

# Sharing our Heritage

Learning about heritage is more than looking at objects and being told lots of facts. Learning about heritage is fun and involves touching, testing, doing, exploring and re-enacting to bring the heritage alive.



Swannington Heritage Trust are custodians of five fabulous former railway, coal mining and flour milling sites; these comprise 12 acres of woodland and grass heathland and a 200 year old partially restored brick tower mill.

Every year Trust volunteers contribute thousands of hours of their valuable time to maintain, restore and research the heritage of Swannington and the surrounding area. This activity is worthwhile in its own right but far more valuable if it is shared with others.

Contact us today so we can share it with your group.



**"Sharing Swannington's heritage is a key aim of the Trust, which is why free visits are offered to schools and youth groups."**

*Swannington Heritage Trust would like to thank the staff and pupils of Swannington Primary School who have given us permission to use the photographs they took of their visit in July 2013. Likewise to parents and children attending family heritage events who have given permission for the use of photographs in which they appear.*

# Educational Visits

Swannington Heritage Trust have a flexible approach to hosting visits from schools.

- **Programme** – The programme can be tailored to the age ranges and abilities of your pupils.
- **Curriculum** – Heritage can contribute to many elements of the national curriculum – history, English, foreign languages, maths, geography, art, crafts and design. The programme can be tailored to your topics.
- **New Activities** – The Trust is always creating new activities and will be happy to work with you to help develop your ideas.
- **Displays** – The Trust would be happy to display your photos, paintings, poems etc. arising from your visit.
- **Minimising Costs** – The Trust would support schools who wish to avoid coach hire costs by arranging for parents to take their children to the mill at 9am and collect them at 3pm.

The Trust also welcomes visits by Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Boys Brigade, Girls Brigade, Army Cadets, Air Cadets, youth clubs and other youth groups. The programme can be tailored to your requirements including badges and awards.

For more information, or to arrange a visit, send us an email with your requirements.

# LIVE AND EXPLORE THE HERITAGE OF SWANNINGTON



## EXCITING FREE VISITS FOR SCHOOLS AND YOUTH GROUPS



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## Get the sack

Be a sack of wheat that the sack trolley wheels into the mill or the sack of flour wheeled back to the farm cart.



## Be weighed like a sack

Stand on the long arm scales as the miller moves the ball along the arm to determine your weight. Do you weigh more or less than the sacks in the mill?



## Grind wheat into flour

Use the hand quern and find out how tough it is to hand grind wheat into flour. You will appreciate why windmills were built.



## Tour the 200 year old mill

With five floors to explore, there are lots of stairs to climb and machine to touch and see.



## Be Mr & Mrs Miller

Trying on a costume will make you realise how long it took to get dressed and how different it is to walk in a long skirt.



## Meet Teddy Miller and his family

Teddy Miller and his family operate the mill. They pretend to be stuffed toys when humans are present, but if the wind is blowing just right, they may be tempted to work during your visit.



## Try our Bell Pit simulator

Help mark out a 30ft (9m) bell pit on the ground. Be lowered 'down' on a rope, empty water from the sump, hew the coal and fill the coal buckets to be winched to the surface.



## Explore the Horse Gin and Gin Pit

Touch the steel horse, reach up and test your strength by turning the horse gin wheel. Use your imagination to see what life was like 300 years ago.



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## Walk the walls

Walk on the walls and the engine plinths of a mid-19th Century coal mine engine house. Pick up and examine the artifacts.



## Discover the history

Feel the scars on the Newcomen boiler as you learn of its life pumping water out of 18th Century mines as well as many other uses before it's triumphant return to Swannington.



## Empathy with tragedy

At another mid-19th Century coal mine engine house, read the memorial to three miners who died in a tragic accident in 1863. Learn about the families who lost husbands, fathers and even sons.



## Pond dipping

Use nets and jam jars to explore murky waters of the pond. Glory in your findings then sketch the pond creatures before returning them to the safety of the pond.



## Animal magic

Visit the rare breed cattle at our neighbour's farm and enjoy the walk back up the hill through the newly planted wood.

