

Rural Heritage Sites

Bromham Mill



The present mill is a late 18th or early 19th century rebuilding in brick, timber and stone on the site of earlier mills. It had two waterwheels. However, only one remains and was restored in 1980.

From the 1930s, due to low water flow, an oil engine was needed to give power with electricity supplying the other machinery. Much of the machinery is still visible inside the mill. On the outside an eel trap was fitted into the sluice gate.

Bromham Mill is open every Saturday & Sunday from 10.00am until 4.00pm from April through to September. Group visits can be arranged by appointment. A number of public events and exhibitions take place throughout the year including National Apple Day in October.

From mid April 2014 a café within the Mill will be open at the weekends serving fresh coffee, light bites and delicious cakes.

Moot Hall



Step into the world of John Bunyan when you visit this delightful 15th century timber-framed market hall, set on the village green, in the centre of the delightful village of Elstow.

Moot Hall was originally built to serve Elstow Abbey as a market house but is now a museum. It contains beautiful period furniture and has exhibits illustrating the life and traditions of 17th century England.

Moot Hall is open every Saturday 1pm until 4pm from April through to September. There is a small charge for admission; groups are welcome to visit by appointment, at any time of the year.

Moot Hall holds a number of special events during the year including the Elstow May Festival.

Stevington Windmill



Constructed around a central post so that it can be turned to face into the wind, this impressive postmill was built in the 18th century and is the only complete windmill left in the county.

The mill operated commercially, mostly grinding cattle feed, until 1939. It was purchased and restored in 1951 by Bedfordshire Council, as part of the County's contribution to the Festival of Britain.

Stevington Mill was probably the last windmill in Britain working with four common (cloth covered) sails, which were replaced in 1958 and again in 2004, the latter after a seven year absence. The sails are turned periodically and the machinery, though requiring constant maintenance, is in rough working order.

Bromham Mill & Moot hall can be hired for private functions including birthday parties, weddings and exhibitions. Weddings can be accommodated in the buildings themselves or in a beautiful marquee within their picturesque grounds.

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