

# Milling Matters

## Weekend Mills Conference

7-8 May 2022

### CONFERENCE

**SPAB Scotland** and **Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust** are thrilled to invite you to the first ever celebration of mills and milling in Scotland, to be held in Lower City Mills, Perth and with visits to mills in Perthshire.

The event will be held on **National Mills Weekend (7-8 May)** and will be packed with interest, covering many aspects of mills from industrial heritage to bread-making and hydro-power.

The weekend will feature:

- Talks
- Focus groups
- An exhibition
- Pop-up cafe featuring traditional Scottish milled bread and sweet-treats
- A coach tour of mills around Perth

Saturday will start with a selection of short talks in the Mercure Hotel Perth, formerly Upper City Mills, and which has some remaining elements rare to molinology.

Topics covered will include looking after mills as a community trust, heritage grains & breadmaking, micro hydro-power, the Scottish textile industry, looking after mill machinery, and a short history of Perth Lower City Mills given by PKHT director David Strachan.

We will visit Lower City Mills in the afternoon, and hope to engage delegates in a lively discussion about the future of mill conservation and heritage milling and its associated skills in Scotland.

Sunday continues with a coach trip in the scenic Stanley, Blairgowrie and Rattray area to watermill sites not normally open to the public, and where we will take a scenic walk along the River Ericht.

A full programme & booking details available at:  
<https://www.spab.org.uk/whats-on/events/milling-matters-scottish-mills-weekend>

### ONLINE TALKS

In the run up to the conference we are hosting a series of four online talks. All talks are recorded and made available to those with tickets so don't worry if you can't make the day/time.

All talks will be accompanied by a Q&A session.

Tickets are available from

<https://www.spab.org.uk/whats-on/lectures/milling-matters-four-fabulous-lectures>

as single bookings or a block of four at a discounted price.

**\*\*Recordings from previous lectures will be sent to those who select the block if they have missed any.\*\***

Talks are £5 for SPAB members / £6 for non-members.

#### **Lecture #1 - Rognvald Brown, John O'Groats Mill Trust** **1st February 12-13.30**

*Join Rognvald Brown, chair of the Trust to hear about their journey to bring new life into the mill so far.*

#### **Lecture #2 - Mark Watson, Lifecycles of Textile Mills** **8th March 12-13.30**

*Industrial Heritage expert Mark Watson will give his overview of how textile mills can be rejuvenated and put to new purposes.*

#### **Lecture #3 - Karl Grevatt. Dusty Mill: Dusty Miller** **5th April 12-13.30**

*A virtual tour and talk of Charlcote Mill, Warwickshire with SPAB Fellow and miller Karl Grevatt.*

#### **Lecture #4 - Luke Moloney, The Challenge of Saving** **Rosefield Mills**

**3rd May 12-13.30**

*Join Luke Moloney to find out how Dumfries Historic Buildings Trust plan to bring new life into part of the huge textile complex on the edge of the river in the town.*

