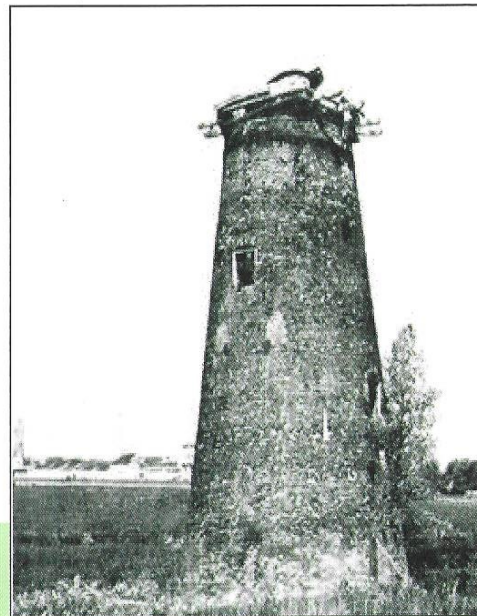


Hardley Windmill

Brief History of Hardley Windmill

- Built in 1874 to drain surrounding marshes
- Embodied latest technologies to pump up to 12 tons of water per minute
- Badly damaged and abandoned in early 1950's
- Drainage Board replaced wind pump with electric pumps
- Pump (powered by tractors) briefly re-used following 1953 floods
- Mill taken over by enthusiast Peter Grix in 1991



Location

Hardley Windmill is located on the Norwich to Gt Yarmouth "Wherryman's Way" route. Access is by foot (nearest car parking is at Hardley Staithe – 20 minutes' walk) or by boat on the River Yare.

Directions

1. Turn off A146 at exit signed Chedgrave/Langley
2. Fork left after entering 30mph limit
3. Straight on at crossroads signed Hardley
4. Follow road ahead until it ends at Hardley Staithe. Car parking is available (free)
5. Take footpath along the left-hand bank of the staithe



Hardley Windmill Today

- Open to the public between 10:00 -16:00 on Friday through the weekend to Monday from April to September. Frequently open during the week in Summer
- Visitor Centre with display explaining the history and technology of the mill
- Light refreshments available
- Toilets in the Visitor Centre

Moorings at Hardley Mill

- Public moorings with electric charge points open all the year
- Free daytime mooring. Fees for an overnight stay contribute to the maintenance on both the site and the mill
- No water uplift or waste disposal facilities

For further details of opening times, membership and special events please visit the website www.hardleywindmilluk.org

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Regular Events at Hardley Mill include:

May – the Loddon and Chedgrave District Society regularly walk from Hardley church via Hardley Cross to Hardley Mill. There they are able to recuperate with hot food and teas and/or coffee, before walking back to Hardley Church.

Mid-Summer Frolic – A perfectly relaxing evening with a BBQ, music and a quiet drink. A minibus provided by Langley School, or park at Hardley Staithe, even come by boat; will take you to Hardley Mill to enjoy the evening. Watch the sun set in the west while taking with friends or listening to the music.



Music at the Mill in August is similar to the Mid-Summer Frolic except the emphasis is on the music, but we still have a BBQ and something to wash it down! Transport is the same using the Langley minibus, walking from Hardley Staithe car park or on the river.

Late August we entertain the Norwich walkers. They usually walk between 5 to 7 miles finishing at Hardley Mill where they are revived with a BBQ, salads, soft drinks and teas and coffees.



In late September we are visited by Coldham Hall Sailing Club who race down the river Yare to just past the Mill. Then they turn and moor on the pontoon, which is some sight to see with multiple boats on the 60-foot space. Once safely moored they stay for hot/cold food, soft drinks, teas and coffees. Before untangling their boats and sailing back to Coldham Hall.

Friends of Hardley Mill

The friends of Hardley Mill support the mill by:

- Working on the mill & maintaining the site
- Opening the mill and visitor centre over a long weekend
- Organising fund-raising events
- Support the mill by subscription/donation

Why not join now and help with some of these activities?

We aim to make the mill the most frequently operated mill on the Broads.



- The tower was restored by 2005
- Large scale funding received in 2007. Cap built by volunteers on site, visitor centre and moorings constructed
- 2009 saw culmination of 2 years work on the cap with it being lifted on to the tower
- By late summer 2009 the sails were fitted and turning
- During 2012 work on the drive train and pump was completed. The mill now pumps water when there is a strong breeze.

