



Towards a restoration of Brill Windmill



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Specialist mill contractors (IJP Building Conservation) make an early morning start on the first day of works to the mill.

The early types of post mill were not fitted with a fantail or shuttered sails and therefore had to be 'luffed' or turned to face the wind by means of a tail pole. The tail pole was one of the first things to be removed from the mill.

Inset photo shows the state of weathering on the upper face of the tail post.



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Works now focus on the removal of the mill's sails.

The works have been made easier by the use of a crane.

However, to allow the removal of each sail, each has to be rotated into an upright vertical position before being unbolted (with access gained by a 'cherry picker') and then slowly lifted up and away by a waiting crane.



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The last of the four sails is positioned into the vertical position to allow removal.

Works can now concentrate on the installation of scaffolding and the removal of the remaining sail 'stocks'

