

Reporting from Eling

Children from Eling Infant School visited the Eling Experience site to inspect progress as part of our Young Reporters Project.

Three classes of children, aged five and six visited different parts of the project in September. Seahorses class explored the improvements to the trails around Eling Creek and were excited to be amongst the first people to cross the refurbished footbridge over Bartley Water. Seals class inspected progress on our visitor centre, even suggesting ideas for the menu in our new café. Dolphins class visited the tide mill and were interested in our plans to use glass panels to show off the historic machinery, as they had been learning about different materials in class.

The junior journalists have been writing up their findings in reports back at school.

For build progress updates please check the new community notice board by the toll bridge.



Eling Infant School visit



New café taking shape.

On site Raise the roof

The roof on the new café extension to the visitor centre is complete and the team is working on installing the guttering. The final floor screed and underfloor heating are in. Building works continue in the original part of the building, with partition walls going in and mechanical and electrical installations underway.

In the tide mill the new stairs and the base for the disabled lift have been constructed in the shop and electrical work is ongoing.

Around Eling Creek the boardwalks and footbridges are nearing completion.

The Eling team have been to see parts of the visitor centre exhibition being constructed, including the interactive displays. You will be able to try your hand at milling your own flour, see how a tide mill works and understand how tidal power can be harnessed.

Have you got what it takes to be a medieval miller?

Fancy learning the rare and ancient art of milling grain into flour at one of only two working tide mills in the country? We are looking to recruit volunteer millers to help us keep our mill producing flour in the years to come.

The role has not changed much since flour was first milled at Eling in medieval times. We would not expect you to have milling experience, but an interest in machinery and possibly an engineering background would ideally equip you for the role. Full training will be given.

To find out more about this and other volunteering opportunities, please contact Helen Robinson, Eling Experience Manager on 023 8042 4006 or email helen.robinson@totton-and-eling-tc.gov.uk



Helping develop the visitor experience

Travel and tourism students from Totton College also visited the building site to gain a full understanding of the improvements being made and what will be on offer for our visitors. They will be helping to develop the content of our new website which the Eling team are starting work on soon.



Family and community activities

Local people got involved with the Eling Experience through a range of activities over the summer, including a family workshop on Romans at Totton Library and talks to Netley Marsh Parish History Group and Alderbury WI.

We held a workshop on investigating owl pellets at Testwood Lakes, which saw a

room full of budding scientists exploring bones and identifying mammals eaten by the owls. And we returned to Testwood at half term for a family workshop called Let's Dig! Exploring Archaeology.

Having catalogued 1085 items, our volunteers are now working hard to digitise our archive.

Contact us

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