

Shalford Mill Access Statement

Shalford Mill was presented to the National Trust by the notorious members of the Ferguson's Gang, one of the National Trust's most outrageously unconventional donors. It is an eighteenth-century watermill, and was the Gang's headquarters during the 1930s. It sits astride the Tillingbourne river, a couple of miles outside Guildford. The building has four floors, the upper floors are only accessible via narrow, steep ladders.

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Introduction

The Mill is on a gently sloping lane off the main street going through Shalford village. There is no parking in front of the Mill, and very little space to turn a car. The river passes under the entrance to the building and can be noisy in high flow. Light levels are fairly low, in keeping with the nature of a mill, and there are no lavatories nor a tearoom. Entry to the mill is by guided tour only and visitors are taken around by our guides on arrival, unless the maximum number of people in the mill at one time has been reached. There are benches on the luccom if visitors need to wait for a tour.

Mobile reception is variable depending on your provider. In an emergency, you should alert the volunteers or mill officer or use 999 or 112. Assistance dogs are welcome but other dogs should be kept on leads at the property.



Arrival & Parking Facilities

If you are arriving by car, there is some off-street parking by St Mary the Virgin church, or on Sundays you can use the Blue Sky company car park opposite the church. There is a brown sign opposite the Seahorse pub, indicating the Mill. There is usually space for one car with disabled visitors immediately outside the Mill. It is possible to drop visitors off at the property before parking elsewhere. The surface here is firm and it is five metres to the luccom, where there is a handrail and benches.

WCs

There are no WCs at the Mill. The nearest National Trust facilities are at Dapdune Wharf, approximately 10 minutes away by vehicle.



Visitor Reception

The entrance to the mill is formed of two doors, both of which are open at all times when the mill is open to visitors and the space is wide enough for a wheelchair. The noise of water is loudest at the entry point, but our volunteer team will meet visitors on the luccom and explain the visitor route before entering.

Light levels are low throughout the mill, the volunteer guides carry torches to illuminate objects of particular interest.

There are low beams throughout the Mill, and a series of stepped ladders leading to the upper floors. The floors can be uneven in places and there is equipment on the floor along the sides of some of the floors.

There is a virtual tour of the mill on a laptop on the ground floor of the mill which is accessible to all visitors.

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