Oldland Mill Safety, Health and Environmental Policy Statement

The Trustees of Oldland Mill Trust (OMT) regard health and safety (H&S) to be an integral part of its activities and are committed to achieving a high level of H&S performance.

The safety of volunteers and members of the public is the prime responsibility of the OMT. As is the prevention of ill health among all those involved in activities undertaken at the Mill.

The Mill is considered as a working site, akin to a construction site, and consequently we are committed to complying with all relevant legal and other statutory requirements.

There are arrangements in place to manage potential risks to safety and the health of our volunteers, but we also aim to reduce the impact on the environment to a minimum, through careful use of substances, waste management and energy use.

We do this by:

- Carrying out suitable and sufficient assessments of the risks to health and safety to which our volunteers may be exposed whilst at the Mill, and all others affected by the activities they undertake, including members of public
- Implementing applicable rules, procedures, guidance notes, method statements and risk assessments to provide a risk-controlled working environment
- Providing the resources necessary to implement this policy, and ensuring that tools and equipment are suitable and sufficient including the supply of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Ensuring that only competent volunteers carry out milling activities. The role of the Person in Charge (PiC) is there to supervise all other activities, especially maintenance of the Mill
- Ensuring that all volunteers read and understand the Mill Rules, and know that they have a duty of care to themselves and others
- Recording all accidents and “near miss” incidents that occur on site and investigating them when appropriate
- Maintaining a group of volunteers that form the Accident Prevention Team (APT) that meets periodically to review accidents and near misses and assess the adequacy of all arrangements, ensuring that they are being followed and remain relevant and understood.

Finally, we will review this statement annually to ensure it continues to reflect OMT’s continuing commitment to a safe and healthy working environment.

Signed by the Chair of Oldland Mill Trust.

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