



## **English summary**

Due to the measures taken as a result of the corona pandemic, in 2020 there were fewer visitors to the mills Unless these restrictions the amount of spices ground in the mill and sold in our shop and various other shops was comparable to last year. We believe it is important to regularly grind spices. This ensures that the tools in the mill remain in good condition and creates a lively atmosphere in the mills. The smell of the spices that lingers in mills appeals to visitors. Moreover, the operation of the mills is best visible when the mill is in operation.

In total, 2197 people (2019: 3553) visited the mills. The largest of the two windmills, De Ster, was open to the public in the periods outside the lockdown. This year the mills were open almost every Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday afternoon and every second Saturday of the month. On the Wednesdays and Thursdays, mainly spices are ground and all the work that goes with it is done. In addition, maintenance jobs are also being carried out. On Saturday afternoon and especially the second Saturday of the month, the emphasis is on receiving and guiding visitors.

Due to the distance measures, hardly any groups of visitors could be received, but groups of children could still go to the mills. During the summer holidays there were six groups of children visited the mill for summer school, to help children after the first lockdown. 175 visitors were welcomed during Heritage Days in September, but unfortunately the mills were closed during the National Mill Days in May, like all mills in the Netherlands.

Despite the corona measures, a lot of work has been done inside and outside the mills in the past year. New volunteers signed up and the construction of the new visitor centre and repair of the base of the old building next to De Ster has started. The visitor centre costs were more than 300,000 euros and that money comes from various funds, the regional government and donations. In addition, the website layout was renewed.

Also regular maintenance took place, both by the owner and by the volunteers. This is important to keep the mills in good condition.

Finally we whish to thank everyone that contributed to the mills last year and hope for their support also this year.

