

PITA Mill Visit & Tour



Two Rivers Paper, Pitt Mill - 18th July '19

PITA is pleased to offer the opportunity to visit the historic **Two Rivers Paper, Pitt Mill**, at Watchet, Somerset on **Thursday, 18th July 2019**. Our thanks go to Jim Patterson and his team for hosting this visit. Pitt Mill is situated in a stunning location ideal for a summer visit.

Two Rivers Paper was formed in 1976 and has been run and located at Pitt Mill, Somerset, UK since 1988. It's one of a handful of commercial hand-mills still operating in Europe.

The mill is over 400 years old and still retains much of the ancient wooden milling machinery. It's been restored over the last 15 years to a working water-powered traditional paper mill, using a 100 year old metal wheel from Wales and an 1841 Hollander Rag-Breaker.

The wheel itself is a 10ft overshot wheel weighing two and a half tons and standing eleven foot high. In combination with the rag breaker, Two Rivers is the only place in the UK where water power is used to make paper from old rags. Showing a continuing commitment to manufacturing using environmentally appropriate methods, a full array of solar panels was fitted to the mill roof in 2011, and electrical heating is used to gently dry the paper in the mill loft.



Mill owner, **Jim Patterson**, is a life-long papermaker and has owned Pitt Mill since 1988. Jim has 'served his time' in many paper mills over the years he combines his love of art with the determination to preserve the Long English tradition of making beautiful paper for artists.

Numbers are likely to be limited!

**To book your place on this unique visit,
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Two Rivers has a unique random surface texture unlike the mechanically even weave of most other branded papers. This also means that there is not a right or wrong side as both sides are identical.

Pitt Mill isn't intended to be a working museum but rather an interesting example of a viable cottage industry employing historic practices and skills which are artistic, educational and environmental friendly.



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