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Burwell Museum awarded Heritage Lottery Fund first-round pass to repair historic windmill.

Burwell Museum in East Cambridgeshire has been awarded a £13 400 development grant and a first-round pass from the Heritage Lottery Fund to conduct a project to repair and redisplay the Grade II* listed Stevens' Windmill. This is a first step towards a larger grant from the HLF to deliver the project.

Stevens' Windmill is one of two principle landmarks on the village's horizon and one of the most significant and tangible links to the industrial past of the fen-edge community. Burwell Museum Trust, which owns the windmill and the adjacent museum, is keen to repair and conserve the mill which has been closed to the public for two years due to safety concerns. In July 2010 the windmill was included on the current Buildings at Risk Register.

The first-round pass demonstrates the Heritage Lottery Fund's interest in the project and is an invitation for Burwell Museum to further develop the project to a second-round application. Heritage Lottery Fund have also awarded a £13 400 Development Grant to aid in this work.

Paul Hawes, Chairman of the Trustees of Burwell Museum said, "We are delighted to hear that our project has received a first-round pass and are very hopeful we can develop the project to achieve a full grant from HLF. Stevens' Mill is an important part of the village's heritage and we look forward to incorporating it properly into the museum."

Burwell Museum will be holding a first consultation session about the plans for the Museum and the Windmill on Thursday 25th of August from 2-5pm.

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For further information or photographs

Please contact Sara Brown, Museum Administrator, at Burwell Museum on 01638 605544, or on admin@burwellmuseum.org.uk. Alternately, speak to Chairman of Trustees, Paul Hawes, on 01638 742847. The museum's website is www.burwellmuseum.org.uk

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