

GREEN'S WINDMILL TRUST



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At last, the windmill restoration has begun



We are excited to announce essential repairs to bring Grade II listed Green's Windmill back to full working order began Monday 3rd November 2025. It is. The extensive works, anticipated to last 52 weeks, include mending the cap, repointing the exterior of the tower, stripping and repainting the interior of the tower, refurbishing the sails.

Due to the nature and complexity of the works there will be no public access to the windmill building itself during this period. However, the mill shop, interactive Science Centre and award-winning Community Garden will remain open for general visits Wednesday to Sunday 10am-4pm. Entry is free. We're still available for school visits, parties etc and will operate a partial programme of public events.

In the early 1800s Green's Mill was owned and operated by mathematical physicist George Green. His mathematics – called Green's Theorem and Green's functions – are used today by scientists and engineers across the world working with computers, lasers, satellite communications and almost all branches of physics and engineering. Jamie Duff, Green's

Windmill Trust Heritage Officer, says, "Once the repairs are complete, people across the county will see our famous white sails on the horizon turning in the wind. Visitors will once again be able to climb up the mill and see how grain is turned into flour using traditional methods. We're extremely lucky to have George Green's windmill in our city and by safeguarding its future we are keeping Green's legacy alive and helping to preserve the UK's milling heritage for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations."

The work is being undertaken by Ackroyd Construction in association with Green's Windmill Trust and owners of the building, Nottingham City Council. The Council secured a grant of £685,000 to carry out the work from the MEND fund for maintenance repairs to historic buildings. While the work will constrain our visitor offer it will result in Green's Windmill becoming fully functional again and secure its long-term future. We would appreciate your patience and understand during this time and we look forward to this iconic Nottingham landmark being brought back to full working order.

You can keep up to date with the work by following our weekly Mill Repair Bulletins on our Instagram and Facebook pages.

Own a Piece of Green's Windmill

You can now own a piece of Green's Windmill. As part of the mill restoration project the sail stocks were removed last month, along with the oak clamps will be replaced. So the old clamps have been cut up into 44 pieces, each measuring approximately 25cm x 20cm x 20cm. Each piece is priced at £25 and are now available to buy. Just select the 'reward' on our crowdfunder page, make your donation and one of those pieces is yours.



Once they're gone there won't be any more, so seize the chance and grab yours today. The money raised will help support Green's Windmill Trust to keep the site open for the enjoyment of all. Our crowd-funder page can be found here: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/clamp-sale>

Dontsendmeacard



Not sent your Christmas cards yet? Then it's not too late to send Green's Windmill Christmas themed E-Cards to your friends and family and raise money for our charity while you're at it.

Select one of our charity Christmas E-Cards (there's eight to choose from) and donate what you would have spent (or more) on cards and stamps.

With DontSendMeACard every e-card you send saves time, helps our charity, and reduces your carbon output. You can even batch send your cards and get them all done in one hit.

Check out our designs here:

<https://www.dontsendmeacard.com/ecards/charities/greens-windmill-trust/christmas>



Meet the Team – Mark

I was born in Wallasey and brought up in Meols, both of which are on the Wirral peninsula. I think of Nottingham as my home now as I've had a lot of formative experiences here.

I have volunteered since March last year, mostly in the museum shop & reception desk and sometimes help out with whatever practical tasks need to be done.

Several of my interests coincide here. I'm interested in learning the history that's shaped the world we live in, in order to better understand who we are and how we got here. I'm particularly interested in technological history, as I think we need to be ready for a future in which we will return to older, less carbon-intensive ways of doing some things. And I think that scientific education in the broadest sense is something that we all need to pay more attention to, not just as a boost to STEM subjects, but to develop our abilities to think critically and systematically.

I first heard about Green's Mill about a decade ago when a friend of mine who lives nearby invited me to visit. It was so memorable that when I moved back to Nottingham after a long absence, coming here was a priority.

I have a few favourite memories here; seeing the mill working when I first visited was great. Going up to the top floor and looking at the view is always a delight. More recently, I really enjoyed the bat observation session at the summer party.

Wholemeal wheat flour is the one I use most often at home, because it's nutritious as well as being very tasty. When I'm baking, I often blend in some rye, too. Rolls and small loaves of bread are my favourites, as I find that I don't finish a big loaf before it has passed its best.

From The Community Garden

The growing season finally wound down in November as the last of our produce – quince and tomatoes – were sold. However, our volunteers have already been making plans for next season, most importantly deciding which crops to grow and ensuring we're following crop rotation methods. Some seeds have already been sown with broad beans and garlic now in the ground and onions and pak choi being nurtured in the greenhouse. The winter months also provide an ideal time to sort out the tool shed, sharpen tools etc and have a general tidy up. As the mill repair work has started, the sails which were being stored in the garden have now been taken offsite for renewing, so that has left a 30ft area that needs sorting, too. Look out for our plans for this area soon.



Half Term

The October half term proved to be a busy time for staff and volunteers with 1,400 visitors and 12 events over two weeks, including the popular Halloween Trail which attracted 159 children. Other events included Halloween Biscuit Baking and Bread Baking and two children's birthday parties. Overall, £2,900 was raised for the windmill to help with general running costs.

Councillors Remembrance Service



On Remembrance Sunday a service was organised by local councillors at Green's Windmill for local residents to come together to reflect on the sacrifices made by many for our freedoms today and for a renewed call for peace across the world. The service included readings, poems and prayers and the laying of wreaths in front of the windmill.

Photo: Councillor David Mellen.

Funding News

The fundraising subcommittee continues to search and apply for grants for both core and project costs. Several applications have gone in recently for various amounts and we expect to find out if we've been successful in the New Year. In the meantime, we are pleased to announce

we've received a £500 grant from the **Institute of Physics East Midlands** branch to fund the return of **Cool Science** to Green's Windmill. These science workshops feature interactive, jaw-dropping experiences that makes science unforgettable. Look out for an announcement about the Cool Science dates in the New Year.

Christmas at the Mill

Our traditional annual Christmas Carols in the Millyard could not go ahead this year due to the mill repairs contractors compound taking up most of the millyard. However, an alternative event called Christmas at the Mill took place instead which brought merriment to the mill. The four-hour family festive event had lots to see and do including live winter and seasonal themed music in the garden, science themed activities from students at Nottingham Trent University and the University of Nottingham, a Penguin Trail and the chance to meet Santa Claus. The event attracted 280 people which is a little less than the regular event, but it still raised £450 for the windmill. We'd like to thank all the volunteers who helped prepare for and run the event on the day and all the university students who gave up their free time to make it an event to remember.

Christmas and New Year Opening

Over the festive period the Science Centre, mill shop and Community Garden will be

Closed: 22nd to 26th December.

Open: The weekend 27th & 28th December

Closed: 29th December to 1st January

Open: From 2nd of January onwards as normal

We'd like to wish all our wonderful visitors,
volunteers and friends a very Merry
Christmas and Happy New Year.



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