



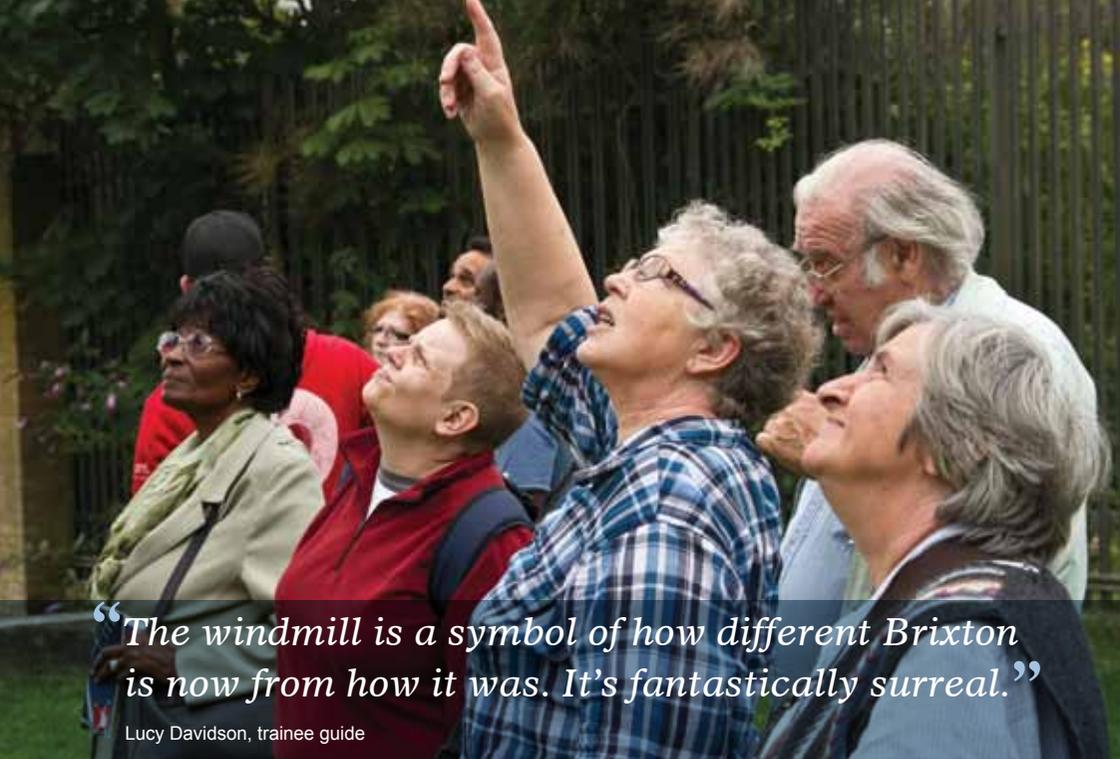
# Brixton Windmill

A unique mill in  
the heart of London

## Get involved! Become a volunteer

Whether you want  
to **learn new skills**,  
**strengthen your**  
**CV**, **make new**  
**friends** or **just**  
**make a difference**  
**in your local area**,  
why not volunteer  
at Brixton Windmill?





*“The windmill is a symbol of how different Brixton is now from how it was. It’s fantastically surreal.”*

Lucy Davidson, trainee guide

## **A windmill? In Brixton?**

Brixton Windmill, built in 1816, is a unique attraction with the power to connect people of all ages to Lambeth’s lost agricultural past. Previously known as Ashby’s Mill, this fascinating Grade II\* listed building contains two mills: a traditional wind-powered mill and a steam- and later gas-powered mill installed in 1902. Recently it was restored with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Lambeth Council and the Friends of Windmill Gardens.

## **How volunteers help?**

Lambeth Council and the Friends of Windmill Gardens (FoWG) need your help! To be able to open this unique building to the public on a regular basis we need guides and stewards to help out at open days and special events.

You may not know anything about Brixton Windmill – yet – but if you enjoy meeting people and you’re interested in agricultural, industrial and/or local history here is your chance to develop that interest and share it with our visitors.

## How can I help?

**We need help with many activities, from being a guide or steward to baking cakes, helping serve tea, or running a stall.**

### Guides

As a guide you will be part of a team who help to bring the windmill to life and help visitors to have an enjoyable tour. You will provide a friendly and informed welcome, and ensure visitors experience the intimate and unusual atmosphere of this very special building.

You will need enthusiasm, a friendly and outgoing nature, and a willingness to learn about the history of windmills and milling. In return you will have a unique opportunity to gain new skills as well as improve your

communication skills, historical knowledge and public speaking. You will also have a chance make new friends.

No prior knowledge of milling and windmills is required, but a keen interest coupled with a passion for learning and sharing knowledge with others is essential.

**“I like meeting people and helping Brixton’s heritage – making sure the last windmill in central London isn’t lost for future generations”**

Sandra Watts, volunteer guide





## Stewards

If you're a bit nervous about being a guide but would still like to help out with tours why not volunteer to be a steward? In this role you will work as part of a team responsible for welcoming visitors and ensuring their safety on site. Your role may also include training to become a first aider and/or fire marshal.

No previous experience is necessary, but a calm disposition and an ability to think on your feet will help.

“I like supporting the windmill. It's unique and quirky and has great potential to educate people about Brixton's fascinating past ...”

Kit Renolds, volunteer steward

## Other roles

We are also looking for people with the following skills:

- baking
- fundraising
- gardening
- teaching
- first aid



## How much time will I need to give?

Brixton Windmill is open from April to October each year on certain weekends and during holiday periods. If you are a guide or steward you will need to be available for four to six days a year during these times as well as attending training. You would sign up to an agreed rota with other volunteers. We will provide training and support.

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

## Training

If you are a guide or steward you will be given comprehensive training in a range of areas, including guiding, visitor management, health and safety, and the history of windmills in the UK. For our next training dates visit: [www.brixtonwindmill.org/whats-on](http://www.brixtonwindmill.org/whats-on)

## What's next?

If 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.

Training and events are organised by Lambeth Council and the Friends of Windmill Gardens (registered charity number 1121790) as part of a partnership project. The programme has been generously funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, Lambeth Council and the Friends of Windmill Gardens with support from Veolia.

**Mildred Cookson, a miller and member of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, has been a trainer at a number of our training days.**



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**By bus:** 45, 59, 109,  
118, 133, 159, 250  
and 333. Alight at  
Blenheim Gardens.

**By train:** Brixton 1 mile;  
Brixton Underground:  
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Clapham North (Northern  
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Hill 1.2 miles.

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