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The Architectural Heritage Fund has helped Building Preservation Trusts and other charities regenerate historic buildings, create community and education facilities, workspace and homes for nearly 30 years. We have provided grants, loans and advice on more than 750 projects to date. This is one of many examples.

Reinstatement of a working windmill: Moulton Mill, Lincolnshire



The new mill cap being lowered into position

Moulton Windmill was built for Robert King in 1822. Constructed to a high standard of red brick with a pale yellow brick outer skin, the mill tower stands 24 metres above ground level and contains nine internal floors of massive timber construction and a basement. In December 1894 the top blew off in a violent gale which also wrecked many other mills in the area. All the sails were lost as well as the windshaft and brakewheel, although the cap frame remained. The mill was then worked by steam power and subsequently by an oil engine. In 1928 the remains of the old cap roof were removed to be replaced by a corrugated steel roof built up on the old cap frame. Moulton Windmill was in constant use until its owner retired in 1994. He was keen to see the mill preserved and sold it to a local property developer who was building a residential care home on land to the east of the mill and who undertook to see it preserved in an appropriate way.

The mill is considered to be an outstanding example of a tower mill and was listed Grade I in 1967. The Moulton Windmill Project was formed in 1998 as a result of an initiative by the Lincolnshire Mills Group. The Project acquired Moulton Windmill on a 200 year lease in 2001 and has to carry out a complete renovation and restored it to full wind power. The scheme provides an interpretation and visitor centre linked to the national curriculum, tea rooms on the ground floor, together with disabled access to a set of working stones.

Moulton Windmill was one of the buildings featured in the first series of the BBC's *Restoration*. Although it did not make it to the final, the project attracted sufficient funding to enable work to start in March 2004. The AHF loan allowed work to progress on schedule despite the potential problems of working on such a tall structure.

<p>Organisation: Moulton Windmill Project Ltd Listed Grade I; Moulton (South Holland) Conservation Area Architectural Heritage Fund assistance: £120,000 loan in 2003</p>
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