



## **Windmill Hill Windmill Trust wins Heritage Lottery Fund support**

The trustees of the Windmill Hill Windmill Trust are delighted to announce the award of £80,800 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to restore the machinery and sweeps at Windmill Hill Windmill. Led by volunteers from the local community, this exciting project is due to start in December 2014 and be completed in the autumn of 2015.

The project will restore the mill to working order, grinding flour once again. This includes restoration of the machinery, the sweeps, the unique patented governor designed to control the speed of the sweeps and to restore the original outside stairs for easier visitor access to the trestle (first) floor.

An outreach activity programme organised by the University of Brighton will see local schoolchildren visit the windmill and take part in a media project.

The restoration will be documented by members of the local photographic society who will mount exhibitions in the area, and a historian will research the story of early millers of the windmill.

As a result of the restoration there will be numerous opportunities for volunteers to witness, experience and keep alive the practice of operating a windmill and producing stone ground flour.

The Windmill at Windmill Hill, originally built in 1814 and a Grade II\* listed building, is the landmark that gives the village its name. It is the largest post mill in the UK – the structure was authentically restored and opened to the public in 2006 as a fine example of our industrial heritage. It is one of the few remaining windmills of its type in Sussex.

Commenting on the award, Trustee Crispin Freeman, said: “The initial restoration of the structure of the windmill back in 2001 was funded through a major Heritage Lottery Fund grant, and it is wonderful that this new grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund gives us the opportunity to progress the restoration of the windmill to working order. The public will be thrilled to see the historic technology brought back to life.”

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