

Mapping the Mills: Exploring the Industrial Heritage of the River Wandle

Mapping the Mills is a community heritage project delivered by the Building Exploratory across 2017-2018. The project was commissioned by the Living Wandle Landscape Partnership (LWLP), supported by the National Lottery through the Big Heritage Lottery Fund.

Working closely with the Wandle Industrial Museum, volunteers from across the four Wandle boroughs have researched the river's industrial heritage investigating the locations and histories of the water mills and related buildings that powered the factories of the past.

The research has been collated and has been used in the development of "Mapping the Mills" a printed map with map which outlines a series of walks that share and celebrate one of London's most important waterways.

Mapping the Mills Walks Guide

The printed map contains four walking routes along the Wandle highlighting the industrial heritage and other key historic places of interest. The map was drawn by illustrator Jane Smith and designed by Glory Hall. It was officially launched at the Wandle Industrial Museum on Thursday 22nd March 2018.

The printed map is available at the Wandle Industrial Museum, and will be available later in the year at local heritage centres and libraries. A digital version will be available to download online from the Wandle Library. www.wandlevalleypark.co.uk/digital-arcive

Izi.Travel Tours App

The four map walks will be available on the online Izi.Travel app. Using geo-location technology, walkers will be able to access more detailed information about the industrial heritage of their chosen walk through mobile devices.

Walks Programme

The Building Exploratory will provide an opportunity for those interested to experience the four walks outlined on the map during April and May 2018, in partnership with the project volunteers.

For further information about the project and the upcoming walks series, please contact Katie Russell: mail@buildingexploratory.org.uk or 020 7608 0775

Wandle Treasures Map

The Building Exploratory's Wandle Treasures Map, a beautiful hand drawn artwork celebrating the River Wandle's heritage is on display at Croydon Central Library until 8 May 2018.

About the Building Exploratory

The Building Exploratory is a learning and engagement organisation that helps communities to discover the secrets of their local area. It works across London to celebrate the built environment: its heritage, buildings and public spaces. It aims to give everyone an opportunity to share their views about the neighbourhoods where they live and work.

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