

Worsbrough Mill 400

Creative Commission

At a glance:

- As part of a project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, collaborate with communities on a creative project to celebrate Worsbrough Mill's heritage in it's 400th anniversary year
- **One** commission of **£3000** is available (inclusive of planning, expenses, evaluation and exclusive of VAT)
- Project to be delivered during October 2025 – Jan 2026
- Application deadline **Monday 13th October 5pm 2025**





Worsbrough Mill & Country Park

Worsbrough Mill & Country Park is one of five museum sites owned and managed by Barnsley Museums, part of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. Worsbrough Mill is one of the oldest water mills in the UK, dating back to 1625 with references to milling taking place in the area in the Domesday book, likely on this site. It sits within the 240-acre country park and reservoir, a haven for wildlife regularly attracting birdwatchers and anglers.


It's an exciting time at Worsbrough Mill, as having secured funding from the National Lottery Heritage fund, we are working on a project to develop and improve the visitor experience on site as well as engaging audiences in celebrating its 400 years of history. As part of this project, two commissions were awarded and undertaken over the summer, and we are now looking forward to appointing our next artist.

We are looking for an artist to collaborate with communities in Barnsley to create something new and unique to celebrate Worsbrough Mill's 400 years of history. We would also like the project to highlight Worsbrough Mill's connection to environmental sustainability through its use of waterpower.

We are particularly interested in hearing from artists who live or work in Barnsley and the surrounding Yorkshire region.




What you'll do:

- Plan and deliver a creative project collaborating with communities in Barnsley
 - Consider how your project celebrates the heritage of Worsbrough Mill and connects with environmental sustainability through the mill's use of waterpower
 - Consider how your project will incorporate community involvement
 - Collaborate with the team at Worsbrough Mill & Barnsley Museums to devise a method of evaluation for the project and journalling/documenting any shared learning .
 - Produce a final creative response incorporating community collaboration within the commission budget and timescales
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What we'll do:

- Support the project with information about Worsbrough Mill and our current project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund
 - Support you to connect with communities in Barnsley
 - Support the project with booking of the Learning Hub (our community engagement space) and logistics at Worsbrough Mill
 - Collaborate in the evaluation process
 - Be available for any questions and information if needed
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How to apply:

To apply please send a project proposal to:

worsbroughmill@barnsley.gov.uk

By Monday 13th October 2025 5pm

Project proposals can include images and diagrams but should not be any longer than two sides of A4.

Proposals should include the following:

- An overview of your idea including
 - What form your project will take – this doesn't have to be a finalised design for your response, just broadly what medium you will be working with or in e.g. sculpture, film, fabric, song, paint or a mixture!
 - How your project will celebrate Worsbrough Mill's heritage and connection to environmental sustainability
 - How your project will engage with communities in Barnsley
 - How you will work with us to evaluate the project
- How you will consider your environmental impact
- A simple budget breakdown – we expect the full commission budget of £3000 to be utilised, but would like to see how you will allocate this
- A previous example of delivering engaging creative activities for communities
- Confirmation that you hold public liability insurance with a minimum level of cover of £5m

If you have any questions or would like an informal chat before submitting your application, please don't hesitate to get in touch



Next steps:

- The successful commission will be selected by a panel of Worsbrough Mill and Barnsley Museums team members.
- The panel will score your commission based on the content of your proposal and will be guided by the National Lottery Heritage Fund's investment principles: <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/investment-principles>
- We aim to respond to all applications by **Friday 17th October 2025**

We look forward to hearing from you!

