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73	1979	1601	LETTER	Listed status of Oldland Windmill	Tommy GEE	Department of the Environment	1979-0901-CORR	1	
74	1979	1801	LETTER	Listed status of Oldland Windmill	Mid Sussex D C	Tommy GEE	1979-0901-CORR	1	
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76	1979	2802	LETTER	reply & information to 22.10 and 21.11	Captain J O WIGG RN	Sussex Ind Archaeological Soc	1979-0901-CORR	1	
77	1979	1303	LETTER	re impasse	SUSSEX Ind ARCHEAOLGICAL SOC	Mrs B McCULLOCH	1979-0901-CORR	1	
78	1979	2703	LETTER	request meeting	Tommy GEE	Captain J O WIGG RN	1979-0901-CORR	1	
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82	1979	204	LETTER	Resume of meeting	Major A T PHILIPSON MBE	Tommy GEE	1979-2903-CORR	1	
83	1979	204	LETTER	Request copy of Survey of Oldland Windmill	Mid Sussex D C	Tommy GEE	1979-2903-CORR	1	
84	1979	604	LETTER	re suggested meeting 14 th April	Major A T PHILIPSON MBE	Tommy GEE	1979-2903-CORR	1	
85	1979	1804	LETTER	copy of mill report	Tommy GEE	Major A T PHILIPSON MBE	1979-2903-CORR	1	
86	1979	1804	LETTER	re meeting 1 st April	Tommy GEE	Captain J O WIGG RN	1979-2903-CORR	1	
87	1979	2204	LETTER	acknowledgement letter = condition report received	Major A T PHILIPSON MBE	Tommy GEE	1979-2903-CORR	2 pages	
88	1979	2204	LETTER	querying responsibility for condition of windmill	Ruth HOLE	Tommy GEE	1979-2903-CORR	1	
89	1979	2504	LETTER	clients (Sx Arc Soc) instructions	Stevens Son & Pope	Tommy GEE	1979-2903-CORR	1	
90	1979	2504	LETTER	Transfer of lease & subsequent Trust formation	SUSSEX ARCHEAOLGICAL SOC	Tommy GEE	1979-2903-CORR	1	
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91	1979	105	LETTER	letter of thanks to Capt WIGG	Tommy GEE	Captain J O WIGG RN	1979-0105-CORR	1	
92	1979	105	LETTER	reply to 25 th April	Tommy GEE	Stevens, Son & Pope	1979-0105-CORR	1	
93	1979	105	LETTER	update to present position	Tommy GEE	G W Hawkings-Bypass	1979-0105-CORR	1	
94	1979	105	LETTER	update to present position	Tommy GEE	Major A T PHILIPSON MBE	1979-0105-CORR	1	
95	1979	105	LETTER	update to present position	Tommy GEE	Frank GREGORY	1979-0105-CORR	1	
96	1979	105	LETTER	Thank you for donation	Tommy GEE	Captain J O WIGG RN	1979-0105-CORR	1	
97	1979	205	LETTER	acknowledgement and receipt of letter1st May	G W HAWKINGS-BYASS	Tommy GEE	1979-0105-CORR	2 pages	
98	1979	205	LETTER	acknowledge letter of 1 st May	Stevens Son & Pope	Tommy GEE	1979-0105-CORR	1	
99	1979	905	LETTER	Reply to letter 1 st May	Fannk GREGORY	Tommy GEE	1979-0105-CORR	1	
100	1979	1405	LETTER	appologies for absence at forthcoming meeting	Major A T PHILIPSON MBE	Tommy GEE	1979-0105-CORR	1	
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101	1979	2506	LETTER	Update as to present position	Tommy GEE	Stevens, Son & Pope	1979-2506-CORR	1	
102a	1979	1207	LETTER	declines Trustees position	Major A T PHILIPSON MBE	Tommy GEE	1979-2506-CORR	1	
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104	1979	808	LETTER	Visit & report on Oldland Windmill	Frank GREGORY	Tommy GEE	1979-2506-CORR	1	
104a	1979	2007	LETTER	reinstatement of corner posts – report – copy	Martin BRUNNARIUS		1979-2506-CORR	1	
105	1979	1208	LETTER	advising new damage to windmill	Major A T PHILIPSON MBE	Tommy GEE	1979-2506-CORR	1	
106	1979	1509	LETTER	advising of urgent need for progress	Tommy GEE	Stevens, Son & Pope	1979-2506-CORR	1	
107	1979	1509	LETTER	reply to 8 th August	Tommy GEE	Frank GREGORY	1979-2506-CORR	1	
108	1979	1909	LETTER	advising legal delays	Stevens Son & Pope	Tommy GEE	1979-2506-CORR	1	
109	1979	110	LETTER	confirming building positions	Tommy GEE	Stevens, Son & Pope	1979-2506-CORR	1	
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110	1979	210	LETTER	re lease of Mill	Stevens Son & Pope	Tommy GEE	1979-0210-CORR	1	
111	1979	1810	LETTER	21yr lease at £1 pa	Stevens Son & Pope	Tommy GEE	1979-0210-CORR	1	
112	1979	511	LETTER	re 25 th April – Windmill to be conveyed	Tommy GEE	Sussex Archaeological Soc	1979-0210-CORR	1	
113	1979	1611	LETTER	reply to 5 th November	SUSSEX ARCHEAOLGICAL SOC	Tommy GEE	1979-0210-CORR	1	
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The Hassocks Amenity Association
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Your reference

Our reference

HB 5405/274/1

Date

9 January 1979

Dear Mr Gee

BUILDINGS OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST
OLDLAND MILL, KEYMER

Thank you for your recent letter.

Oldland Windmill has however been included in the Statutory List for the former Rural District of Cuckfield since 28 October 1957. If therefore your Association feels that it is being neglected, they should bring it to the attention of Mid-Sussex District Council who are local planning authority and responsible in the first place to planning matters concerning listed buildings in their area.

Yours sincerely

E M Brock

MRS E M BROCK

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*This seems to be a
very circular correspondence:*

*A says write to B and
B says write to A. Am I
correct?*

*Tut tut
.. "*

A GUIDE TO THE LEGISLATION ON THE LISTING OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

LISTING

The Secretary of State for the Environment and the Secretary of State for Wales are required to compile lists of buildings of special architectural or historic interest. The administration of both local and national conservation policies is based on these lists, which are constantly under revision.

How the buildings are chosen

The principles of selection for these lists were originally drawn up by an expert committee of architects, antiquaries and historians, and are still followed. All buildings built before 1700 which survive in anything like their original condition are listed.

Most buildings of 1700 to 1840 are listed, though selection is necessary. Between 1840 and 1914 only buildings of definite quality and character are listed, and the selection is designed to include the principal works of the principal architects.

A start has been made on listing selected buildings of 1914 to 1939.

In choosing buildings, particular attention is paid to:

Special value within certain types, either for architectural or planning reasons or as illustrating social and economic history (for instance, industrial buildings, railway stations, schools, hospitals, theatres, town halls, markets, exchanges, almshouses, prisons, lock-ups, mills).

Technological innovation or virtuosity (for instance cast iron, prefabrication, or the early use of concrete).

Association with well-known characters or events.

Group value, especially as examples of town planning (for instance, squares, terraces or model villages).

The buildings are classified in grades to show their relative importance as follows:

Grade I

These are buildings of exceptional interest (only about 4 per cent of listed buildings so far are in this grade).

Grade II

There are buildings of special interest, which warrant every effort being made to preserve them. (Some particularly important buildings in Grade II are classified as Grade II*).

Grade III

This grading is no longer used but Grade III buildings were those which, whilst not normally qualifying for the statutory list, were considered nevertheless to be of some importance. Many of these buildings are now considered to be of special interest by current standards - particularly where they possess 'group value' - and are being added to the statutory lists as these are revised.

The Statutory List

Formerly it had been the Department's practice to issue two separate types of list - a provisional list containing details of grades and descriptions of buildings and a statutory list containing only the addresses of the buildings. Local authority areas are now being resurveyed however by the Department's Investigators of Historic Buildings and their reports are being used as a basis for producing revised statutory lists in a new form. Details of gradings and descriptive notes are now being included in one cumulative statutory list for each local authority area. All the buildings included in the statutory list are legally subject to the provisions described in this pamphlet.

Where to see the lists

You can inspect the statutory lists at:

The National Monuments Record
Fortress House
23 Savile Row
London W1X 2HE

Welsh Office
Summit House
Windsor Place
Cardiff

or at the office of the relevant county or district council (in London, at the office of the Greater London Council or the appropriate London borough council).

PROTECTION

The fact that a building is listed as of special architectural or historic interest does not mean that it will be preserved intact in all circumstances, but it does mean that demolition must not be allowed unless the case for it has been fully examined, and that alterations must preserve the character of the building as far as possible.

Listed building consent

Anyone who wants to demolish a listed building, or to alter one in any way that affects its character, must obtain 'listed building consent' from the local planning authority (the district or London borough council), or the Secretary of State. The procedure is similar to that for obtaining planning permission. (Details can be obtained from the Planning Department of any county, district or London borough council).

It is an offence to demolish or alter a listed building without listed building consent and the penalty can be a fine of unlimited amount or up to twelve months' imprisonment, or both.

Listed building consent and planning permission

There are two special points about listed building consent and its relation to planning permission. If you want to redevelop a site on which a listed building stands, you will need both listed building consent for the demolition, and planning permission for the new building. Planning permission alone is not sufficient to authorize the demolition. But if you want to alter a listed building in a way which would affect its character, and your proposed alteration amounts to development for which specific planning permission is required (as distinct from a general permission given by the General Development Order), you will only need the express authorization of planning permission, which, in this case only, also counts as listed building consent.

Appeals

If your application for listed building consent is refused by the local planning authority, or granted subject to conditions, you have a right of appeal to the Secretary of State.

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If you appeal, the Secretary of State will normally hold a public local inquiry if either you or the local authority ask him to do so. The procedure for appealing is virtually identical with the procedure for appealing against a refusal of planning permission.

RECORDING OF BUILDINGS TO BE DEMOLISHED

If you are granted listed building consent to demolish a building you must not do so until the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments has been given an opportunity to make a record of it. So if you propose to demolish a listed building you should tell the Royal Commission at Fortress House, 23 Savile Row, London W1X 2HE, or, in Wales, the Royal Commission on Ancient Monuments at Edleston House, Queen's Road, Aberystwyth, either before or immediately after you get listed building consent. You can get a form for this purpose from the local planning authority. You must then wait for at least a month (the period runs from one of two dates - the date on which listed building consent is given or the date on which the Royal Commission is notified, whichever is the later). During that time you must allow the Royal Commission reasonable access to the building. If the Royal Commission completes its record of the building within the month, or states that it does not wish to record it, you can then demolish the building at once.

REPAIRS

If the owner fails to take reasonable steps for preserving a listed building, the local authority may be entitled to buy it compulsorily (with the Secretary of State's consent) or, if it is unoccupied, to repair it and recover the cost from the owner. If the owner deliberately neglects the building in order to redevelop the site, the local authority may not only acquire the building, but may do so at a price which excludes the value of the site for redevelopment.

Owners of listed buildings can, in some cases, get grants or loans to help them with repairs and maintenance. The next section explains the position.

GRANTS AND LOANS (The term 'grant' in this section can be taken to include loans)

Grants are available in certain circumstances both from central government funds and from local authorities.

They are always at the discretion of the body giving them: listing does not give any automatic entitlement to a grant.

Exchequer grants

The Secretary of State has power to make grants for the repair or maintenance of buildings that are of outstanding architectural or historic interest. Comparatively few of the listed buildings in the country qualify as 'outstanding', and so the scope for these grants is limited. The Secretary of State is advised on the making of grants by the Historic Buildings Council for England, and any enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary of the Council at the Department of the Environment, 25 Savile Row, London W1X 2BT. In Wales the Secretary of State is advised by the Historic Buildings Council for Wales, and any enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary of the Council at the Welsh Office, Summit House, Windsor Place, Cardiff.

Local authority grants

Local authorities have a wider scope. They may make grants for any building of architectural or historic interest and are not restricted to outstanding buildings or even to listed buildings. Grants may be made by county and district councils (in London by the Greater London Council and the London borough council) and enquiries should be addressed to the appropriate local authority.

You may also be able to get a house improvement grant for improving or converting a listed building which is to be used as a dwelling. For further details you should contact your local council.

CHURCHES

Many churches are of special architectural or historic interest, and are listed as such. But so long as they are used for ecclesiastical purposes they remain generally outside the scope of the provisions described in this pamphlet.

LIST OF STATUTES

The relevant Acts of Parliament are as follows:

Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments Act 1953
Local Authorities (Historic Buildings) Act 1962
Town and Country Planning Act 1971
Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Act 1972
Town and Country Amenities Act 1974

Oldland Mill
(listing) 73

16th January 1979

District Planning Officer,
Mid Sussex District Council,
38, Boltro Road,
Haywards Heath, Sussex. RH16 1LP

Dear Mr. Hanford,

Please refer to your letter of 6.9.78,
ref. WJHH/LH C.41.2, regarding Oldland Mill. We have
now written several letters expressing this Association's
concern at the deterioration of the Mill and explaining why
we are unable to intervene - if authorised by the owner we
would. We are therefore anxious to see it listed.

You tell us to approach the Secretary of State
and now he tells us to approach you! Please will you
therefore do what you can to arrange for Oldland Mill to
be listed. If the matter is not in your hands, would you
be so kind as to clear up with the Secretary of State in
whose hands the responsibility lies?

Yours sincerely,

T. W. GEE
(Hon. Secretary)

Copy to:-

Mrs. E. M. Brook,
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London W1X 2BT

Ref. HB/5405/274/1

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Oldland Mill (listing) 74
District Planning Officer

Denis A. L. Hanford, RIBA, MRTPI.

Please ask for,
Mr. Hatton

Our ref.,
WJHH/LH

Your ref.,

18th January, 1979

T.W. Gee Esq. O.B.E.,
Hon. Secretary,
The Hassocks Amenity Association,
12 The Crescent,
Keymer.

Dear Mr. Gee,

OLDLAND MILL.

Thank you for your letter of the 16th instant regarding the above.

I regret to have to say that the information contained in my letter of the 28th July 1978 was incorrect in that I had said that the Mill was a building of local interest and was not included in the statutory list. In fact I have now established that the Mill is a Grade II Statutory Listed Building.

In these circumstances I will arrange for the Mill to be inspected and give consideration to the question of preventing further deterioration.

My Deputy Mr. Hatton will be pleased to discuss this matter further with you if you so wish.

Yours sincerely,

DAU Hanford

District Planning Officer

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Date

26th January 1979

Dear Mr Gee

BUILDINGS OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORICAL INTEREST
OLDLAND MILL, KEYMER

1. Thank you for the copy of your letter of 16 January addressed to the Planning Officer of Mid-Sussex District Council in which you ask him to arrange for Oldland Mill to be listed.
2. However, as I explained in my letter of 9 January, Oldland Windmill, which I understand from our earlier correspondence is the building in question, is already listed.
3. I suggested in my letter of 9 January that if your association is concerned about the Windmill's neglected state, they should approach Mid-Sussex District Council because a local authority can use measures to ensure that an owner takes reasonable steps to preserve his listed property.

Yours sincerely

PP E M BROCK

Sussex Archaeological Society

Tel.: Lewes 4379

Registered Office
Barbican House,
Lewes,
East Sussex. BN7 1YE

28 February 1979

A. G. Allnutt, Esq.,
23 Beech Avenue,
CHICHESTER, West Sussex.
PO19 3DR

Dear Mr. Allnutt,

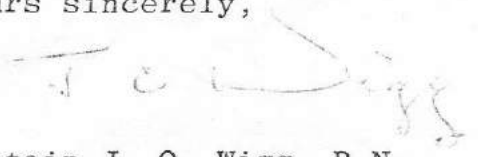
Oldland Mill

Thank you for your letters of 22 October and 21 November and I apologise for not having acknowledged them.

I can assure you that no matter what information you have received from the Secretary of the Hassocks Amenity Association I have written to Mr. Gee on several occasions and each time explained that the Society was not in a position to give the go-ahead for work to be done on the Mill. I regret to say that we are still unable to give you a firm answer but are proceeding in the right direction.

In your letter you say that the Hassocks Amenity Association is keen to reach agreement with this Society and the owner of Oldland Mill. We are the owners and the disagreement that exists originates within the Amenity Association. We are trying to overcome this difficulty and our Solicitor is now being involved. I am doing what I can as quickly as I can and all I ask is that people exercise a little patience.

Yours sincerely,


Captain J. O. Wigg, R.N.
Secretary



SUSSEX INDUSTRIAL
ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY

Registered Charity No. 267159

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To: Mrs Barry McCulloch

From: West Sussex Secretary
23 Beech Avenue
CHICHESTER
PO19 3DR

13/3/79

Dear M^{rs} McCulloch

Oldland Mill CH17 8BQ 44

As promised, I enclose a
copy of the letter I have received from Capt
Wigg.

There seems to be an impasse due
to the Archaeological Society being under
misapprehensions, and I really think the only
way forward is for your Society to meet
them and correct the position.

I showed Captain Wigg's letter to
M^r. Granville Sharpe and he agrees
with the suggestion.

SUSSEX INDUSTRIAL
ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY

Registered Charity No. 207150



Yours sincerely

A G Allen

West Sussex Secretary.

27th March, 1979

Captain J. O. Wigg, R.N.,
Sussex Archaeological Society,
Barbican House,
Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1YE.

Dear Captain Wigg,

Mr. Sale, Chairman of our Oldland Mill
sub-Committee, and I would like to meet you to
discuss what this Association might do. Would
a Saturday morning be convenient?

Yours sincerely,

T. W. GEE
(Hon. Secretary)

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P. Sandwell, 4 The Crescent, Keymer

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27th March, 1979

District Planning Officer,
Mid Sussex District Council,
38, Baitro Road,
Haywards Heath,
Sussex RH16 1LP

Dear Mr. Hanford,

Oldland Mill

Thank you for your letter of
18th January 1979. We have made a detailed
inspection of the Mill, and can share our
report (by an expert) with you if you wish.
We shall be approaching the owners once again
to see whether we can take it over with a view
to tackling the job of preservation and
restoration.

Yours sincerely,

T. W. GEE
(Hon. Secretary)

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P. Sandwell 4 The Crescent, Keymer

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29th March 1979

Austen Albu, Esq.,
17 The Crescent,
Keymer,
HAS SOCKS,
West Sussex.

Dear Mr. Albu,

Oldland Mill

Miss Murray has asked me to reply to your letter of 23 December which, I regret to say, I have had since 6 January. By now I had hoped to have heard from Major Phillipson that he had achieved a compromise solution between Mr. Hawkings-Byass' desire to acquire the Mill and your Association's wish to have the lease transferred to you, having first formed a new Trust specifically for this purpose.

The situation is that this Society is not able to transfer the Mill to anyone without the possibility of subsequent legal action because, from recent information we have received, it seems that there is a descendant of the original Turners still alive and, if we can locate him, he must be offered the Mill first. Our solicitor has this investigation in hand and Mr. Hawkings-Byass has been informed.

However, there would be no need for this action at all if Mr. Hawkings-Byass would agree to your Association undertaking the restoration work. As it happens the present route to the Mill is over his property and he has said that he will not allow the Association access to do the work. I appreciate that an access could be made direct from the road but I had hoped that I could avoid a further rift between Mr. Hawkings-Byass and yourselves by not having to arrange this.

Your Association may have a detailed plan, the capacity and the determination to tackle the restoration but it also needs money and unfortunately I must emphasise once again that this Society has none available for the purpose. Your only source would be what you could raise yourselves and I suggest that you would probably have to call on the generosity of Mr. Hawkings-Byass in the end.

So you see we are back to square one.

If, on the other hand, Mr. Hawkings-Byass were able to buy the Mill, he would obviously have to be prepared to spend money on it to prevent further deterioration, and who better to ask to do the work than the Sussex Industrial Archaeology Society assisted by the Hassocks Amenity Association.

I do apologise for giving the impression that the Society is not interested in your offer to preserve the Mill. Of course we should appreciate your help and naturally we should like to give you a clear decision as soon as possible but it does take time and we are not yet in the position of being able to do so. If the Council of the Society were to decide the dispose of the Mill by any means at all it would still require the sanction of the Charity Commission.

yours sincerely

T. O. Wigg
Secretary

Sussex Archaeological Society

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29th March 1979

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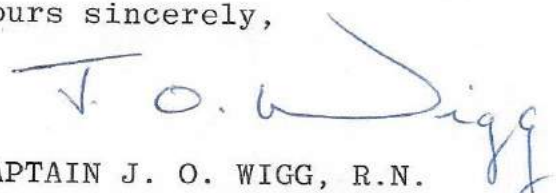
Dear Mr. Gee,

Thank you for your letter of the 27th March.

I must say you deserve full marks for persistence and dogged determination in your efforts to get a firm decision out of me about Oldland Mill. I enclose a copy of a letter I have written to Mr. Albu on behalf of our President and I hope that this puts the position absolutely clearly to you. As you see I have tried to avoid upsetting Mr. Hawkings-Byass because I feel that if you are hoping to make a complete restoration of the Mill, at some stage you will almost certainly need to call upon him for money.

I should be delighted to meet you and Mr. Sale to discuss what your Association might be able to do. I imagine that you have been invited to Tony Phillipson's 'at home' on Sunday so perhaps we can discuss dates then.

Yours sincerely,


CAPTAIN J. O. WIGG, R.N.
Secretary

Enc.

2 April 1979

LIMBERHIST

DITCHLING

SUSSEX

OLD WIND MILL

Dear Mr Gee,

I was delighted to meet you Mr and Mrs Burton & Mrs and Mrs Mculloch.

There is no doubt that all the interested parties should be able to do something.

The people concerned are:

1. Owners Sussex Archaeological.
2. Lessee Mr Geoffrey Hawkins-Ryan.
3. First Refusal. Dr Duke-Tenmer OBE.
4. Harrocks Amenity
5. Myself as
 - a) Person most interested in visual aspect and approach to the Mill.
 - b) Possible Purchaser with Dr Duke-Tenmer's permission pre

I think that it is wise
to pursue the last item first.

If the Sussex Archaeological Society
need only Dr Duke Turner's permission
to sell to me then I could approach
him.

Once I owned the Mill it would
be possible to coordinate voluntary help
to maintain the structure.

I could not take on any large
financial expenditure myself.

Hoping that the Party was helpful
and that we can all work together.

Yours sincerely
Tony Thurman

Plagiarisation on your beautifully-produced newsletter!

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2nd April 1979.

T.W.Gee, Esq., OBE
Hon. Secretary
The Hassocks Amenity Association
12 The Crescent
Keymer.

*Sent copy survey
9-4-79*

Dear Mr. Gee,

OLDLAND MILL

Thank you for your letter of the 27th March regarding the above. I have also been looking into the question of the condition of the Mill since your last letter but I have not had a survey prepared. I would be most grateful therefore if you would let me have a copy of your survey as you suggest in your letter.

Yours sincerely

DA Hanford

District Planning Officer *HA*

6 April 79

LIMBERTOTT
DITCHLING

Dear Mr Bee,

Many thanks
for your kind remarks.

By an unlucky chance I
have to go out to dinner on
the night of Saturday 14 April.

I see that you have Edward Hole
talking a "Windmills".

Would there be a chance to
bring him up to see Oldland Mill
and perhaps the house, if it interested
him, on that day?

Yours sincerely

Denny Phillips

18th April, 1979

Dear Major Philipson,

Thank you for your two letters, which crossed one of mine.

We were too rushed to bring Edward Hole to Oldland, but he really fired people by pronouncing that it was about to collapse.

I was encouraged by Captain Wigg to believe that a solution was at hand. I hope so, since I conveyed the spirit of this to the AGM. We will keep in touch over developments.

Yours sincerely,

P.S. Herewith our report on the mill.

Major A. T. Philipson, M.B.E.,
Limberlost,
Ditchling,
Hassocks, W. Sussex.

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18th April, 1979

Captain J. O. Wigg, R.N.,
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Barbican House,
Lewes, East Sussex BN7 1YE.

Dear Captain Wigg,

Oldland Mill

It was a great pleasure to meet you at Oldland on 1st April, and to have the opportunity of explaining the position of this Association. We were greatly encouraged that you now consider that the best course of action would be to transfer the Mill to us, and Mr. Sale has asked me to enquire when this might take place? We have adopted our new Constitution, and now have power to hold property "whether subject to any special trusts or not".

At our AGM last Saturday there was lively interest in the Mill, and enthusiasm to get on with the restoration. Mr. Hole, our speaker, warned us that there was now a serious danger of the mill's collapse (he should know - he is an experienced mill-wright). With this in mind, I have been pressed to ask that the matter be pursued with expedition, otherwise there will be nothing to restore! I'm sure you will do what you can to speed matters up. It would be tragic if it went over in a gale before we had done the urgent job needed to support it.

Let me explain that we have the funds for this first job, though one questioner at the AGM wondered whether the Sussex Archaeological Society might "endow" the mill with some of the proceeds of a recent sale of one of its properties, which it was alleged realised £90,000.

We meet in Committee again on 27th April, and I know there will be great interest in your response.

Yours sincerely,

T. W. GEE
(Hon. Secretary)

Major A. T. PELLICAN, MBE

LIMBERLOST.

DITCHLING.

SUSSEX

22 April 1979

Dear Mr Gee, Many thanks for
your letter and the most helpful
Report on the Mill - over two years ago.

There is no doubt that Sussex
Archaeological seem to have delegated
their responsibility but provided no
finance to assist Mr Hyatt.

Since the Society has funds of
nearly half a million pounds it is
astonishing that no Grant of any kind
has been made towards the preservation
of the Mill - so far as I know.

I am now struggling to find out exactly who is responsible for keeping the fabric intact.

With Mr Ryass's agreement I could begin some of the work suggested in the Report and pay for it myself.

For the moment it would seem that your Association cannot be involved until we hear something definite from SAS.

Yours sincerely
 Tary Thompson

5, Grove Rd. 88
Burgess Hill,
RH15 8LE.

20.4.79.

Dear Mr. Glee,

My husband has asked me to write and thank the Hassocks Amenity Association for the generous cheque sent to cover his expenses. He does not really expect to be paid, as he enjoys explaining his work to appreciative audiences, and wishes to stimulate interest in windmill repairs.

This being so, he would like to donate part of his fee to a fund towards the restoration of Oldlands

Mill, in the hope that this will be possible in the future.

We would also like to thank all the family for your hospitality last Saturday, we so much enjoyed our stay with you, and hearing of your son's windmill experiences.

yours sincerely,

Ruth Hole.

Sussex Archaeological Society

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25 April 1979

T. W. Gee, Esq., OBE,
Hon. Secretary, Hassocks Amenity Association,
12 The Crescent,
Keymer,
HASSOCKS, West Sussex.

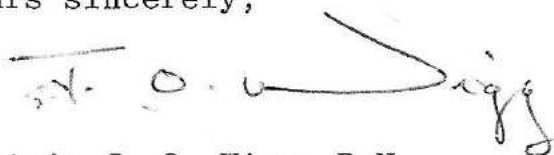
Dear Mr. Gee,

Oldland Mill

Just a short note to say that you will shortly be hearing from our Solicitor about taking over the lease of the Mill. This is the first step towards recommending to the Charity Commissioners that the Mill should be conveyed to you on a permanent basis. It should at least enable you to start your preservation work.

I know it is widely thought that the Society should endow Oldland Mill and other places but the money from the sale of the farm at Legh Manor has been earmarked for the maintenance of Legh Manor itself and its associated properties.

With best wishes.
Yours sincerely,



Captain J. O. Wigg, R.N.
Secretary

P.S. Thank you for your letter of 18th April - sorry I forgot to mention it! I'm off on 10 days leave tomorrow - I'll be in touch when I get back.

1st May, 1979

Captain J. O. Wigg, R.N.,
Sussex Archaeological Society,
Barbican House,
Lewes, E. Sussex. BN7 1YE.

Dear Captain Wigg,

Oldland Mill

It was very good of you to write in time for our Committee last Friday, which asked me to express its appreciation for what you have arranged. As you will see from Paragraph 12 of our new Constitution (enclosed) we can in these circumstances appoint trustees, and this provides us with a means of drawing in those members of the Association whom we hope will be closely identified with the task ahead - namely Mr. Hawkings-Byass, Major Philipson and Mr. Gregory. We hope to meet them all soon.

Yours sincerely,

T. W. GEE

(Hon. Secretary)

1st May, 1979

Messrs. Stevens, Son & Pope,
18a South Road,
Haywards Heath,
W. Sussex RH16 4NF.

Dear Sirs,

Oldland Mill, Keymer

Thank you for your letter of 25th April.
The position, which I explained to Captain Wigg rather hurriedly, is that at our AGM on 14th April, after more than a decade operating with a somewhat simpler Constitution, we adopted the model constitution drafted by the Civic Trust, which we have now forwarded to the Charity Commission seeking charitable status.

As you will see from this Constitution (enclosed) our members - 1488 of them - have vested in us a wide range of powers which, although intended mainly to secure tax relief, fit us more appropriately to take over Oldland Mill.

Our Committee has agreed to handle the matter under paragraph 12 'Trustees', and intends to meet the two adjacent land-owners in order to enlist their support.

Yours faithfully,

T. W. GEE
(Hon. Secretary)

1st May, 1979

G. W. Hawkings-Byass, Esq.,
Oldland Mill House,
Keymer,
W. Sussex BN6 8ND.

Dear Mr. Hawkings-Byass,

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This letter is addressed to yourself,
Major Philipson and Mr. Gregory.

Yours sincerely,

T. W. GEE
(Hon. Secretary)

1st May, 1979

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 Limberlost,
 Ditchling,
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(Hon. Secretary)

T W Gee
1st May 1979

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F. W. Gregory, Esq.,
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BRIGHTON, BN1 5BA.

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Yours sincerely,

T. W. GEE

(Hon. Secretary)

T W GEE
12/5/79
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1st May, 1979

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Hole,

It was very good of you to write and to send such a generous donation towards the Mill restoration.

The lecture proved to be a turning point. The Association has been offered the Mill, and you have started the fund. We shall be able to start and hopefully prevent it from toppling.

Very many thanks,

Yours sincerely,

T. W. GEE

Mr. and Mrs. Hole,
5, Grove Road,
Burgess Hill,
Sussex RH15 8LE

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OLDLAND MILL HOUSE,
KEYMER,
SUSSEX BN6 8ND

2nd May 1979

Dear Mr. Gee,

Oldland Mill

Thank you very much for your letter of 1st May from which I am delighted to learn that the difficulties in the transfer of the Mill produced by the prior rights to the Turner family, have now apparently been overcome, and as a result, the Mill is now to be conveyed to your Association by the Sussex Archaeological Society.

I will telephone you at the week-end in the hope that it would be possible to arrange a meeting over the holiday week-end with your Chairman, Mr. Sale and yourself, when perhaps we may be able to discuss the problems that lie ahead over a glass of sherry.


Meanwhile, I agree with you that it is most important that immediate thought is given to prevent the collapse of the Mill, which it would appear is now a serious possibility.

.../..

It is most kind of your to suggest that I might like to become a Trustee and I would obviously wish to discuss this also with you, at our meeting.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



G. W. Hawking-Byass

T. W. Gee Esq.,
Meadowsweet Cottage,
The Crescent,
Keymer,
Hassocks,
Sussex.

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DATE 2nd May, 1979

T.W. Gee Esq., O.B.E.,
12 The Crescent,
Keymer, Hassocks.
West Sussex.

Dear Sir,

Oldland Mill, Keymer

This is to acknowledge your letter dated the
1st instant and to inform you that the matter is receiving
our attention.

Yours faithfully,



292 Dyke Road

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Brepton

BN1 5BA

9 May 1979

Dear Mr Gee

Many thanks for your recent letter


I am so pleased to hear that at long last something may happen to save Oldland Mill

As I told your wife when I phoned I was away over last weekend but will be interested in coming to a meeting in the near future

I was in Oldland Mill about a month ago with a photographer friend to try and at least get a photographic record. but now I do hope we can save the mill

Yours sincerely

Frank W. Gregory.



14th May 1979.

LIMBERLOST,
DITCHING,
SUSSEX

OLDLAND MILL

Dear Mr Gee,

I am so sorry that I cannot now manage the Meeting with Geoffrey Byass and yourself next Saturday.

He is, of course, the important person and he and I discussed everything fully last night.

For your information he is concerned about possible injury to 'amateur' helpers at work on the mill.

He agrees with me that we should cooperate with your Association perhaps by becoming Trustees.

I enclose two photographs which may be helpful to you. There is also a large one in case you have to provide evidence to someone who might provide Finance!

We can meet later.

Yours sincerely

Lang Phillips

25th June, 1979

Messrs. Stevens, Son & Pope,
18a South Road,
Haywards Heath,
W. Sussex RH16 4NF.

Dear Sirs,

Oldland Mill, Keymer

I refer to your letter of 25th April,
our reply of 1st May and your acknowledgement of
2nd May.

The Charity Commission has now accepted
us and our new Constitution and registered this
Association as a Charity. The Registration Number
is 277860.

We hope some progress can soon be made
in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

T. W. Gee
(Hon. Secretary)

12 July 1979

LIMBERLOST
DITCHLING -
SUSSEX

Dear Mr Bee,

I thought that
now you have officially leased
the Mill you might like to
take a copy of this letter.

Naturally with all the "Cuts" the
Council will be restricted but at
least we will have their moral
backing.

I wonder how you progressed on
the idea of Trustees? I would not
wish to become liable for any financial
liability but you know of my interest
in the Mill's preservation.

Yours sincerely

Tony Thurman

PLAIN RETURN

From the Chairman

R. F. Ferguson

Mid Sussex

District Council

"Oaklands," Oaklands Road

Haywards Heath, Sussex RH16 1SS

Telephone Haywards Heath 50301

21st May 1979.

Dear Major Philipson,

Thank you for your letter of congratulations on my appointment as Chairman of Mid Sussex District Council. I do appreciate your kind remarks and will certainly seek to maintain my predecessor's interest in the preservation of Oldland Mill and similar other properties.

As you know, the financial situation has not improved but I know that many Members of the Council share my wish that we should do whatever we can to assist with the work of preservation.

I am sure that you will not miss any opportunity of keeping this issue in front of Members.

Yours sincerely,

R. F. Ferguson

Chairman of the Council.

Major A.T. Philipson, M.B.E.,
Limberloft,
DITCHLING,
Sussex.

COPY M/S sent

14th July, 1979

Dear Major Philipson,

Thank you for your note. I return the letter from MSDC having taken a copy for the mill file.

A hush has descended over the transfer, and the Committee is cautious about taking initiatives until we have some standing in relation to the property. The Trustees received implicit blessing, and clearly we shall make formal approaches as soon as we ~~are~~ in a position to do so.

The Committee would like you to be the Trustee who is at the centre of the fund-raising. Would this role be acceptable?

Yours sincerely,

Tommy Lee

Major A. T. Philipson, M.B.E.,
Limberlost,
Ditchling, E. Sussex

292 Dyke Road (104)

Brighton

BN1 5BA

8 Aug '79

Dear Mr Gee

Re Oldland Mill

Recently a few members of the Sussex Industrial Archaeological Society have had a look at Oldland Mill and I enclose a copy of a report which we have drawn up.

Apart from the tail supports the structure of the mill has been well supported in the front and timber beams inserted under the sides support the body if made good by adequate underpinning in the tail ~~when~~ When this has been done so that the structure is stable then the existing ship lap weatherboarding on the sides and front could be replaced with weather edge boards put on with adequate overlap to make the mill weather tight and some flashing round the front of the neck of the windshaft to prevent water running in there in time of rain (This has rotted

PTO

the brake wheel and is affecting the supports of the
front millstones

I hope this may be of use to whoever may
tackle 'rescuing' the mill

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

Frank W. Gregory.

^{no}
12 August 1979

LIMBERLOST
DITCHING
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OLDLAND MILL

Dear Mr Gee, I apologise for not having replied to two letters.

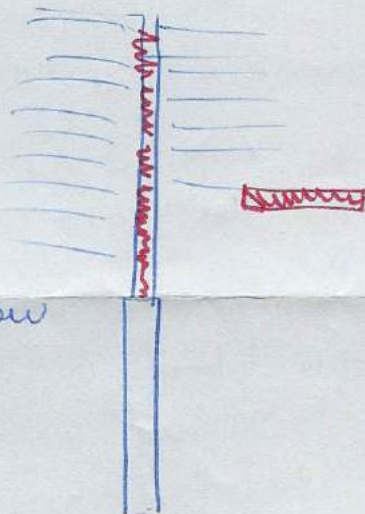
① I am not, of course, a Trustee and I have not heard whether Mr Byass has become one?

② Fund. Raising is a job for someone who is active and much younger than I am!

All my energies are taken up in struggling to preserve Oldland, and I will only be able to assist financially if my plans for the house can be realised.

③ Would it not be best for me to attend your Committee Meeting the first week in September? Date?

In the meantime most important pieces have fallen from the Mill and I feel that you should spend some money now to effect temporary repairs.



So sorry not to be more helpful.
 * Have you the Costing of restoring each of the two individual sweeps that are missing?

Yours sincerely Tony Ruspall

Congratulations on the Newsletter

Oldland Postmill
Weymer

20/7/79

M.S. AA
FWG

Reinstatement of substantial support for the corner posts

The existing cornerpost supports consist of timber struts encased in brickwork. These were placed here to relieve the side girts & trestle of the greater part of the dead weight of the mill. The sheers are also supported at the head by 2 massive R.S.J's. At present the two rear supports are in a precarious condition and the front supports, including the bearing of the R.S.J's, in need of attention.

To ensure that Oldland Postmill continues to benefit from this additional shoring it is suggested that:-

(1) The body is held on timber or steel struts under the rear of the spout floor at appropriate points whilst the existing baulks are cut away and replaced with steel columns (say 6"x6") founded on concrete. These to be diagonally braced with angle iron straps.

(2) The 2 front supports be made good, particular attention being paid to the brickwork.

4" column	40ft @ 20lb	£ 800	New
straps	30ft @ 7lb	£ 213	New
bricks etc		£ 20 ?	
labour		(?)	

15th September, 1979.

Messrs. Stevens, Son & Pope,
18a South Road,
Haywards Heath,
W. Sussex RH16 4NF.

Dear Sirs,

Oldland Mill, Keymer

My Association's Committee has asked me to refer you to my letter of 25.6.79 and to enquire what progress you have made in this matter. Urgent repairs are needed, and the Association would like to get on with them.

Yours faithfully,

T. W. GEE
(Hon. Secretary)

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Copy to Captain Wigg, Sussex Archaeological Society.

15th September, 1979

Dear Frank,

Thank you for your letter of 8th August.
If I read the report aright, the materials needed for the urgent support work will cost £83 and all we need is labour and supervision. We are pressing for the transfer of the property, and as soon as we have the go-ahead, we will meet and organise a working party. Expect to hear again.

Thank you for the helpful report.

Yours sincerely,

(T. W. GEE)

Frank Gregory, Esq.
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DATE 19th September, 1979

T.W. Gee Esq., O.B.E.,
12 The Crescent,
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Dear Sir,

Oldland Mill, Keymer

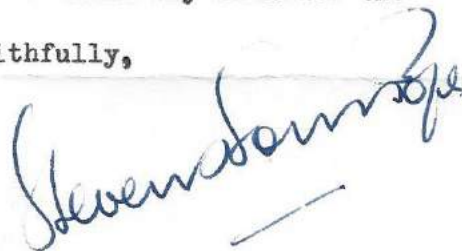
We have received your letter of the 15th instant and would say that we have been endeavouring to deal with the question of the Lease.

We enclose a copy of a plan upon which we have indicated by red edging the land it is proposed to lease to your Association. The oblong building which we have marked "X" is we think no longer on the site but we shall be obliged if you will confirm this. Further, would you say whether the northern boundary, which is said to be 52 feet long is at present fenced.

If you would be good enough to return the plan to us with your comments we shall be able to proceed.

As a matter of interest, could you tell us please which is Oldland House and which is Oldland Mill House. We think perhaps that Oldland House is not shown on the plan but there is the word "Oldland" which we think may indicate the probable position.

Yours faithfully,



1st October, 1979

Messrs. Stevens, Son & Pope,
18a South Road,
Haywards Heath, W. Sussex RH16 4NF.

Dear Sirs,

Oldland Mill, Keymer

Thank you for your letter of 19th September about Oldland Mill.

I confirm that the building marked X is no longer on the site. The entire site has a hedge round it. The 52' side on the northern boundary has a central gap in it.

Oldland Mill House is the one shown on the plan. Oldland is where it is shown, and is Major Philipson's property. You may have been confused by the fact that the miller, Mr. Turner, lived in one house, and his manager in the other.

I wonder if you would confirm whether a lease or freehold transfer is intended. Captain Wigg had inferred the latter, which we prefer.

Yours faithfully,

T. W. GEE
(Hon. Secretary)

*Plan returned
as requested.*

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DATE 2nd October 1979

T.W. Gee Esq., O.B.E.,
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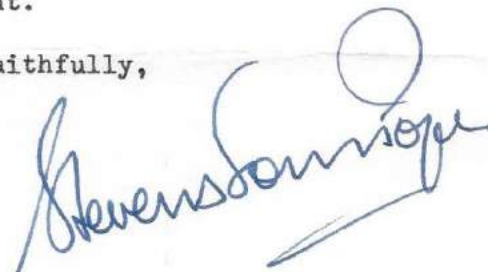
Dear Sir,

Oldland Mill, Keymer

We have received and thank you for your letter of the 1st instant returning the plan and note what you say.

The instructions which we have received from our clients are that the Association is to have a Lease of the premises and we are therefore preparing that document.

Yours faithfully,



STEVENS, SON & POPE

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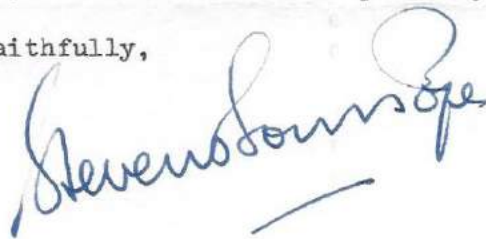
Dear Sir,

Oldland Mill, Keymer

Further to our letter to you of the 2nd instant, we have received confirmation from our clients that the Lease is to be for 21 years at a rental of £1. per annum.

Now that we have this information, we can complete the draft and will let you have it for perusal as soon as we possibly can.

Yours faithfully,



5th November, 1979

Captain J.O. Wigg, R.N.,
Sussex Archaeological Society,
Barbican House,
Lewes, East Sussex. BN7 1YE

Dear Captain Wigg,

With reference to your letter of 25th April, we have heard from Stevens, Son & Pope that a 21-year lease is intended. You had indicated this would be the first step towards recommending to the Charity Commissioners that the Mill should be conveyed to this Association on a permanent basis.

We now have registered status as a charity, and my Committee has asked me to enquire about further steps in this process - i.e. that it is your Society's intention to convey title.

Yours sincerely,

(T. W. GEE)
(Hon. Secretary)

Sussex Archaeological Society

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Lewes,
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16 November 1979

T. W. Gee, Esq., OBE,
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 Keymer,
 HASSECKS, West Sussex.

Dear Mr. Gee,

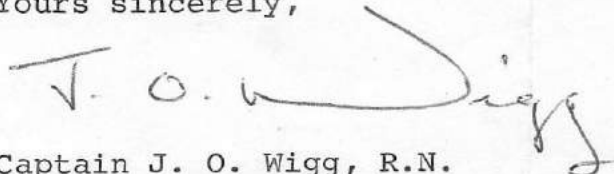
Oldland Mill

Thank you for your letter of 5 November.

I am sorry that this is taking so long to sort out. It is certainly our intention to convey the title of the Mill to your Association in due course and we will do everything we can to help it along. Our usual lease is for 21 years but of course if the conveyance is through (surely it must be!) before the end of that time, the lease will lapse. As I have said - the lease is the first step and will ensure that you have complete access to the Mill at all times.

We should be delighted if you wanted to start work now and would certainly have no objection to your getting the keys permanently from Mr. Hawkings-Byass.

Yours sincerely,



Captain J. O. Wigg, R.N.
 Secretary

P.S. I have written to Hawkings-Byass suggesting that he comes to some agreement with you about handing over the Keys.