

BE LONG + BELIEVE + BECOME
DALESDOWN



God is with us

We don't have the sound of worship flowing through the corridors of Dalesdown right now. We don't hear laughter and joy coming from schools, churches, friends or families who visit us here. I can't smell the incredible food prepared in our kitchen about to be served to the masses who have become our friends at Dalesdown. But God is here..... His peace is with us.

Our first thoughts and feelings when looking at our empty building are those of sadness. What are you doing God? How are you going to use us? How will your Kingdom rise from the ashes of this pandemic to bring glory to Your Name? And where does Dalesdown fit into your plan? But then hope begins to grow.



God has sustained us at Dalesdown. We are currently running with a skeleton team but because of help from the government in the form of grants and the job retention scheme, whether furloughed or working, we are managing to retain all of our staff. But we know that government provision has an endpoint.

We understand that Dalesdown will not be able to operate in its current model for the short to medium term and we also know that putting plans into place when often we don't know what the country will look like next week let alone in the months to come is extremely difficult.....but God knows. He is the beginning and the end, He is outside of time and He has plans to prosper us not to harm us as His Scriptures say.

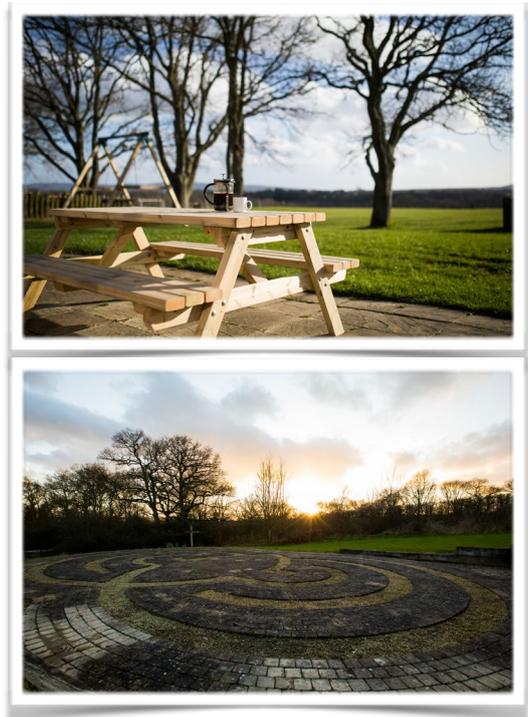
How can we run camps? In some kind of hybrid between virtual and socially distanced interaction? How can we support schools and churches as they attempt to come together in the "new norm"? How do we separate areas at Dalesdown so that visiting will be possible as the government lessens its restrictions while maintaining social distancing? How can we make retreats work? How can we use this enormous kitchen we have to serve the community around us? How do we partner with churches in the surrounding areas in training and facilitating?

This is all in the hands of our almighty God but we so need you, our friends. We need your prayers for our wisdom as we move forward.

We will need your financial support. We need to hear anything that God lays on your heart about the future of Family Foundations Trust and Dalesdown.

Many years ago, God gave the vision for Dalesdown to David and Wendy Iliffe. They began to put His plan into action. Time after time, we have seen God fulfilling His purposes through this ministry here. He has done what we thought impossible before and because He never changes, we believe He will continue this work now and to the future generations.

To Him be the glory, forever and ever, Amen!



“Dalesdown does not need to be rescued by those who work there. It is God who will rescue Dalesdown. All you need to do is obey”

- ANONYMOUS