

The Ebley Mill Knowledge challenge

1. How old do you think Ebley Mill is?

There has been a mill on this site for the last 600 years! Many parts have been re-built since then. The oldest part is now called Long Block, this was built in 1800 (200 years ago) it was called Clissolds Mill then.

2. What did the people who worked here years ago do?

People who worked in the mill were called mill workers. They made cloth. There were lots of people doing lots of different jobs that made wool from local sheep into cloth. (Show props).

3. What do the people who work here do now?

About 300 people work in this building now. They all do lots of different jobs like:

Accountants

Lawyers

Managers

Administrative Officers/Secretaries

Neighbourhood Wardens

Sports Development Officers

Housing Officers

Receptionists

Planning Officers

4. What things made Ebley Mill famous?

The fire proof cloth that racing driver's clothing is made of was once made here.

Some people think that the building is haunted!

When the derelict mill was converted into offices, it cost a lot of money, and there was lots of local newspaper coverage!

Ebley Mill is one of the few mills that you can come and visit – perhaps to:

Ask about a planning application to build a garage at your house

To find somewhere to live

To pay your council tax

To join the work experience programme

On a school trip, or a visit with cubs!

5. Why was the canal important to Ebley Mill years ago?

The canal was used to transport goods to and from Ebley Mill. The boats that were used were called Severn Trows.

6. Describe the different parts of the building:

Long Block is a very old part of the building, with lots of windows

Bodley Block was named after the man who built it

The newer part of the building, where the council chamber is built, is octagonal (it has got eight sides)

7. What changes do you think there have been since Ebley Mill was first built?

An explosion that happened a long time ago (in 1853) meant that the end of the building had to be re-built (Bodley Block)

When the building was a mill in the early days, there was no electricity. The water supply was from the river. Now there is gas, electricity and water coming in through the taps. Every floor has got lots of computers!

8. What is unusual about the clock tower?

There are two faces, once at the front that you can see, and one at the back that you can't see. Both faces are controlled by the same mechanism.

The design of the roof is very similar to the clock tower at Selsley Church. This is because Mr Marling, who was the man who had both clock towers built, liked the design when he saw it in a place in Austria, the place was called MARLING!