

The Windmill 2025

We have exciting plans for 2025 and beyond.

In short, our plan is to further renovate the windmill such that when the wind blows, the sails will rotate. This is a substantial project of work. We will need to replace the four existing sails, manufacture shutters for the sails and repair or replace the windshaft bearings. There's bound to be more work as we progress through the renovation. We estimate that the work will take three to four years to complete and cost an estimated £150,000. But it is worth it. The outcome will be magnificent, rotating sails for all to admire on selected days.

We need to accelerate our fundraising activities and part of this activity is to look into extending the site down the Barley Road. The plan is that if we can increase footfall, host larger groups, for example school visits and hold small events, we will be able to secure more funds. Extending the site requires conservation planning permission. The Trustees are engaged on this exercise but we are inexperienced on such matters. If there is anyone amongst the Friends who would be willing to help and has expertise in this area, please contact John Wahlich on the windmill email address info@greatchishillwindmill.com

You may have noticed we have a new website. This was launched in January, an investment that will help with fundraising and social media connectivity. Please feel free to send photos, videos or any stories that highlight the windmill to our email address.

We are entering a new era. We enjoy fantastic support from so many and the Trustees fully appreciate everyone's generosity for the time, cash and help given. However in this new era with these exciting plans, we need a little more help and some expertise where we are inexperienced. We would like people to volunteer to help in areas of fundraising, social media and helping with our new website, planning permission, fundraising, guiding on open days and perhaps running an event and routine maintenance and the upkeep of the site, for example cutting the grass. It does not matter how much you help, a couple of hours once a year is great. Those that want more involvement are obviously also welcome. Please see the website for specific details of where you may help. If you're happy to help please contact any of the Trustees or John Wahlich on info@greatchishillwindmill.com

The new open day programme starts in April. This year we are opening between 10:00 and 16:00hrs on the second and fourth Sundays of the months to and including September. Please come along, bring your family and friends and a picnic. The guides will take you inside the windmill and tell you its history, all without charge although contributions are always welcome.