

The Cairngorm Brewery Company, established in 2001, is situated in the Gillage of Aviemore within the Cairngorms National Park in the Highlands of Scotland. We brew traditional ales with a fresh new edge, by using well established brewing methods, the finest malted and roast barley, hops and crystal clear mountain water.

We have a full range of permanent and seasonal cask beers to suit all tastes and 8 of our products are available throughout the year in 500ml bottles.

We are currently a 20 barrel brewery, producing 720 gallons (3240 litres) of the finest of ale each day.

We are proud that our small team of 17 continue to win awards for our ales. We were thrilled to receive the accolade of Champion Beer of Scotland in 2004 with Trade Winds and 2005 with Black Gold. Trade Winds also won Speciality Beer of Britain 2004, 2005 and 2006 and UK Champion Best Bitter in 2008. In March 2009 we were delighted to be awarded UK Supreme Champion with Black Gold.

We previously bottled our beer on site until the volumes got too big for our very small scale bottling plant to cope with. At present we brew 140 barrels worth of beer and then send it down to Stockport to Frederick Robinson (contract bottling service) to be bottled and labelled. We get some of the pallets of each product sent back to us in Aviennore and the remainder stays at the storage depot in Stockport for distribution to our supermarket customers and to send up to the Brewery again as and when required. We pay a weekly storage fee per pallet for product stored at Robinsons. This is now becoming an inefficient way for us to be working from both a cash flow perspective and it ties up the plant for over a week just to produce the beer for bottling as we cannot send smaller amounts to the contractors. We would therefore like to bring the bottling operation back to Aviemore for the following reasons:

- Cost savings on fuel for beer going down to be bottled.
- Cost savings on fuel for getting pallets of bottled products back to Aviemore.
- We will not have a fee for storage at Robinson and will have control of availability of all our stock.
- We do not need to get 140 barrels worth of beer bottled at the same time we can be flexible and ensure we do not run out of stock.
- We can truly say our beer is brewed and bottled in the Cairngorms National Park in the Highlands of Scotland.

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The Brewery is open to the public 6 days a week. We have a small shop selling our full range of bottles together with poly-pins and party barrels of our permanent and seasonal cask products. We provide tours and offer samples of our ales, twice daily.

Shop: Tours: Monday to Saturday Monday to Friday

9.00 am until 5.00 pm 10.30am and 2.30pm

Our aim is to continue to produce a varied range of malty and hoppy ales to appeal to all palates. Feedback from our customers is always very welcome and we consider it necessary for the development of our products and services.

Any future physical development at the brewery requires us to build new premises and we have therefore provisionally planned the layout for ultimately where we would like to be within the next five years.

The first phase needs to comprise offices, storage space, workshop, plant room and a new bottling plant.

The second phase would comprise a new purpose built area for a 40 barrel brew plant with associated tanks for fermentation, conditioning and storage for cask and beer for bottling together with cask/keg washing facilities.

Phase Three would give us the complete Visitor Experience with much enhanced visitor facilities including Brewery Tour, Retail and Catering Facilities together with associated support areas of kitchen, storage, toilet facilities, provision for disabled visitors and coaches etc. This is the phase when the existing building will be removed and the ground landscaped for visitor car parking and improved access for coaches and service vehicles.

Underpinning our future development will be environmental and recycling considerations from the outset.

The building itself will demonstrate how important the environment is to Caimgorm Brewery and we want to show how energy efficient buildings and businesses can be done.

We are looking to have a building that uses natural building materials and takes into consideration all opportunities for energy efficiency, recycling and being an attractive building in itself as the site is the entrance to an industrial estate but potentially has fantastic views of the Cairngorms.

By Phase 1 providing additional storage space it allows us to make further savings by not having to lease Unit 9 Dalfaber Industrial Estate.

The area for plant room and workshop space will actually be sufficient to support the complete development which would house, water tanks, cooling systems and steam boiler which will allow us to recover energy to heat the storage area, bottling plant area and to part heat the water used for brewing as well as heating for the space in Phase 3 of the development.

We are looking into using underground heat pumps, blomass energy for our spent grain etc etc for Phase 2 of the development.