

# Opening Times 2024

# Lytham Windmill Museum



A Close-up of the Windmill



Inside the Windmill



The Windmill and the Lifeboat Museum

Bank Holiday Mondays - Open	10:30am - 4:30pm
Wednesdays - Open	10:30am - 4:30pm
Thursdays - Open	10:30am - 4:30pm
Fridays - Open	10:30am - 4:30pm
Saturdays - Open	10:30am - 4:30pm
Sunday - Open	10:30am - 4:30pm
Mondays - Closed	School Parties Only By Appointment
Tuesdays - Closed	School Parties Only By Appointment

**Mondays & Tuesdays**  
School/Group Parties - By appointment only.

**Wednesday - Sunday & Bank Holidays**  
10:30am - 4:30pm

**Easter Period**  
Wednesday 27th March - Sunday 7th April  
Wednesday - Sunday including Bank Holidays -  
10.30am - 4.30pm

**Spring Season**  
Saturday 13th April - Sunday 2nd June  
Weekends and Bank Holidays Only 10:30am-4:30pm

**Summer Season**  
Wednesday 5th June - Sunday 8th September  
Including Bank Holidays  
(Closed on 22nd June for Lytham Club Day)  
(Closed on 23rd June -12th July for Lytham Festival)

**Autumn Season**  
Weekends only  
14th September - 29th September

**Special Local Events**  
National Mills Weekend 11th & 12th May  
1940s weekend 17th & 18th August  
Heritage Open Days 6th - 8th September & 14th -  
15th September



Groups and school party visits welcome by prior arrangement. For visitors with special needs, it would be advisable to discuss your visit with the heritage group as this site may be unsuitable for people with disabilities.

# Lytham Windmill

Windmills have featured in Lytham's history for hundreds of years. In 1805 Richard Cookson sought and obtained a lease from the squire for a plot of land on which to build a "Windy Milne"

Later, in 1860; When the prestigious houses in the Lytham area were being built, the residents looked upon the Windmill as an "Industrial Nuisance".

On the 2nd January 1919 a tremendous gale turned the sails, despite the powerful brake being in place. Suddenly, sparks ignited the woodwork and the windmill was quickly ravaged by fire. The interior was completely gutted.

The Windmill remained derelict until 1921 when it was given by the squire to the Lytham Urban District Council.

In 1989 the Windmill was restored by Fylde Borough Council and opened to the public, who can still come and see it today. It is an abiding and iconic symbol of the Lytham landscape overlooking the green and the sea beyond.



Lytham Windmill is run in partnership with Fylde Council and Lytham Heritage Group.

The Windmill is situated on Lytham Green and is open to the public during the summer season, and entry is always free of charge.

Donation boxes are available for anyone wishing to make a donation to the heritage group with all funds used to make improvements to the Windmill.

If you would like to volunteer to help out, then contact Lytham Heritage on:  
**01253 730787.**

## A Tourist Information Point

The Windmill acts as a tourist information point during the season and houses exhibitions and displays which are organised by the Lytham Heritage Group. These include explanations of the milling processes and a history of the grade II listed building. The basement has a tableau of life in Victorian Lytham beautifully recreated. A visit to the Windmill is always an education for everyone.



## Lifeboat Museum

Also now open at weekends during the season is the Old Lifeboat House as a Lifeboat Museum, situated right next to Lytham Windmill.

# School Party Visits

Please note that arrangements for school visits should have to be made with prior arrangement with Fylde Council. We will try to accommodate you on the day requested but only if this is convenient for the volunteer guides. The hours for visiting are 10:30am to 1pm or 2pm to 4pm.

The Volunteer stewards, who are members of Lytham Heritage Group will welcome you, and aim to make your visit interesting and rewarding. To help them achieve these objectives, we request that each leader should identify the needs of their group. We recommend that party organisers discuss the visit with Fylde Council prior to the visit.

**For group visit application forms please contact :**  
Fylde Borough Council at  
Touristinformation@fylde.gov.uk  
01253 658443

# Contact Us

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