

## Note on **Wetmore Mill**, Staffs (near Stone)

Grid ref: SJ 9163 3596

Scotch Brook, tributary of R. Trent

1. This was a disused flint-grinding mill in the Moddershall Valley. My note on my visit on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1977 says “waterwheel disused, breast shot (approx. middle-shot), iron. John Fairbanks [a local millwright] said it would run very silently. Place used by Boy Scouts.” I’m not sure what I meant by middle-shot but a picture on the internet by Gareth Hughes seems to indicate the water came in at about 10 o’clock position.
2. I was under the impression that there was no internal machinery left, and it seemed that the building had been substantially modified, if not rebuilt. I have not been inside.
3. The boy scouts are still in occupation. The waterwheel has been repaired since 1977 and has evidently sometimes been running, light; indeed it is wet in Gareth Hugh’s photo in 2007 . The mill is within the Moddershall Valley conservation area.
4. For more details see Barry Job’s book “Watermills of the Moddershall Valley”. Further info at Staffs Record Office; picture on Staffs Past Track website; much of the other information on the internet about this mill seems contradictory and confusing.

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Item with this note:

*B/W photo:* Taken 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 1977 - ST95a, the waterwheel