

The Molens Zuid-Kennemerland Foundation, (SMZK) established on 21 May 1984, aims to promote and ensure the preservation of windmills in the Zuid-Kennemerland region. Its goal is to restore and maintain the mills in working order, partly by carrying out or commissioning maintenance work, as well as by regularly operating the mills or having them operated.

Now that this objective has been achieved, the SMZK has grown into an important factor in preserving the mills in the Kennemerland region. The SMZK currently manages seven mills and a workshop. Unique to the foundation is that it does not own the mills, but works under a management agreement on behalf of the municipality.

The SMZK's volunteers devote many hours each week, entirely without compensation, to the mills, ensuring that the foundation's mission remains safeguarded.

Almost all of the mills are usually open to visitors once a week, and when there is sufficient wind, they operate. Some mills still perform their original functions.

All of this is possible thanks to the support of numerous donors and the municipalities.

Operating mills require maintenance. This has always been the case and always will be.

But the maintenance work is never finished. Inactivity literally means decline and decay. Therefore, care will need to be devoted to these old industrial monuments for many years to come.