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# Millhouses - a 1000 years of our History

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1066 Norman Conquest – William King

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Robin Hood alive  
pre-1066

Earl of Huntingdon  
connections with Hallam  
& Loxley



Waltheof,  
the last Saxon Earl,  
Manor razed to the ground  
1069 & Beheaded 1076

William Peveril  
Sheriff of Nottingham  
Steward of the High Peak

1066 Characters of the time

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A Great Medieval  
Massacre



100,000 Saxons  
Murdered or left  
To Starve

1069 The Harrying of the North:

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## THRUST INTO THE CROSSHAIRS

(ca 1170 A.D.)



Henry II



Thomas à Becket

“Will no one rid me of  
this turbulent priest?”

Jay Brantcomb 

Murder of Thomas a'Becket 1170

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Mid 1150 Sir Ralphus De Ecclesall ---- A knight of the Realm

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1175 Ralph de Ecclesall granted land for Beauchief Abbey

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1175 Ralph de Ecclesall gave the Mill on the Sheaf to Beauchief Abbey - Millhouses

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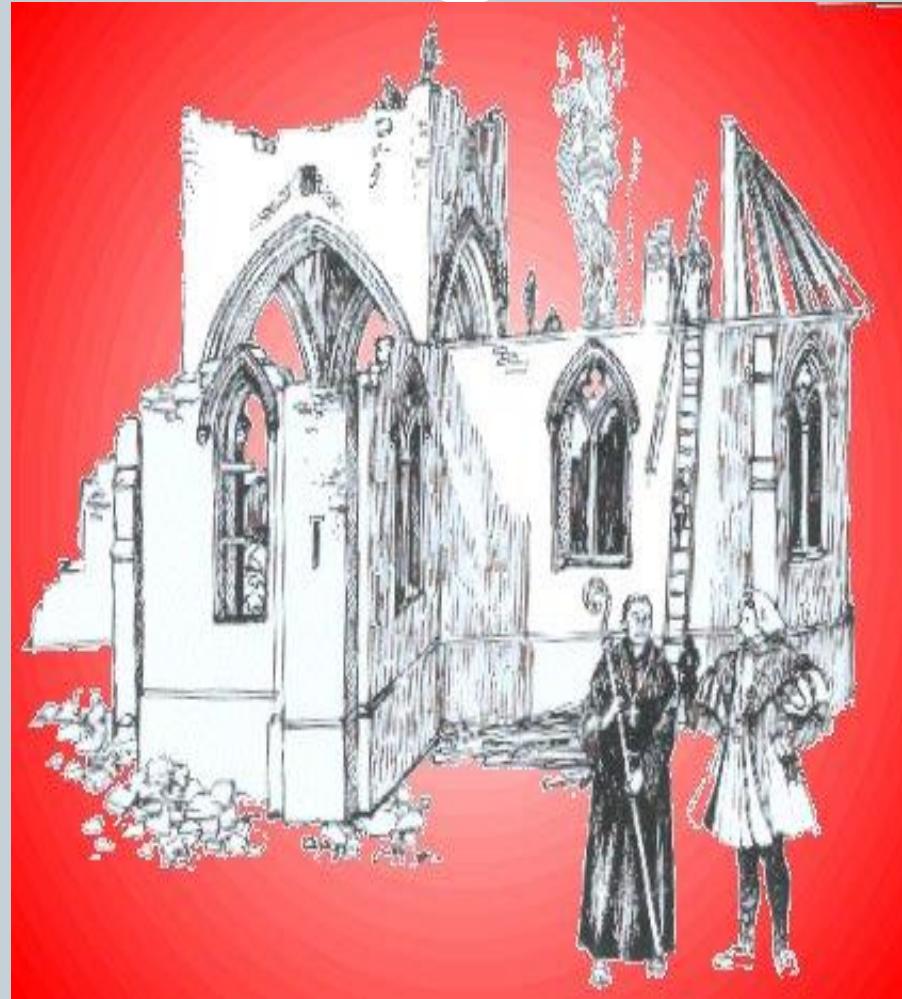
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Henry VIII 1491 - 1547

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Dissolution of the Monasteries 1536

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1536 Dissolution of the Monasteries

1536 Strelley-Pegge Family  
Bought the Abbey & Grounds

1635 Sir John Bright  
Purchased the Mill

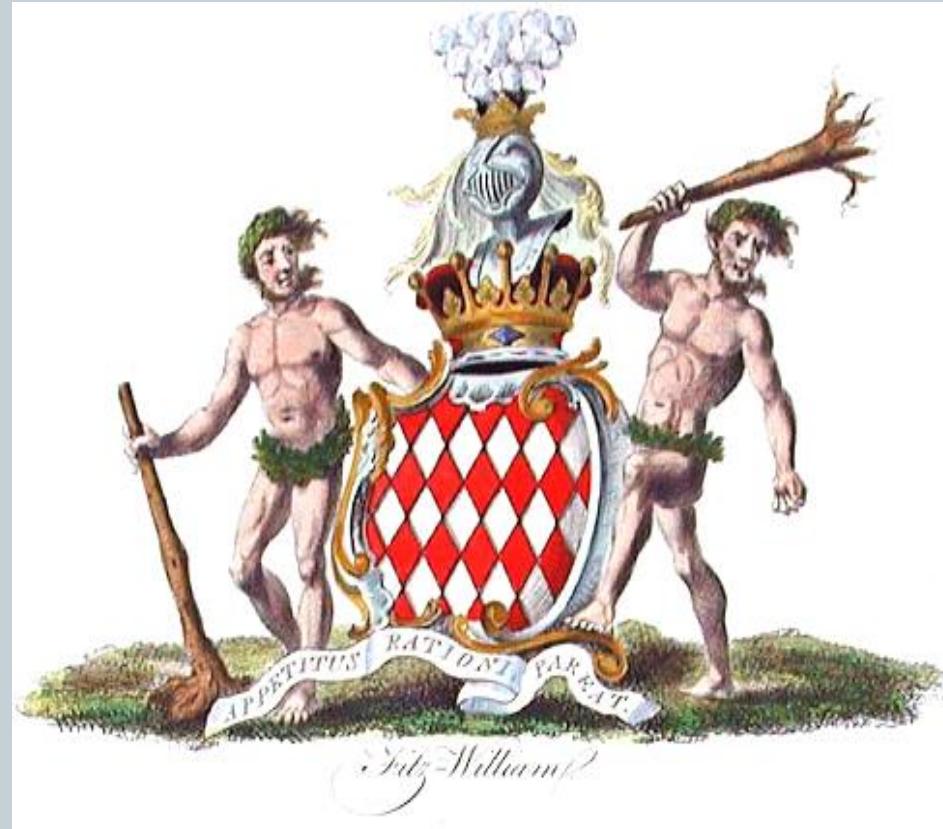
1680 Sir John made extensive  
repairs costing £170

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1782 Lordship of passed to Earl Fitzwilliam  
through marriage of Ann Bright



Fitzwilliam Estate

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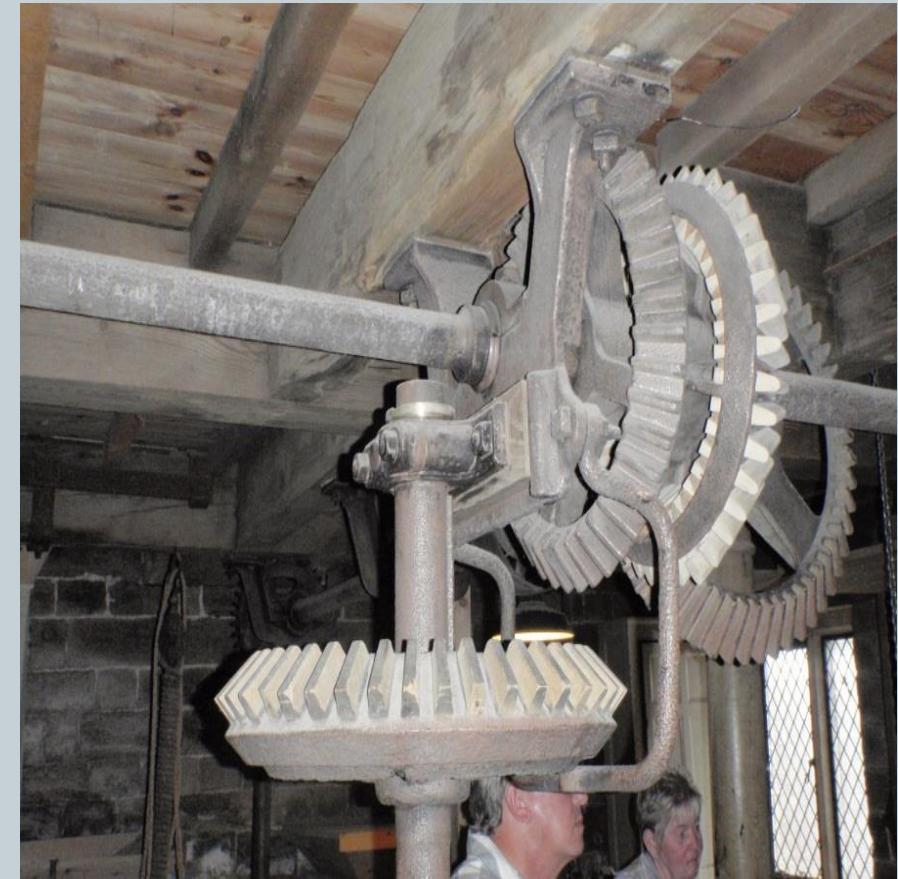
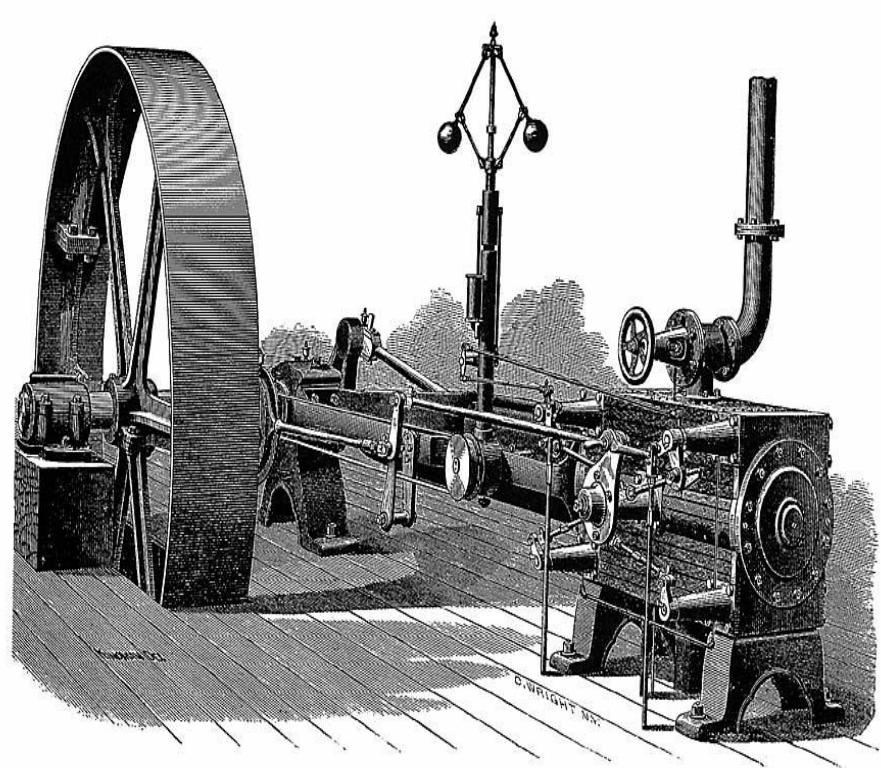
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600 years of Milling Corn by water power – Renewable Energy

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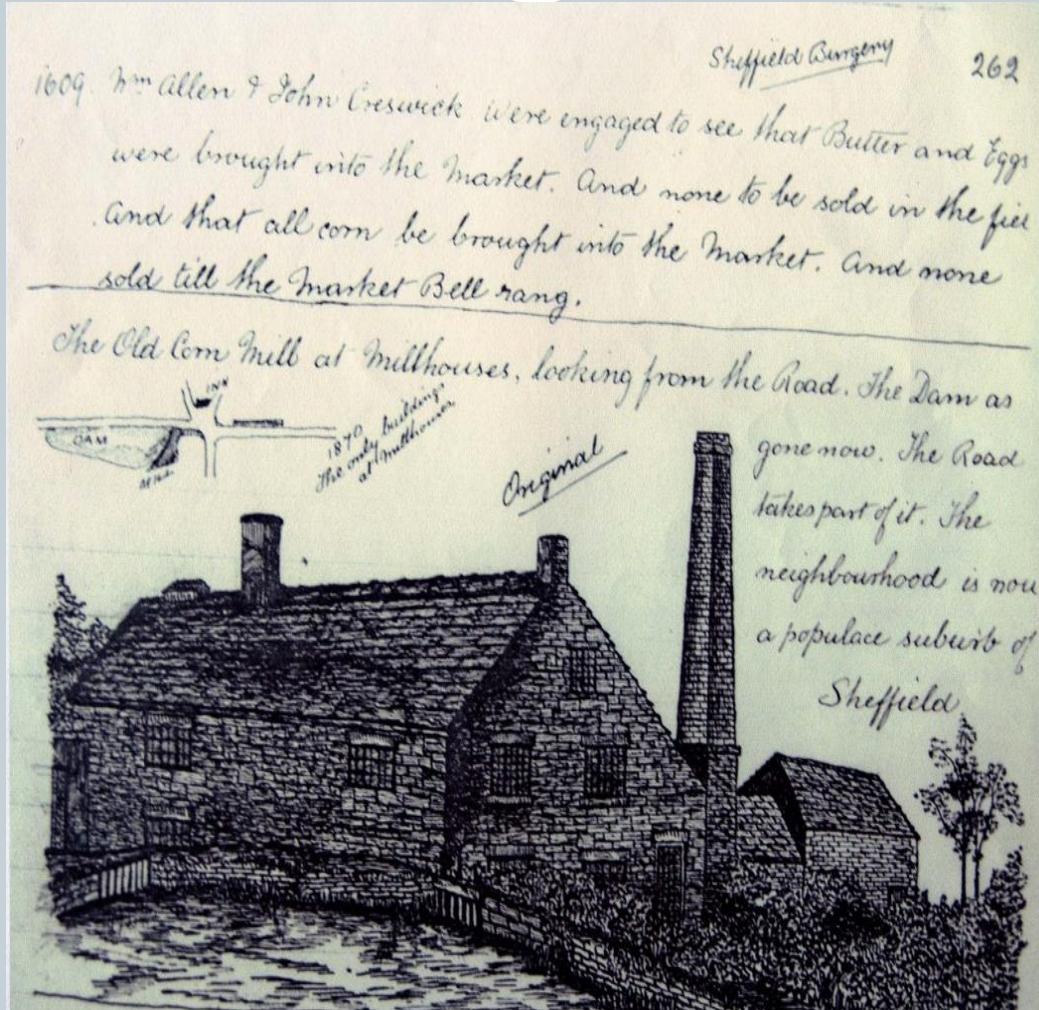
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1828 The mill installs a 12 HP steam Engine to supplement water

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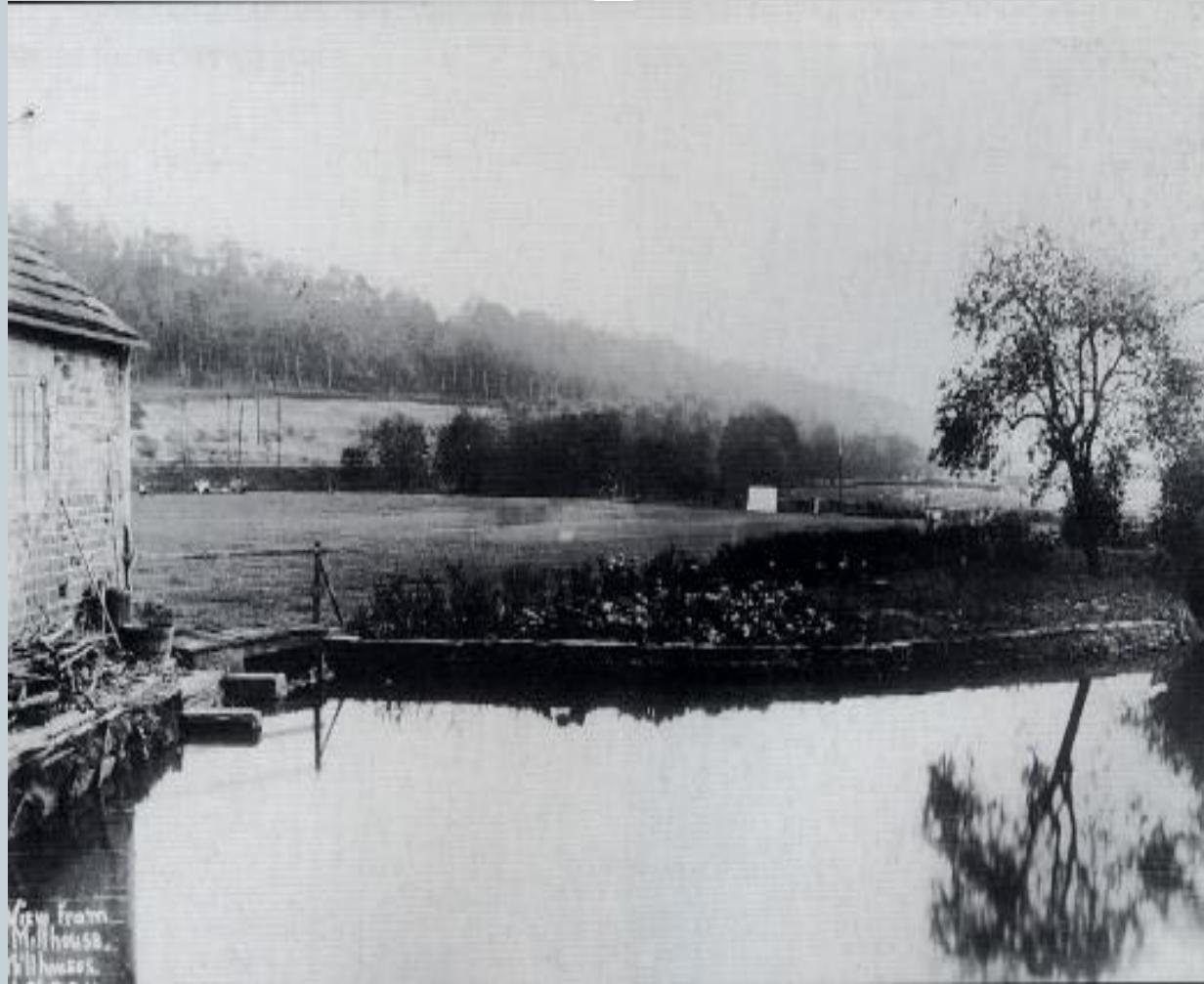
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1897 View of the Mill

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The park was laid out by SCC after acquiring most the land in 1909 for £10,325

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1914 with the Boating pool hut and Waggon & Horses to the right. Note the cricket to the left

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1960's Gardens and Swimming Pool

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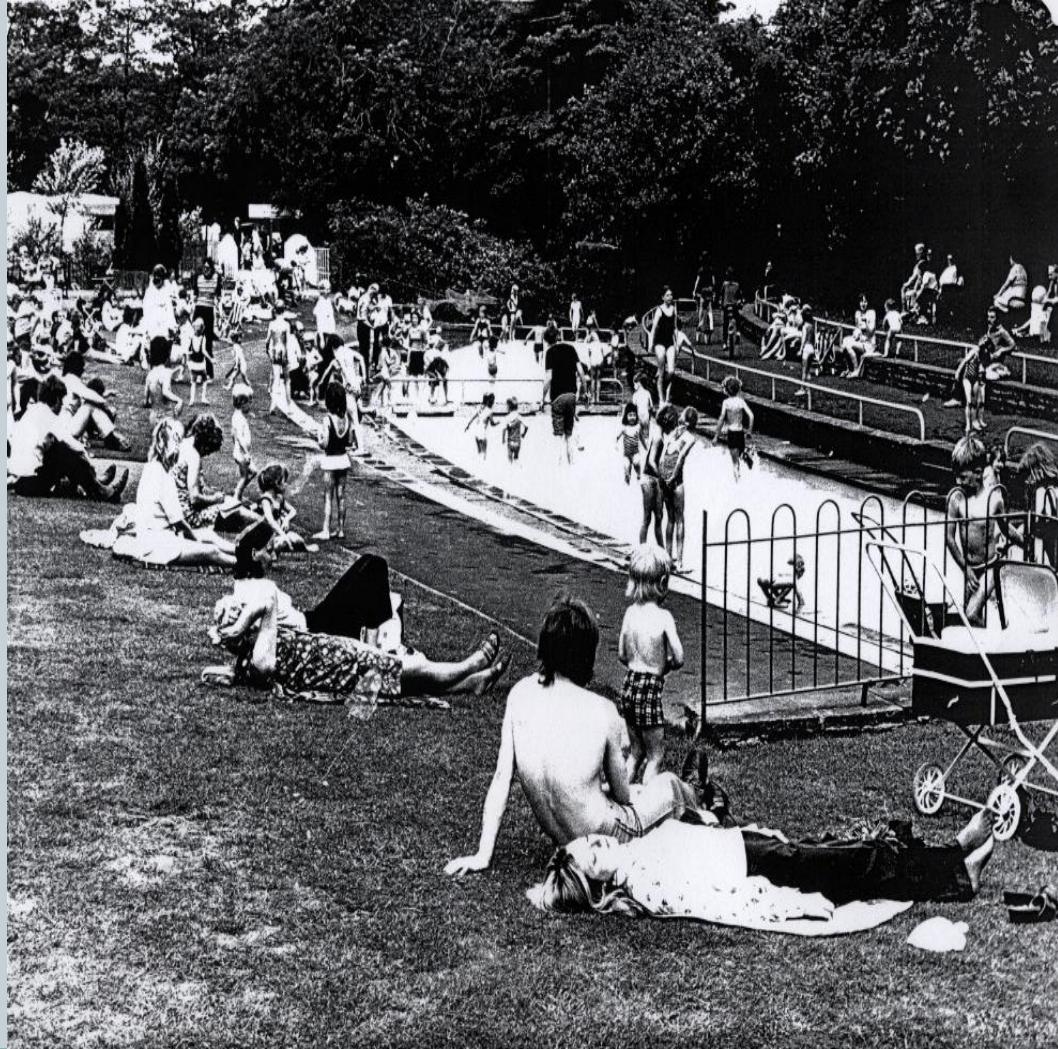
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1960's Paddling Pools

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1973 Paddling Pools

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1958 Floods – Paddling Pools

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The flash flood turned the Sheaf into a torrent so powerful that it smashed down this concrete and stone footbridge near the cricket pitch. The remains were cleared away and the bridge was never rebuilt.

1958 Floods – Bridge over the Sheaf

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The Birth of The Friends of Millhouses Park – Site regeneration plans

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1980's Lido Rubble

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*Friends of Millhouses Park Richard Exell (left) and Mike Kidder discuss plans for the park by the boating lake*

1990's FoMP Discuss Plans for the park

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Sensory Garden

Old Pavilion

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Sensory Garden 2009

Local Contributions

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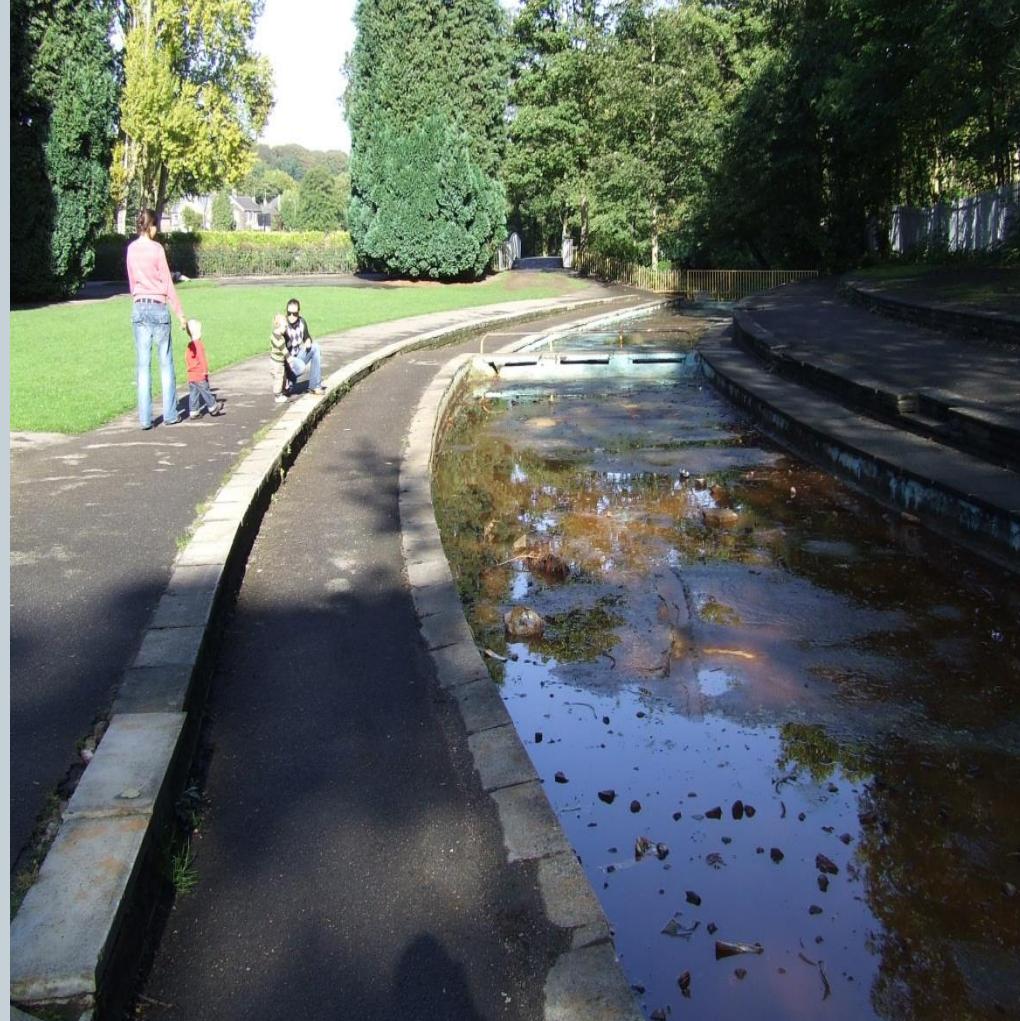


Sensory Garden 2010

Completed Project

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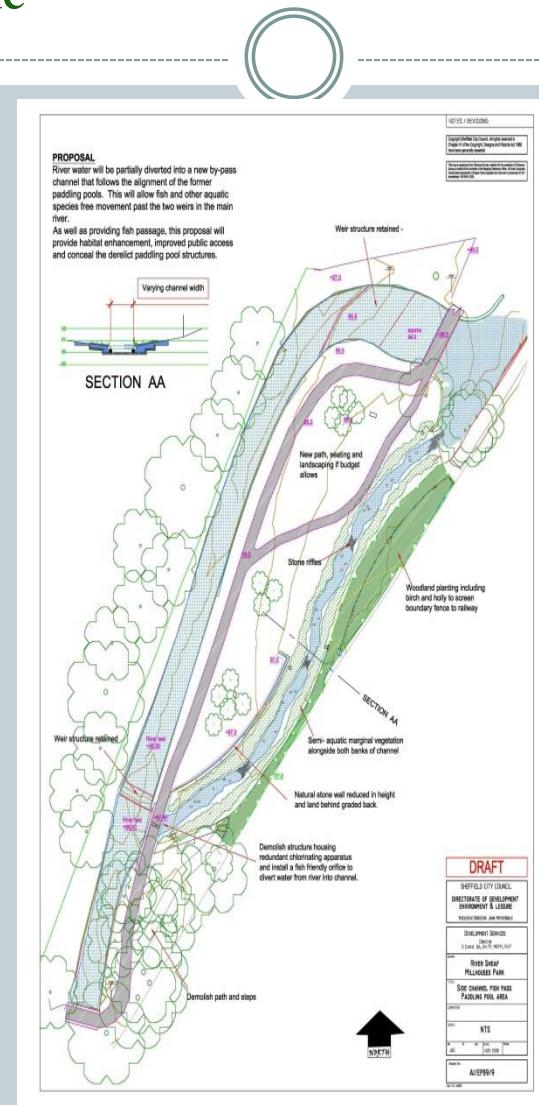
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The Paddling Pools 2007

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The Paddling Pools Proposal 2009

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The Paddling Pools Digging over 2010 "The Rock"

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The Paddling Pools Planting 2010

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Paddling Pools to Fish Pass Planting 2010

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The Fish Pass -Duck Race 2011

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The Fish Pass –Abbeydale Rotary Club Crocus Planting 2011

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The Fish Pass

Crocus Planting 2011

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Willow Den Planting

18<sup>th</sup> March 2011

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Ginkgo Tree Planting

CK&MCG; FoMP; SCC; Community Involvement

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Waterplay February 2010

The work Begins

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Waterplay April 2010

Community Tree Planting

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Waterplay June 2010

Official Opening

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Waterplay June 2010

Water fun back in Millhouses Park

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Climbing Wall July 2010

Cliffhanger Legacy

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Gardening. Balsam Bash, Litter Picks,

Community Involvement

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Fund Raising

Fashion Show

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Woodland Faye

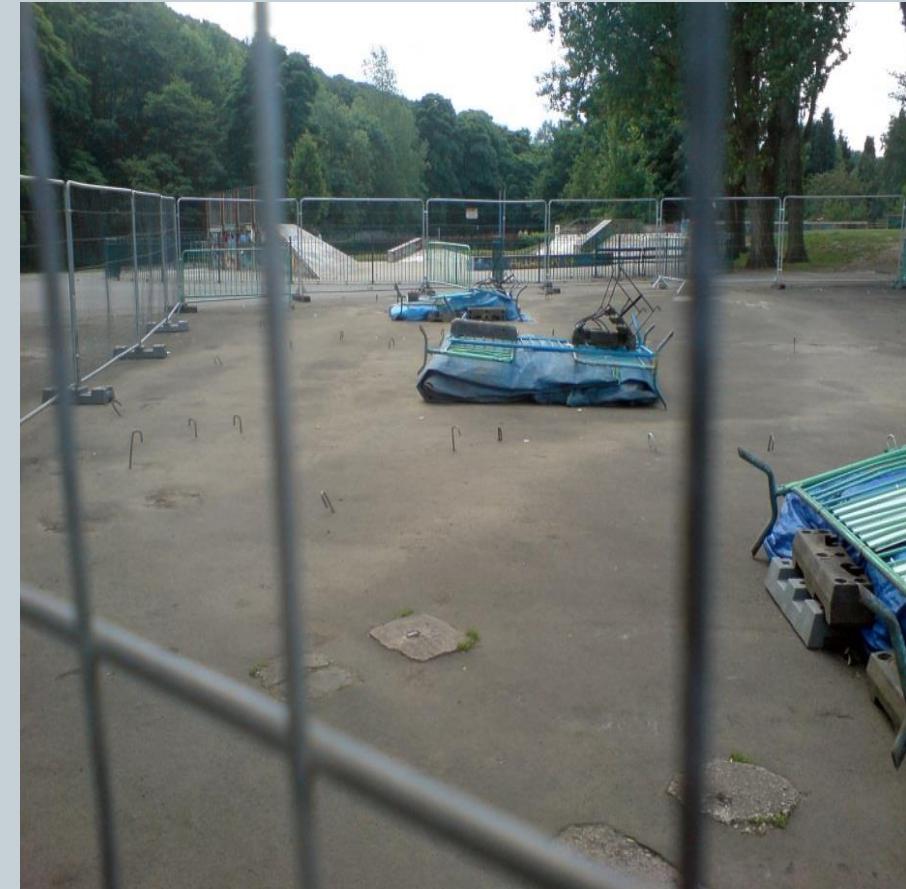
Charcoal Making and Twists cooking

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Playground Regeneration



Old Playground

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Playground Regeneration

Life Expired Poplars Felled

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Community Planting - Oak Avenue

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New outdoor Family Gym

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Playground Regeneration

Scooter Park/Roadway

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Playground Regeneration

Zip Wire

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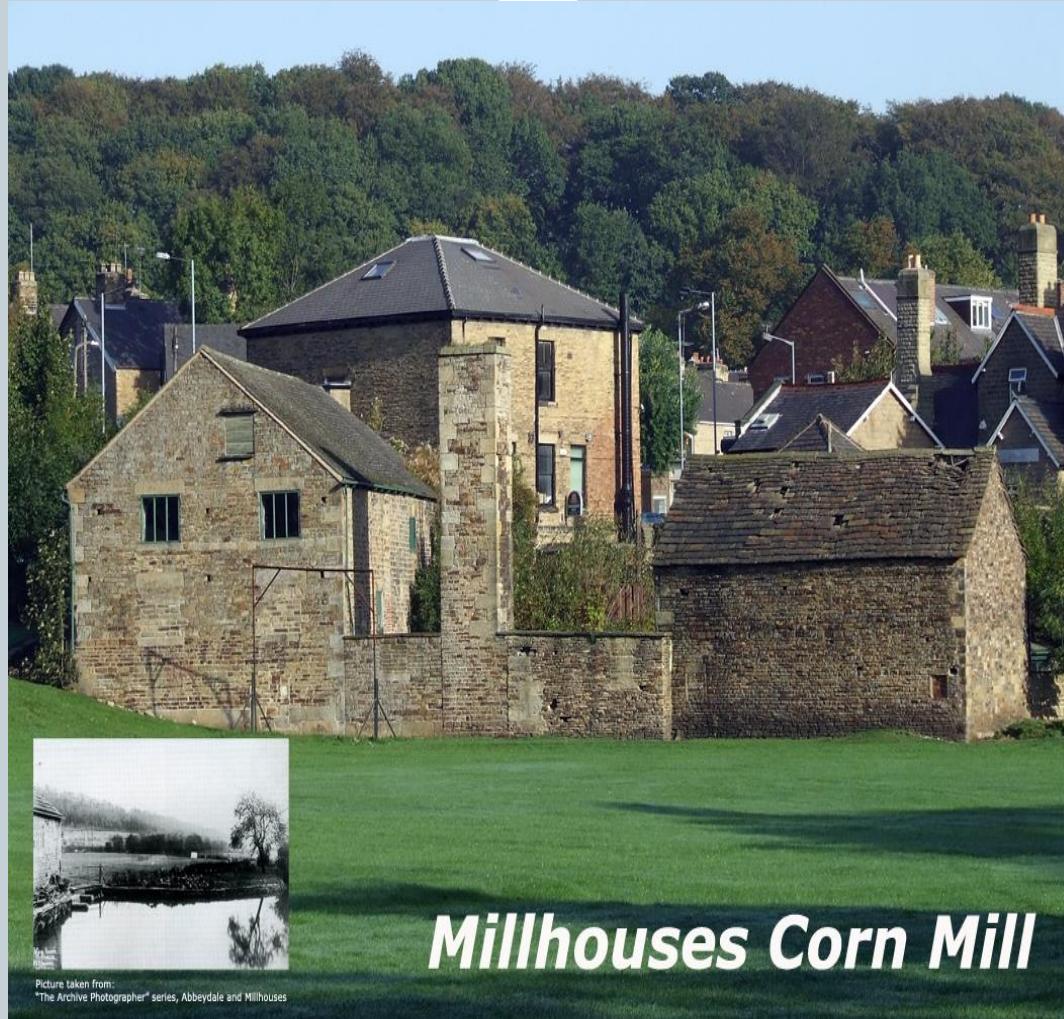
Skate Park



Annual MillyJam

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**Millhouses Corn Mill**

Picture taken from:  
"The Archive Photographer" series, Abbeydale and Millhouses

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Working Corn Mill

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The Small Building

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# Putting the Mill Back into Millhouses

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## Mill Buildings Group Objectives

- To secure and preserve the aspect and visual amenity of the cluster of building known as "The Mill Buildings"
- To preserve the fabric of the small stone building
- To bring the small building back into community use
- To work in partnership with SCC and others to bring the whole group of buildings, and its immediate archaeological surrounds, into appropriate use

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Stainsby Mill Visit

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Mill Buildings

In need of TLC

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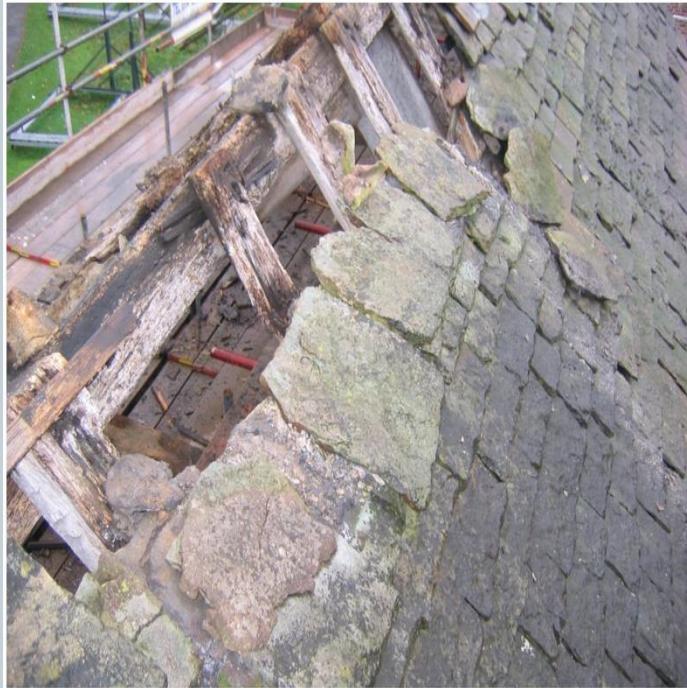
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Mill Buildings



Roof Timbers Exterior

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Mill Buildings December 2013

Work Starts

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Mill Buildings January 2013

Inside the Door

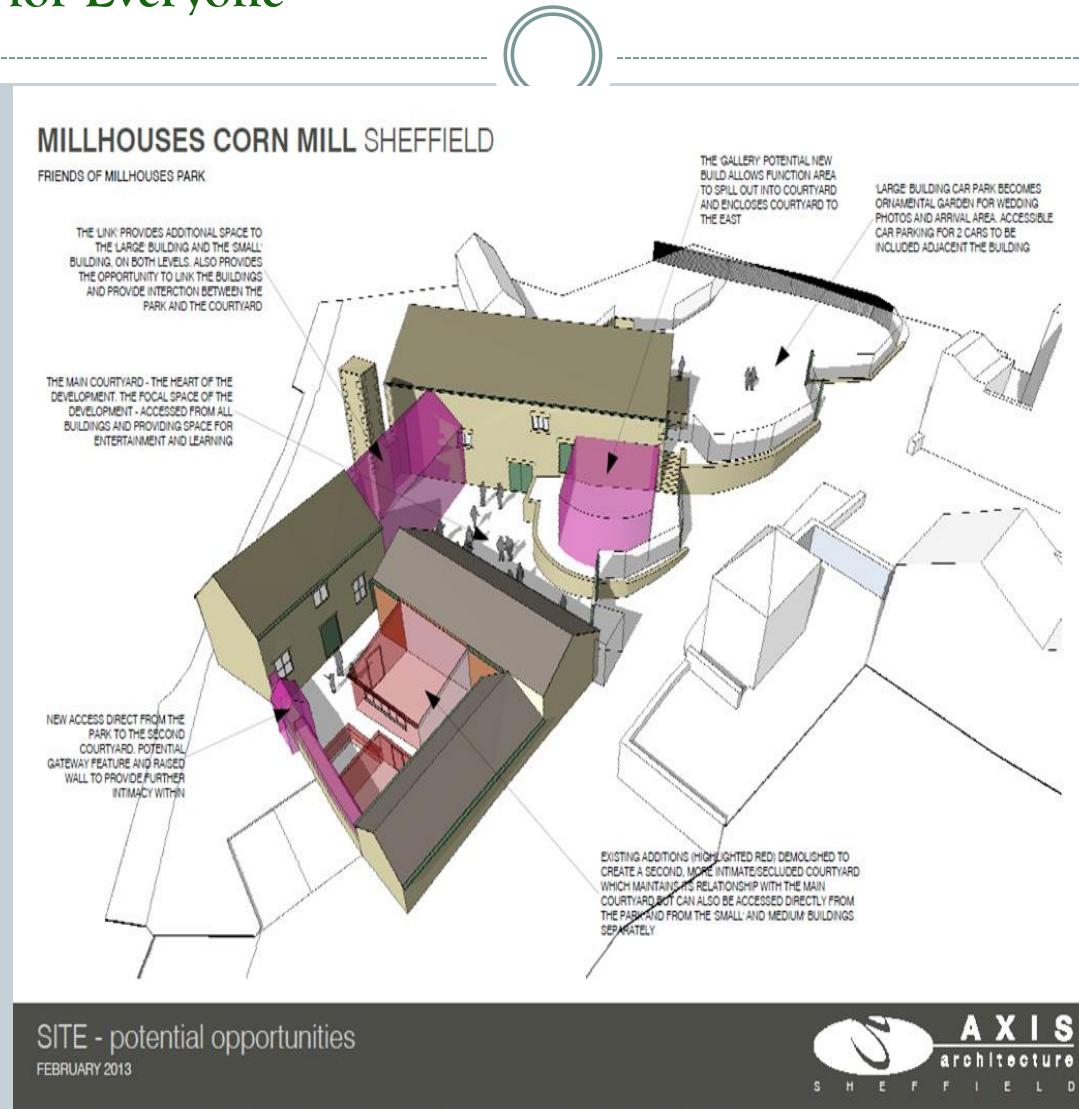
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