

## Availability

We hold steaming events on the third Sunday of each month between March and October. Between our first and last steaming events the Mill is open to visitors on Wednesdays and the first Sundays of a month. Group and school visits may take place on other days by arrangement. Volunteers come to the Mill on Wednesdays throughout the year to socialise and work.

There are always jobs to be done and you will find volunteers at the Mill most days of the week.

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		

## Membership

If after a few months you are keen to continue supporting Combe Mill then the next step is to sign up as a member and pay your subscription or to join as a friend whereby you simply give financial support without being committed to physically work at the Mill.

Speak with any committee member to find out full details.

## Media Release

From time to time the Society will photograph and video activities at Combe Mill for publicity purposes in printed and social media formats.

Please indicate that you are the legal person named in this form and that you are content for such pictures and videos being taken and that the name of the person stated overleaf may be used in such publications.

Copyright of photographs taken at Combe Mill of volunteers and visitors is retained by Combe Mill Society as do any photographs taken by members and handed to the Society for publicity purposes. Permission to use such photographs will never unreasonably be withheld.

Signed: ..... Date of Birth: .....

Data Protection Act

All information will be stored in accordance with the DPA (Data Protection Act) 2018 and used solely by Combe Mill Society for the purposes of operating Combe Mill. No personal information will ever be passed to a third party.

Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure

It is a condition of an offer of voluntary work which involves close work with the young and/or vulnerable that a security check will be made by the Combe Mill Society which includes a standard Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. You will be asked for your permission for such a search to be made beforehand.

Please return completed expression of interest form to:

Post: Membership Secretary, Combe Mill, Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Combe, Oxfordshire, OX29 8ET

Email: [membership@combemill.org](mailto:membership@combemill.org)

# Why not volunteer?



## What sort of work goes on at the Mill?



There is usually some sort of project underway at the Mill. These may involve replacement of steam pipework, strip-down of machinery, re-layout of displays, the design of fresh interpretation panels or planning of new activities for visitors.

We always need volunteers to help run our events. From car park attendants, ticket sellers, meeters and greeters, to caterers and demonstrators, there are jobs for everyone.

The grounds need continuous maintenance. During the visitor season the grass needs cutting and every couple of years the willow trees need pollarding.



Volunteers care for and interpret our documentation records. Much work is still needed to uncover the history of the work done at Combe Mill. Visitors are often interested in ancestors who were once employed here.

Those with a practical bent will always find something to do of interest. The steam-raising boiler requires an annual inspection and the waterwheel needs regular attention.

Several of our volunteers are teachers who help us to develop learning packages for visiting school and community groups.



We love working with our visitors to demonstrate and explain how tools were used and how machinery works. We will give you training in how to explain the various aspects of the Mill to our visitors.

We encourage the interchange of skills and have a competency assessment and training program. Our safety policy requires that only competent volunteers demonstrate to visitors and operate machinery.

It's not all work. In the past we have organised trips to other museums to pick up ideas on how to improve our offering at the Mill. Each year we have an autumn dinner and a summer BBQ.

## Contact Details

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## Which areas of voluntary work are you interested in?

Collection management

Tour guide

Educational activity

Administration

Costumed interpretation

Landscape maintenance

Historic documentation

Exhibition interpretation

Catering

Machinery maintenance

Helping at events

Craft demonstration

Blacksmithing

Others: .....