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Mill around Derbyshire's historic Victorian watermill on its annual open weekend

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Celebrate National Mills Weekend at Stainsby Mill with free entry to all members of the public on the 11th and 12th of May.

Situated on the stunning Hardwick estate, near Chesterfield, the mill offers a vivid image of the workplace of a 19th-century miller. With volunteers on hand to support your experience as you explore this unique historic place, learn all about the history of the site from the 16th century to the present day!

Built on the banks of the Doe Lea river, the mill has been part of the Derbyshire countryside for more than 800 years and was purchased by Bess of Hardwick in 1593. It became part of the Stainsby Mill farm in the 17th century and provided flour to the Devonshire family right up until 1952.

After your tour of the mill, explore the Mill Ponds to discover how Stainsby functioned as part of a wider self-sufficient estate.

Opening times: [National Trust | Stainsby Mill](#)

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Notes to editors

About Stainsby Mill

The mill became part of the Hardwick Estate in 1593, providing flour to the family and locals alike. In 1850, the 6th Duke of Devonshire reconstructed the mill in order to make white flour, which was becoming increasingly popular. The machinery remained in place until the 1990s, when the dilapidated mill was restored to the 6th Duke's designs.

Stainsby Mill, Doe Lea, Chesterfield, S44 5RW

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