

# DINAS SAWMILL

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## Introduction

In September 2008 I went with The Mucky Mills to survey Dinas Sawmill, Trelech and to assess how it could be used. We gathered outside a substantial shed built of slate, with a slate roof, beside the River Cynin, in the hamlet of Dinas. At one end was the derelict waterwheel. The leat behind the wheel was dry. Luckily for us Alan Stoyel had arrived at the crack of dawn with his brush cutter, and had already cleared round the building, as it was completely overgrown. Before going inside Lawrence Evans, a local councillor, told us a bit about the mill. It had been run by two brothers and had closed in 1994 when one of the brothers died. It had been built by their father on his return from the 1<sup>st</sup> world war. Inside was amazing, it was as if the brothers had just left but hadn't cleared up, as if they were expecting to be returning. The place had such an atmosphere, and although it had only closed 14 years earlier it was like stepping back into a bygone era. This stimulated my curiosity and set me on my quest of finding out a bit more about the brothers who had worked there all their lives, and to discover if there were any other mills close by, apart from the derelict corn mill just next to the sawmill.