protect Britain's woodland!

Dear environmentally-conscious business,

As a company that values the environment, I am writing to you to ask whether you can help our urgent community campaign.

You might never have visited West Yorkshire, and even if you have, you probably missed one of its best kept secrets. Nestled between the villages of Cullingworth, Harden and Wilsden, just outside the town of Bingley near Bradford, is a hidden gem - 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.

Goit Stock Wood is up for sale. It has been registered by the local authority 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 <u>goits.uk/vision</u>.

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 both local and national businesses like yours**.

There are several ways that 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 <u>goits.uk/sponsor</u> for details and to arrange a sponsorship.
- **Promotion**. Any promotion you can provide, such as reposting our social media posts, would be very much appreciated. Please contact support@goitstock.org.uk if you would be able to help with this.
- **Donations of items or services.** We are organising an online auction to raise funds donations of auction items 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 advertising or 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 <u>goits.uk/biz</u> or an individual at <u>goits.uk/give</u> - 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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Tom Wood Treasurer, Friends of Goit Stock Wood



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