

# Enjoy Sussex . . . windmills and watermills

## Do you long to discover heritage and traditions dating back hundreds of years?

Whether it be examples of Post mills, Smock mills or Tower mills you wish to discover, then look no further than the fine windmills we have in Wealden District. Why not combine your visit with a tour of the working watermills which can be found at the splendid attractions of Michelham Priory or Batemans.

### Batemans Park Windmill

Situated at the bottom of the peaceful garden of Rudyard Kipling's former home, this watermill has been restored to working order by Sussex Industrial Archaeology Society volunteers.

Alongside can be seen an early water-driven turbine, installed to generate electricity for the house.

**Location: near Heathfield**

**Tel: 01435 882302**

**[www.sussexmillsgroup.org.uk/Batemans.htm](http://www.sussexmillsgroup.org.uk/Batemans.htm)**

### Chailey Windmill

A white smock mill, which has stood on the site since 1864, having previously spent 34 years on two other sites.

Although now devoid of most of her machinery, the mill houses a rural life museum.

**Location: Chailey**

**Tel: 01825 722476 or 01825 723519**

### Michelham Priory Watermill

Situated within the grounds of a 14th Century moated Priory. During 1997 this mill underwent major restoration, including a new cast iron waterwheel.

**Location: Upper Dicker, Hailsham**

**Tel: 01323 844224**

**[www.sussexpast.co.uk/michelham](http://www.sussexpast.co.uk/michelham)**

### Nutley Windmill

An open trestle post mill and the oldest working windmill in Sussex, thought to

date from the late 17th Century, although only having been on this site since 1840. She still grinds occasionally.

**Location: Nutley**

**Tel: 01435 873367/01825 762969**

**[www.sussexmillsgroup.org.uk/Nutley.htm](http://www.sussexmillsgroup.org.uk/Nutley.htm)**

### Polegate Windmill

A brick tower mill with original machinery, restored in 1967. Three working oat crushers, adjacent milling museum, refreshment area, education rooms and toilets. Wheelchair access to ground floor.

**Location: Polegate**

**Tel: 01323 734496**

### Stone Cross Windmill

A white tower mill owned by the Stone Cross Mill Trust, who have restored the mill to working order. The mill dates from 1876 and worked until 1937.

**Location: near Polegate**

**Tel: 01323 763253/763206**

### Windmill Hill

The windmill was originally built in 1814. It is 48 foot tall making it the tallest in Sussex and the second tallest in Britain. It has not been restored since 1892, and is therefore in a very original state.

**[www.windmillhillwindmill.co.uk](http://www.windmillhillwindmill.co.uk)**

**Tel: 01323 833033**



*Nutley is the oldest working mill in Sussex*



*Stone Cross windmill near Polegate*



*The restored Watermill at Michelham Priory*



*Polegate Windmill*

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