

Oby Mill

A Green-Care Permaculture and Heritage Retreat Centre

'[The Missing Kind](#)' in conjunction with the [Broads Authority and the City College, Norwich](#) are embarking on the restoration of Oby Mill (Wisemans), near Acle. Built in 1753, it is the oldest drainage mill on the Norfolk Broads. This phase of the restoration works includes:

- Restoring the external brickwork
- Installing traditional timber joinery to windows and doors
- Replacing traditional timber floors and ladders
- Restoring adjacent timber engine shed
- Replacing the mill cap

From the social impact aspect of the charity, the site was acquired for the multi-purpose of

- Re-creating the 18th century low impact lifestyle of the marshman, a permaculture education.
- A short term nature retreat for small groups in recovery, seeking respite, refocus and inspiration.

JOIN THE TEAM!

We wish to share the ownership of this project, creating a local community trust to help develop and protect its conservation, educational and social impact ambitions.

A great opportunity for those interested in nature, permaculture, heritage conservation, archaeology and for people working with those disadvantaged by condition or circumstance.

We are seeking experienced volunteer partners and organisations to help us with various stages of the project:-

Local Community Steering Group members:

Experienced people or organisations who will partner with us in setting up 'The Oby Mill Trust', to steer and help manage the overall project for the local community

A qualified Ecologist:

To survey the site so we can protect natural inhabitants prior to work commencing

Permaculture specialists:

To help rejuvenate ecosystems at the site and encourage further natural habitats for wildlife

Contractors with Heritage conservation experience:

To help with the restoration of the mill and engine shed

General volunteers

To help clear the site ready for work to begin

Mill and Marshman Historians:

To help us produce a museum within the mill to capture the Marshman's lifestyle of the 18th century

After the initial mill and engine shed restoration, conservation and permaculture development, we will be installing shepherd huts and a camping platform for recovery retreats.

We would also appreciate any help anyone can give with funding for the project costs, building materials or site security items - timber, security fencing, lighting, cameras, etc.

We welcome any enquiries from interested people and organisations wanting to play a role in this fantastic project.

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