

Saltford Brass Mill Project



Saltford Brass Mill is a unique survivor of the 30 or so Brass and Copper factories that sprung along the Avon Valley in the early eighteenth century to produce high quality brass goods to be traded by the Bristol Merchant Venturers engaged in the now notorious slave trade. It started hammering brass pots in 1725 and continued hammering and rolling brass for 200 years until 1925.

Saltford Mill is known nationally and internationally and is both Grade II Listed and more importantly, also a Scheduled Ancient Monument. This recognition puts Saltford Mill on the level of Stanton Drew Stone Circle and the Roman Baths and makes Saltford not just a lovely place to live in but also a historic place with a rich history.

BaNES Council are responsible for major repairs and our group look after the site both internally and externally and prepare the monument for visitors from May to October to tell its story with talks, displays, working models and videos.

The work of the Volunteers

Everyone is welcome to join us and bring whatever skills they have to offer. New members are encouraged to find what suits them and also bring in new ideas.

The Project volunteers are individuals with varied and wide-spread skills and experiences and some have been members for twenty or more years.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. From October to April the Mill is closed to visitors as it has no heating and is prone to flooding so we meet in the mornings to carry out basic maintenance. From May to October, we open to the public from 10am to 4pm when we also need guides and receptionists. On such days we normally have a morning shift from 10am till 1pm and an afternoon shift from 1pm to 4pm.

The Mill requires enough volunteers on duty when it is open to the public or we are hosting a group visit. If you are able to offer a bit of time during these sessions, even if to just be physically present to ensure the safety of our visitors or raise an alarm to colleagues if needed you will be a big help.

We find that our new volunteers become more active participants and enjoy interacting with our visitors as their knowledge and understanding of the Mill and its history develop. You will be a welcome addition to the team.

Saltford Brass Mill

Our unique Annealing Furnace



Brass Holloware typical of early goods produced at the Mill



Volunteer Enquiry

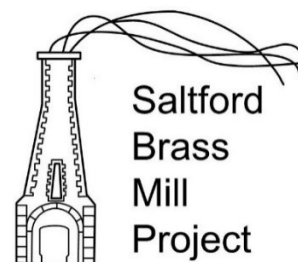
There are no specific requirements that volunteers need to fulfil in order to join the Project. The Mill is a Monument and some parts of it are not wheelchair accessible. There are also some uneven floors and high steps.

If you would like to find out more or you know of someone local who is looking for something to fill a bit of time and who could benefit from getting involved with us, please talk to a member today or visit our website at www.brassmill.com and contact us at enquiries@brassmill.com or complete the form below.

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VOLUNTEER ENQUIRY REQUEST:

Please contact me to discuss joining SBMP



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Contact: Phone/ Mobile:

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