

Reconfiguring The Mill



When Hough Mill was opened to the public in 2000 it contained relatively little milling machinery.

The flour dresser was obtained from the disused Belton water mill in 2004 and installed in the virtually empty top floor.

During the last decade considerable progress has been made. The grain bins, pulpit, brake wheel, wallower and sack hoist have all been installed.

Over the years there has been discussion re the location of the flour dresser as its top floor location is unusual. The norm is to raise grain to the highest point via the sack hoist. Gravity feeds would move the grain to the stones and flour to the Meal Floor.

Over the winter the Mill Team have been moving the flour dresser to its correct location on the Meal Floor. Visitors to the



mill during April and May will see the finishing stages of the reconstruction.

The flour dresser has been mounted on casters, thus making it easier to move.



The bottom of the flour chutes have been removed, as flour will descend into a hopper that feeds it into the flour dresser.



The grain bins and pulpit will be dismantled and moved up a floor. The wall side of the pulpit will have to be modified because the mill is tapered and each floor is smaller than its predecessor.

Once the grain bins have been removed, only a couple of models will remain. The floor will be renamed as the Museum Floor. A small team is working with Museum Development East Midlands to design and implement a scheme that will tell the stories of the:

- development of windmills,
- restoration of Hough Mill,
- milling families.

Provision will be made for everyone including children and mill enthusiasts. Suggestions and participation in this project are welcomed.

