WHEELS IN MOTION



Volunteer workers are hoping to put the wind back in the sails of an ancient Oxford landmark.

But it could be 10 years before the wheels of Wheatley Windmill grind into action.

And then a traditional craftsman will have to be found to keep it in working order.

Restoration work has already started on the 200-year-old mill.

It has been decaying since it was last used in

Now the Wheatley Windmill Restoration Society has been granted a 10-

Mill project could take 10 years

year lease to restore it to full working order.

One of the men behind the scheme is 70-year-old Wilf Foreman, an expert on the construction and restoration of all types of mill.

"Oxfordshire is rather slow when it comes to restoration work.

"There is no money available for this project so we need volunteer helpers.

"Even if it takes 10 years it would be worth it.

"Young people should be able to see these mills in working order; it's part of our history.

"It would need a resident miller there to see that it didn't decay again."

The society is holding a working weekend on June 28 and 29.

Volunteer workers are asked to meet at the mill.