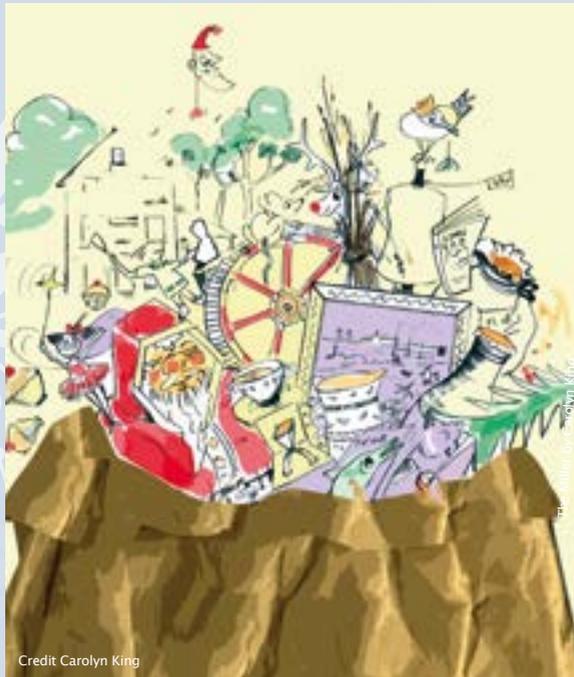




# THE TOWN MILL LYME REGIS

WINTER 17/18 - NOV • DEC • JAN



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WORKING WATERMILL | ART GALLERIES  
FOOD & DRINK | CREATIVE ARTISANS

the creative heart of Lyme

Registered Charity Number 104 16 14

# ABOUT THE TOWN

Just a few minutes walk from the seafront and high street, The Town Mill is one of Lyme's leading attractions. We are a unique mix of working watermill, art galleries and creative artisans. Centred around a beautiful mediaeval cobbled courtyard, it's a great place to while away an hour or two.

## MILL TOURS

Miller guided tours are free of charge, although we welcome donations to our charitable trust! Our volunteers will tell you all about the fascinating rescue and restoration of the mill, and demonstrate the giant waterwheel powering the mill as it grinds the grain. There is also our micro hydroelectric system to see.

In the Winter, watermill tours run daily Tuesday to Saturday, 11-4pm and Sundays 11-1.30, dependent on volunteer availability.

## ART GALLERIES

The Town Mill is home to two thriving art galleries, The Town Mill Malthouse and The Courtyard Gallery. We host around 50 exhibitions a year, most featuring local artists from the vibrant Lyme Regis art community. Galleries are open from 10:30 to 4:30 daily.

**Interested in exhibiting?**  
Contact Phil Clayton on 07809 831760 or email [phil@townmillarts.co.uk](mailto:phil@townmillarts.co.uk)

TOWN MILL  
**arts**



## CREATIVE ARTISANS

The Town Mill is home to a host of wonderful creative businesses (see pages 4-5). Please check their individual websites for opening times.

## RESCUE & RESTORATION

In 1991 the local district council announced plans to demolish the mill. Locals opposed the plans and raised over £500,000, took over the buildings and begin the restoration. Ten years later The Town Mill reopened, milling the first flour for over 70 years.

## THE MILL TODAY

The Town Mill is the only volunteer-run, non-commercial mill that mills virtually every day of the year. The mill complex is a thriving arts hub, occasional entertainment venue, education and community space and home to a variety of creative small businesses. We are a registered charity (Number 104 16 14) and we welcome donations to help secure the future of the mill.



# MILL LYME REGIS

## VISITOR CENTRE

Do drop in to find out how local people raised over £500,000 to rescue the mill from demolition and undertake a huge restoration project. You may wish to purchase a souvenir to remind you of your visit, or perhaps pick up some organic Town Mill flour to take home and bake with.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

The Town Mill lends itself well to the variety of celebrations and festivals we host. From street theatre, dancing and musicians, to baking and art activities, you can be sure of a great atmosphere at the mill on special occasions. *See page 6-7 for details of our special Christmas events.*

## MILLER'S GARDEN

A tranquil place to escape and unwind: a medley of herbs, fruit, flowers and vegetables planted around a mulberry tree.

## EDUCATION & COMMUNITY

Our Community and Learning Space is available to hire. If you want to book a school visit, or use the room to hold a course, workshop or meeting, please contact Nicky Taylor on 01297 444042 or email [nickytownmill@gmail.com](mailto:nickytownmill@gmail.com). For details of courses and clubs currently held at the Town Mill, please visit our website.

# HISTORY AND RESTORATION

## A THOUSAND YEARS

Milling has taken place in Lyme Regis for nearly a millennia. However, the present site dates back to at least 1340, when Edward III granted a licence to The Town Mill. During the English Civil War in 1644 the mill was severely damaged. It was rebuilt shortly after, and most of the buildings you see to-day date from this time.

## DECLINE

From the 1850s onwards, the Town Mill struggled. Cheap imported grain and improved roller-milling technology put its finances under pressure, and it eventually closed in 1926. It then lay derelict for over 60 years.

## TOWN MILL ORGANIC STONEGROUND FLOUR

Town Mill artisan flour is unique in more ways than one. Milled by hand in our mediaeval watermill, each batch of grain is processed by one of our volunteer community who is following a traditional milling method.

Therefore, our flour may have variations in weight, texture and refinement, and possible traces of our other grains. One thing that will not change is the delicious flavour of the flour and the miller's passion for creating an exceptional product, which is available by donation in our shop.

Whichever bag of flour you choose to take home, you can be sure that your donation contributes directly to our charitable trust, which keeps our historic mill running. We are sure that you will enjoy the experience as much as we do.



### Our range includes:

- Wholemeal flour, using strong Maris Widgeon heritage wheat from Tamarisk Farm in West Bexington, Dorset, behind Chesil Beach.
- Rye, also from cereal organically grown at Tamarisk Farm. This low-in-gluten, highly flavoured grain is excellent for people who have an intolerance to wheat.
- Spelt, using grain from the organic estate Sharpham Park near Glastonbury on the Somerset Levels, where spelt has been grown since the Bronze and Iron ages.

## AD LUCEM JEWELLERY

[www.lucycampbell.net](http://www.lucycampbell.net)

Silversmith and jeweller, Lucy Campbell, takes inspiration from the coastal landscape around Lyme. Delicate, circular forms are a recurrent theme, with shells, fossils and other seashore and organic textures appearing throughout her jewellery collection. Her work has a contemporary handmade look, with the "maker's mark" left beautifully visible.

Each piece is handmade and has taken many hours of work and care. Lucy's shop, 'Ad Luceum', is also her workshop, where you can see her making her range of sparkling and original jewellery. If you are looking for something original or just want to watch an artisan in action, drop in and take a peek.



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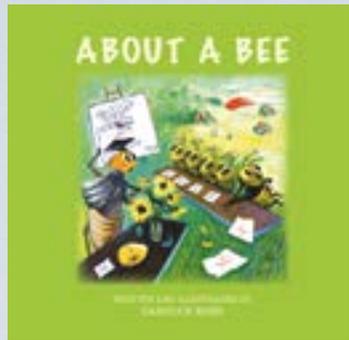
## COURTYARD CAFÉ

[courtyardcafelyme.co.uk](http://courtyardcafelyme.co.uk) tel: 01297 445757

The food Laura serves at the Courtyard Cafe is freshly made and locally sourced, Fair Trade and organic where possible. She cooks everything on the premises with love, care and attention to detail and nutrition in mind. All diets are catered for, including gluten-free and vegan options.

Laura qualified as a chef 23 years ago. Having retrained as a naturopathic nutritional therapist, it was a natural progression for Laura to run her very own cafe, with family help and fantastic staff.

Drop by daily, from 9:30am to 4:00pm (3pm on Sundays)



## CAROLYN KING M.A

Artist & Illustrator

For inspirational children's books, tuition and commissions, we are 'user friendly' and happy to advise! **NEW book 'About A Bee'** now available to buy.

[www.westcountryartists.com](http://www.westcountryartists.com)

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## CREATIVE ARTISANS AT THE TOWN MILL...



## SEW LA DI DA VINTAGE

[www.sewladidavintage.com](http://www.sewladidavintage.com)

We are a dressmaking pattern manufacturer, fabric shop and sewing school. Caroline and her team have designed and produced a range of classic style dress patterns that flatter the modern body. Visit our studio to buy our patterns, choose from a fabulous range of fabrics or enrol on one of our sewing courses or workshops. Aimed at all levels of sewing experience, classes include fun, laughter and the satisfaction of having created something that's truly yours - many are suitable for children and hen parties.



## LYME STONE

[www.archiefaiers.co.uk](http://www.archiefaiers.co.uk)

Archie continues to develop his already established stonemasonry skills through World Skills courses held throughout the country. This has taken him from Lyme, to Westminster, to Abu Dhabi. More recently he is developing his ability to carve and produce a range of designs which include signs and sculptural pieces for public spaces and homes. Archie welcomes commission projects and enjoys interpreting clients' ideas through stone. Find Archie in the Miller's Garage. Email: [archiefaier95@gmail.com](mailto:archiefaier95@gmail.com)

## KATE'S KITCHEN

tel: 01460 221698

Kate's Kitchen is a tribute to all things homemade, local and delicious. A bakery and deli, it is here you will find a range of food items to take away; from Moore's Dorset Knobs and Clipper Teas to artisanal breads baked by Jane herself with Town Mill flour and honey from her own bees. There is a wide range of items for customers with special dietary requirements, and a variety of herbs, seeds and spices. You can also pop in for reasonably priced basics, like eggs, milk and different cheeses.



## LYME REGIS BREWERY

[www.lymeregisbrewery.com](http://www.lymeregisbrewery.com)

Visit Lyme Regis' only microbrewery, brewing at The Town Mill. Relax in The Mill's lovely cobbled courtyard, sup a pint or two and watch the world go blissfully by.

- Great range of draught beer (and cider) on tap
- Bottled beers & ciders to take-away
- Bag-in-boxes and kegs for parties (we'll deliver locally)

Our beers are regularly on draught at The Royal Lion Hotel, The Rock Point Inn and Cellar 59 in Lyme Regis.



## COASTLINE CREATIVE

[coastlinecreative.co.uk](http://coastlinecreative.co.uk) tel: 01297 443382

Coastline are a full service design agency, providing brand, design, print and web services. If you're looking to set up a business, grow your client base, or enhance your brand reach, the friendly and professional coastline team specialise in working with you to reach your business goals through creative design and marketing know how. Drop in for a coffee and a chat.



## TOWN MILL POTTERY

tel: 07751 447963

The pottery is based in the Stable Block. The potters, Don and Bery have welcomed Harry to the team: a new face to look out over the stable door, bringing new ideas and re-establishing 'throw a pot' sessions where visitors can try their hand at the potter's wheel. Both make domestic ware, using different clays, glazes and styles. Bery also makes more sculptural pieces. There is a small display area in which you can browse the ceramics and purchase if you wish.

# Christmas Unwrapped

## at The Town Mill

Stir Up Sunday

Pop-Up Vintage

Festive Food & Drink

Christmas Crafts

Make a Gingerbread House

Visit Father Christmas in the Mill

Artisan Gifts

'Unwrapped' Christmas Art Fair

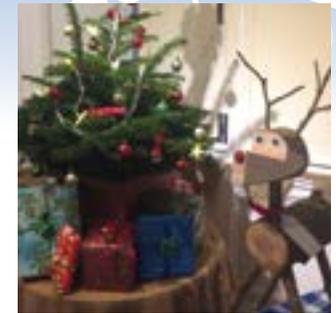
Scottie's Xmas Trees and Log Reindeer



Add a magical visit to **Father Christmas at The Town Mill** this festive season. Upon entering the historic mill, ice a festive cookie or colour in a Christmas picture to take home. Then, climb the winding staircase inside the mill up to our Grotto on the Sack Floor at the top of the mill. Have a chat (and maybe a photograph) with the man in red and ask him to make your Christmas wish come true. He will give you a gift to take home if you've been extra good this year!

Our old-fashioned festive experience costs £4 per child (£6 for two siblings, £10 for three siblings) including an activity, meeting Santa and a gift to take home. Families also have the option to join the miller-guided tour to learn more about our working watermill and the flour production process. Father Christmas will be welcoming visitors from 12-3pm, every day from Saturday 16th December until Friday 22nd December.

**Scottie's Xmas Trees** will be bringing their home-grown fir trees to the Town Mill this Christmas, freshly cut from their family farm just outside Honiton. In addition to their lovely trees, they will also be selling handmade wreaths, log reindeer and other beautiful decorations. Situated just in front of The Malthouse, come and pick your ultimate festive decoration from their selection – they will even deliver your chosen tree to your home if you live in Lyme Regis. Scottie's will be displaying and selling trees and decorations at the mill on weekends from Friday 1st December and throughout December, and daily from 15th to 23rd December, until they sell out!



Join us for our own special '**Stir-Up Sunday**'. Bring the family along to mix up ingredients for your own homemade Christmas Pudding. Everyone takes a turn to stir the pudding mix from East to West, and make a special wish for the year ahead. You will go home with a pudding, ready to be steamed.

You can also assemble and decorate your own freshly baked gingerbread house. We will supply edible walls and a roof, you can get creative with icing and sweets.

**Christmas Pudding and Gingerbread House workshop, Sunday 3rd December, 10:30am to 3pm.**

For full details of dates and times of all festive activities, please visit our website [www.townmill.org.uk](http://www.townmill.org.uk) or Facebook page /TheTownMill

**WELCOME TO OUR TOWN MILL COMMUNITY!** Please consider joining us, as a Friend, a volunteer, or a member of Town Mill Arts, and let us share with you what makes The Town Mill such a special place. Contact Nicky on 01297 444042 or at [nickytownmill@gmail.com](mailto:nickytownmill@gmail.com)



# TOWN MILL arts

Open daily 10.30am-4.30pm  
Free entry (donations welcome!)

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A membership-based arts organisation with two unique exhibition spaces showing contemporary art at The Town Mill, Lyme Regis. With over 55,000 visitors and a diverse artistic programme facilitating over forty exhibitions per year, 70% of Town Mill Arts' income is reinvested into the local artistic community.

The Malthouse shows are curated to fit the individual artist's work, giving visitors the opportunity to immerse themselves fully in the vision of the artist.

The Courtyard is an intimate gallery, linked to The Courtyard Café. It has a constant retail area showcasing the photographs, reproductions, original prints and books of local artists.

If you would like to book an exhibition or to become a member please contact Phil Clayton.

## THE COURTYARD GALLERY

OPENING TIMES 10.30 - 4.30 DAILY



### ZEE JONES

26 October - 1 November

We are pleased to welcome back Devon-based landscape and mixed media artist Zee Jones with an exhibition of her recent work.



### MARIA BARBASHINA

3 - 8 November

Maria Barbashina is a Russian born artist who has lived in Lyme Regis for twelve years. She trained classically in art from the age of 12 and later at art colleges in Karelia and St Petersburg. This exhibition of Maria's latest works includes portraiture and still life from her visits to Portugal.

Maria's enthusiastic engagement with her subjects is expressed by her use of colour and dynamic brush strokes.



### IRINA SONG

10 - 29 November

These paintings are painted mostly in a warm palette of yellows, and oranges, combined with different blues. It creates an impression of looking into the beautiful new-born world through the window or peering through rose-tinted glasses bathing the scene in a soft, golden glow.

This summer Irina has journeyed through Dorset pursuing not only beautiful views but local stories, native myths, and legends. She has incorporated much of the imagery she found into her paintings.



## POP-UP VINTAGE

1 December - 2 January

A pop-up shop selling vintage, retro and crafted items opens its doors on 1st December.

This will be Pop-Up Vintage's seventh year at the Town Mill. It promises to be a veritable Aladdin's cave of lovely things: crafted, sourced, cleaned, repaired, renovated and upcycled... all at attractive prices.

A great opportunity to buy a unique gift for a friend, loved one, or yourself!

## THE MALHOUSE GALLERY

OPENING TIMES 10.30 - 4.30 DAILY



## PHILIP CLAYTON & DUNCAN HARRIS

2 - 15 November

In their second joint exhibition, Philip Clayton and Duncan Harris display their most recent work exploring colour in different ways.

## NEW YEAR'S ART SALE

3 - 23 January

An opportunity to buy from an extensive range of art and craft at reduced prices.  
Malthouse & Courtyard Galleries

## AXMINSTER ARTS SOCIETY

16 - 22 November

This is an exhibition and sale of paintings and drawings by members of The Axminster Art Society, celebrating the members' range of work in a wide variety of styles and media.



## WINTER ART FAIR

24 November - 13 December

Showcasing the talents of a select group of Town Mill Arts members; our Winter Art Fair includes paintings, 3D crafts and photography.



## UNWRAPPED

16 December - 2 January

Discover the ideal handmade gift this Christmas when we welcome you to our Malthouse Gallery to discover unique one-off treats. Last minute presents which will appeal to even the most organised Christmas shopper!

## UNWRAPPED Call for Entries

Applications are now open for established and emerging designers, makers and artists to exhibit in our Christmas exhibition 'Unwrapped' showcasing handmade gifts from across the South West region.

**Exhibition Date: 16 December - 2 January**

If you would like to take part please contact Jazmine: [jazmine@townmillarts.co.uk](mailto:jazmine@townmillarts.co.uk)



## THE WOODROFFE SCHOOL ANNUAL EXHIBITION

24 January - 4 February

Showcasing young artistic talent from the students at The Woodroffe School, this show explores a wide range of skills and techniques.

## Highlights



Some fantastic news from Dorset Tourism Awards that we have been shortlisted again for 'Small Visitor Attraction of the Year' for the second year running, and also in the new category 'Guided Tour of the Year'. Wish us luck - we'll find out if we win Gold, Silver or Bronze on 16th November.



We are delighted that our 'Town Mill Community & Learning Space' project has been accepted by the AVIVA Community Fund Team. Please visit the AVIVA site to find out more about our exciting plans and to support us to make our aspiration a reality.



## Welcome to The Town Mill Studio Artists

For the past three years, a group of artists have been painting regularly at The Town Mill, under the tutorage of Artistic Director Phil Clayton. Now, nine of those artists have collectively formed The Town Mill Studio Artists, based on the first floor of the Bakehouse.

They are Jules Critchinson, David Highet, Hilary Highet, Rachael Hudson, Elizabeth Richie, Kathie Scott, Sue Swiecicka, Sue Warren

and Libby Washington. This newly designed studio space will enable the artists to have unrestricted access so they can continue their creative development with Phil. This is a new and exciting creative and educational development for The Town Mill.



# Come in to the light



When you walk into Lucy Campbell's artisan studio 'Ad Lucem' in the Miller's Parlour, you'll be torn where to look first. This charming little shop performs two functions showcasing Lucy's contemporary jewellery collection, as well as being her workshop.

A Silversmith and Metalwork graduate of Camberwell College of Arts, Lucy's elegant and unique jewellery collections have steadily grown in popularity. After developing her artisan trade at exhibitions, galleries and fairs around the country, in 2012 she was able to start her own shop on Silver Street in Lyme Regis. Three years ago, we were delighted when she moved her thriving business here to The Town Mill, with ever-increasing success. "The Mill is a special place full of creative makers, all working together in a relaxed, inspiring setting. It's a lovely bubble of friendly people", says Lucy. Having grown up in Lyme Regis, Lucy's jewellery is inspired by the textures and shapes of found objects on the Jurassic coastline, yet all retain a distinctive, stylish identity.

Her recent collection, 'Rockpool', features dainty organic shapes, freshwater pearls and shells cast in silver and gold.

While Lucy's elaborate work has a high-end, designer feel, most pieces are very affordable, including her 'Woodland Stacker Rings': simple yet totally unique circles of melted silver wire, organically transformed under the torch flame into stunning metal bands.

You can view all of her jewellery, including bespoke commissions at Lucy's online shop. But to really appreciate the love and care that goes into every piece – pop in and meet her in the parlour, and enjoy watching this talented artisan at work.

Ad Lucem ('to the light' in Latin) is also home to some wonderful handmade art and craft by local artists. If you are looking for an unusual, thoughtful gift, you won't leave 'Ad Lucem' empty-handed.

Call: 01297 442284  
Visit: [www.lucycampbell.net](http://www.lucycampbell.net)  
Email: [silver@lucycampbell.net](mailto:silver@lucycampbell.net)



## Become a Friend of the Town Mill

The Friends of the Town Mill play a pivotal role supporting and augmenting the work of the Town Mill's Charitable Trust which looks after the Mill's historic buildings and runs a year-round schedule of activities. Our dedicated volunteers work tirelessly, milling flour, welcoming visitors and stewarding art exhibitions. The Town Mill is also proud to have created employment opportunities for its small artisan businesses. With your support we can do even more!

Please consider making a small gift of as little as £3.00 a month (the price of a cup of tea!) to help us keep this rich cultural centre alive. Enjoy being part of this extraordinary project knowing that your contribution will go towards:

- Sustaining our heritage
- Keeping the arts and history alive
- Employment and training young arts administrators and supporting local artists
- Maintaining the ancient buildings
- Repairs to the mill and waterwheel



We hope you will consider becoming a Friend of The Town Mill and that you will be able to join us at some point during the year as we celebrate the working mill, its inspirational art galleries and the wonderful mix of artisans that bring The Town Mill to life. If you would like to become a 'Friend', please complete the form below and return it with your donation.

We will send you your very own distinctive Town Mill enamel badge which you can sport with pride (pictured). Wear it when you visit us and you will get discounts on our flours and baking kits, draft beer from Lyme Regis Brewery, and at the Courtyard Café.

You can request to receive invitations to our MillFests, special events, Friends and Volunteers parties, workshops and art exhibitions.

Name

Address

Postcode

Email  Tel

I enclose a donation of £

Please make cheques payable to: **The Town Mill Trust** and send with this form to the address overleaf, or please pay by bank transfer to: Sort Code: 08-92-99 Account: 69713529, reference 'your surname' and email [managertownmill@googlemail.com](mailto:managertownmill@googlemail.com) to tell us you have done so.

Make your money work harder by Gift Aiding your additional donation. If you pay tax the Trust will receive 25p for every £1 of your additional donation.

I would like The Town Mill Trust to treat all donations I make from this date on as Gift Aid until I notify you otherwise. I am a UK taxpayer and UK resident for tax purposes and will notify you if the situation changes.

Signature  Date

# KEY DATES FOR THE TOWN MILL THIS WINTER...

21ST – 29TH OCT

**HALLOWEEN AT THE MILL**

26TH OCT – 1ST NOV

**ZEE JONES**

2ND – 15TH NOV

**PHIL CLAYTON & DUNCAN HARRIS**

3RD – 8TH NOV

**MARIA BARBASHINA**

10TH – 29TH NOV

**IRINA SONG**

16TH – 22ND NOV

**AXMINSTER ARTS SOCIETY**

1ST – 23RD DEC

**SCOTTIES XMAS TREES**

3RD DEC

**STIR UP SUNDAY**

16TH DEC – 2ND JAN

**UNWRAPPED XMAS ART FAIR**

16TH – 22ND DEC

**VISIT FATHER CHRISTMAS**

24TH NOV – 13TH DEC

**WINTER ART FAIR**

1ST DEC – 2ND JAN

**POP UP VINTAGE**

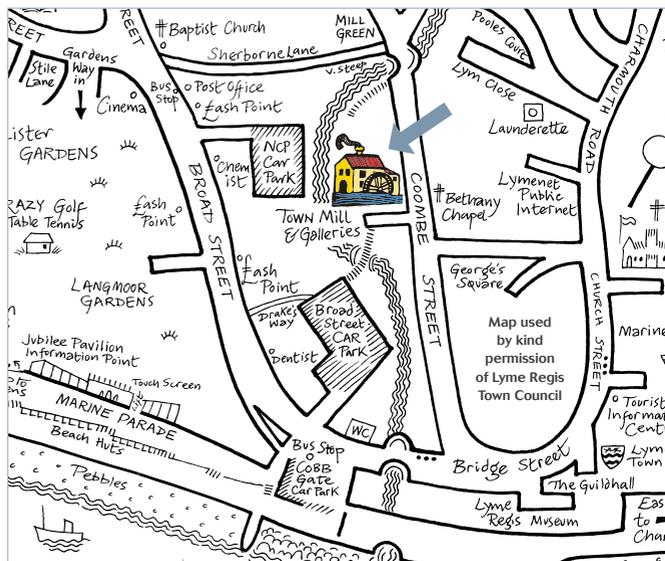
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**NEW YEAR'S ART SALE**

24TH JAN – 4TH FEB

**WOODROFFE SCHOOL ANNUAL SHOW**

# HOW TO FIND THE TOWN MILL LYME REGIS



## Opening Hours The Town Mill & Visitor Centre

In the Winter, watermill tours run daily Tuesday to Saturday, 11-4pm and Sundays 11-1.30, dependent on volunteer availability.

The mill may remain open later for special events or to support our education programme. Please call first if planning a special journey to avoid disappointment.

Please note: our galleries and businesses are open daily, even when The Town Mill itself is closed. See website for updates and details.



## THE TOWN MILL LYME REGIS

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