



### HOW MUCH TIME?

**B**rixton Windmill is open on certain weekends from Easter to October each year. If you are a guide you will sign up to an agreed rota with other volunteers – ideally 4-6 days a year. Milling takes place every two weeks, so millers will also sign up to an agreed rota with other volunteers, according to availability. We provide comprehensive training and full support for both guides and millers.



If you are volunteering in other roles we are happy to see you whenever you have time!

### EXPENSES

**V**olunteering shouldn't cost you money. We will happily pay your travel expenses as well as other costs – for example, any money you spend on ingredients for baking cakes.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

**I**f you'd like to find out more or you're interested in volunteering we would love to hear from you. Email [info@brixtonwindmill.org.uk](mailto:info@brixtonwindmill.org.uk) or phone 07587 170029 to speak to the Chair of Friends of Windmill Gardens.



## FRIENDS OF WINDMILL GARDENS

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The *Friends of Windmill Gardens* are a local residents group, established in 2003 with the aim of restoring and opening the mill and transforming the surrounding park into an area that will be valued by the local community. The *Friends* organise volunteers for open day tours and community events on behalf of Lambeth Council who own Brixton Windmill.

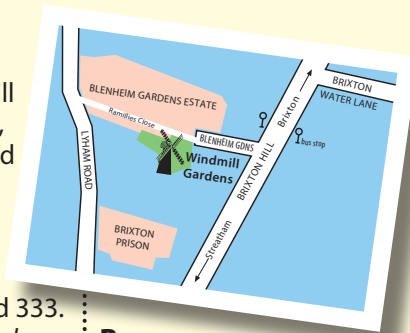
# Brixton Windmill



Built in 1816, the last working windmill in central London

### HOW TO FIND US

**T**he windmill is situated in Windmill Gardens, a small park, located at the west end of Blenheim Gardens, off Brixton Hill.



**By bus:** 45, 59, 109, 118, 133, 159, 250 and 333. Alight at *Blenheim Gardens*, the third bus stop south after *Brixton tube station*.

**By train:** Brixton Station is 1 mile; Brixton Tube is 1 mile; Clapham North Tube is 1.2 miles; Streatham Hill Station is 1.2 miles.

### By car:

Brixton Windmill is 1 mile south of Brixton on the A23, off Brixton Hill. There is no on-site parking and there are parking restrictions in the surrounding streets. For satnav users the postcode is SW2 5EU.



This volunteer leaflet was correct at the time of going to press. The *Friends of Windmill Gardens* reserve the right to change any information contained within this publication without advance notice. Please check [brixtonwindmill.org](http://brixtonwindmill.org) for volunteer updates, events and information.

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### VOLUNTEER AT BRIXTON WINDMILL

Milling, guiding, taking photos, baking, selling, gardening, event organising, writing articles, fundraising ... how can you help?

### WHY BRIXTON WINDMILL NEEDS YOU

This 200-year-old Grade II\* listed building is the only working windmill in central London. Restored in 2011 with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Lambeth Council and the Friends of Windmill Gardens, it is open for guided tours from Easter to October and regularly mills flour to sell to visitors and local retailers. The Friends also run various festivals and special events throughout the year. We need help with all activities on open days, from being a guide to baking cakes, helping serve tea, or running a



stall. Or maybe you're interested in working behind the scenes, milling flour or helping with fundraising, publicity or organising events. Whatever your interests or experience, we can make good use of it!

### WHY VOLUNTEER?

#### VOLUNTEERING HAS LOTS OF BENEFITS:

- 1: LEARN** new skills or use existing ones in new ways. You will gain experience, and you may find hidden talents that will improve your confidence.
- 2: MEET** people from diverse backgrounds and cultures, make new friends, build camaraderie and teamwork.
- 3: FIND OUT** what it feels like to be valued for your unique contribution of skills, experiences, and perspectives.
- 4: LEARN** more about different careers. Fill in your work experience, and demonstrate a 'can-do' approach on your CV.
- 5: HELP** strengthen your community.
- 6: IMPROVE** your health and wellbeing, and have lots of fun.

Brixton's best kept secret



### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Here are some examples of volunteer roles at Brixton Windmill that you might be interested in:

- **Guiding:** Become part of the team who help to bring the windmill to life for visitors, providing a friendly and informed welcome. In return you will have a unique opportunity to gain new skills as well as improve your communication skills, historical knowledge and public speaking.
- **Milling:** Help our team of millers keep the millstones turning to provide a regular flow of flour for visitors and local retailers.
- **Baking:** Our home-made cakes are very popular with visitors on open days and provide extra income to support our activities.
- **Events:** Helping organise our festivals and events requires all hands on deck, from hiring musical acts to finding hay bales!
- **Gardening:** Take part in planting heritage wheat as well as making the park attractive to wildlife and visitors.



- **Publicity and fundraising:** If you're superb with social media or fabulous at fundraising, get in touch – we'd love to hear from you!

### ALL HELP WELCOME!

Just as important is general help for a couple of hours on open days – serving tea, selling merchandise, helping to set up or take down exhibitions. No experience required – just a smile and willing attitude!