

## MORE HANDS NEEDED DOWN AT THE MILL

We care for two important historic mills in South Cambridgeshire, Bourn Windmill and Hinxton Watermill. Both mills have "Friends Of" groups of volunteers that help to maintain the mills and who also open and operate the mills for visitors on one Sunday a month during the summer.

Our friendly "Friends Of" groups are looking for volunteers to help with this work. If you are interested in historic buildings, mills or helping out at open days then they would love to hear from you. Details below:

### Hinxton Watermill

Could you give your time to help one of Hinxton's most historic and beautiful sites?

The village of Hinxton is home to one of the few watermills still operating up-river from Cambridge and since the building was restored in the 1980s it has been a working museum run by the charity Cambridge Past Present and Future.

Now a Listed building, millers are believed to have worked on the site for around 1,000 years and the watermill is mentioned in the Domesday Survey "worth 8 shillings". Originally it was powered by a waterwheel which was replaced in the early 1900s by a "Little Giant" turbine.

The work to save Hinxton Watermill won a conservation award and it relies heavily on a team of volunteers, especially on days when it opens to the public. The demonstration days are usually on a Sunday and traditionally begin in May, co-ordinated to tie in with National Mills Weekend, and continue until autumn and volunteers can sign up for dates which suit them.

You don't need to have previous knowledge of mills or milling as guidance is given and information for the public is placed around the building. Other days which rely on extra willing hands are spring cleaning sessions, the main one being in early May.

If you have any technical experience, especially in engineering or caring for heritage buildings, then we would be especially delighted to hear from you.

Open Days in 2018 are on Sundays from 2.30-5.30pm on the 13 May, and then usually the first Sunday in the month, finishing in October.

To volunteer or find out more call 01223 243830 or email [enquiries@cambridgeppf.org](mailto:enquiries@cambridgeppf.org) or if you live in Hinxton telephone Sue and Chris Elliott on 01799 531885 or email [sellio@live.com](mailto:sellio@live.com).

### **Bourn Windmill**

You don't need to have previous knowledge of mills or milling as training is given.

If you have any technical experience, especially in engineering or caring for heritage buildings, then we would be especially delighted to hear from you.

We also need help baking cake and serving teas for open days to help raise funds for the mill.

Open Days in 2018 are on Sundays from 2-4pm on the 13 May, and then 24 Jun, 29 Jul, 19 Aug and 16 Sept.

To volunteer or find out more contact Kate at [cfm.armstrong@gmail.com](mailto:cfm.armstrong@gmail.com)