# **Cogglesford Watermill Access Statement**

### Introduction

Cogglesford Watermill is located within Sleaford and approximately 1 mile from Sleaford train station. The mill dates back to Saxon times, is thought to be the only Sherriff's watermill still in operation in England.

You can watch the Mill in operation on special event days, producing wholemeal and white flour as it would have been 200 years ago. Video footage of the milling process can be seen when the Mill is not in operation. Discover the fascinating characters and events that shaped its history from its Anglo Saxon origins to the present day.

The mill has a number of events that take place throughout the year and is also the local tourist information point including a gift shop. Group and educational visits are also available by prior arrangement by calling 01529 413671 or emailing cogglesfordwatermill@n-kesteven.gov.uk.

The ground floor is accessible to wheelchair users with level access across the site. Please be aware there is a step immediately inside the front door, however access can be via the back door, to the left of the mill. Please speak to the miller on duty if you're not sure.

There is a virtual tour on the ground level of the mill, so visitors who would prefer not or are unable to access the upper floors can explore the rest of the building.

## Pre-Arrival

### Making contact:

Please use the contact details at the bottom of this document.

A clearly worded leaflet for Cogglesford Watermill is available describing the main facilities, directions to the centre and opening times. The leaflet provides information and pictures illustrating the type of experience that a visitor should expect. It is distributed to other attractions, hotels, guest houses, caravan parks and Tourist Information Centres.

An answer phone service is available 24 hours per day and up to date information about special events is published on the Heart of Lincs website – www.heartoflincs.com.

Short term opening issues such as weather related problems will be notified on our social media channels - we always recommend people check before they travel.

Visitor mailing lists are used to circulate tourism information related to the mill and these are maintained in accordance with current Data Protection legislation. You can sign up to the Heart of Lincs newsletter here: https://www.heartoflincs.com/welcome-to-the-

heart-of-lincs-newsletter/ - please be aware that this newsletter contains tourism information not only for Cogglesford Watermill but for the whole of the North Kesteven District.

# **Getting Here**

The mill is easy to find from the A17 by following the signs to Sleaford and the 'Hub'; as you enter Sleaford the mill will be on your left, look out for the brown information sign. For people travelling from the A15 follow signs for Sleaford and take the first exit on to the B1518. Continue in to the town centre and at the set of traffic lights, continue straight on. You will find the mill further up the road signposted to the right.

# **Arrival and Car Parking Facilities**

The mill is adjacent to a pay and display car park and is to the right of the mill. There are two large long stay car parks close by, from where you can take a pleasant stroll along the riverside footpath to the mill.

### Public Areas - WCs

There are two separate toilet facilities available on the ground floor of the mill, of which one is fully accessible. Hand washing facilities are also located within the WC.

### **Contact Information**

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We welcome your comments and feedback, all of which is monitored to help improve individual visitor experiences at the mill and its events

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