

ANCIENT IFIELD



The first corn mill was constructed on the site in 1660 where the forge stood, but this was replaced in 1683 by a larger building on the site of the present mill, which was constructed in 1817. The date stone in the front wall of the present mill was taken from the 1683 build and contains the initials of Thomas & Mary Middleton who built the second mill. Ifield Mill ceased to be a commercial operation in 1925.

The mill, believed to be the only working watermill in West Sussex which is still powered by its original water source, was restored during the 1970s, with the work commencing in 1974. It is now in the custody of Crawley Museum and is open to the public on the last Sunday of each month between April & September, with occasional extra days. See the Museum website for full details.



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