

## Ufford Heritage Trail

### 29. Water Mill and Mill House

Thought to be on the site of the Ufford Mill mentioned in the Domesday Survey of 1087, the watermill is Grade II listed and dates from the C17<sup>th</sup> or C18<sup>th</sup>. Timber framed and weather-boarded with two storeys and an attic, it has a gambrel roof, with plain tiles to its lower pitch and pantiles to the top.



The Mill before restoration



The Mill today

The mill itself was certainly operating in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The 1881 Census shows Alfred Acfield and his family running the mill. By 1911, Alfred's son, Alfred Ernest Acfield is listed as "miller and merchant" with his wife, four children and mother-in-law living there. Alfred died in 1938 and by 1939, there is no sign of any miller in East Lane, so it seems likely that the mill fell into disrepair around that time.

The mill was in a poor state until about 35 years ago when the current owners, the Cope family, took over the property. They have lovingly restored the mill and installed a new mill wheel.

The Grade II listed Mill House dates from either the late C18<sup>th</sup> or early C19<sup>th</sup>.

This is a large building set in a landscape of trees, adjacent to the water meadows. Red brick, with casement and sash windows with a slate roof, it has a symmetrical classical principal façade, rear extensions and further outbuildings, with clay pantiled roofs.

