



# SHREWSBURY FLAXMILL MALTINGS

## Mill Apprentice Experience KS1/2

Children as young as nine years old worked at the Shrewsbury flax mill. Some were supplied under the apprenticeship system from orphanages, the local workhouse and further afield.

During this interactive two hour workshop children will discover what life was like for a child apprentice living and working at a flax mill in the early 19th century. Children will adopt a role, dress in costume and try out some of the daily tasks performed by a hard-working mill apprentice. Our young visitors will compare their life with children in the past and via documentary evidence decide whether working conditions were good or bad for young mill apprentices.

This cross-curricular workshop allows pupils to investigate historical events, people and places in their own locality and will encourage children to pose historically valid questions about change, cause, similarity and difference, and significance.



## LEGO® Education Simple Machines – Pulley Power KS2

Shrewsbury Flaxmill Maltings is a pioneering building of the Industrial Revolution. Built from 1796, the Main Mill is the world's first iron-framed building - a building that has helped shape the skyline of every major city in the world. During this hands-on workshop children will investigate the reasons for constructing the mill with this innovative 'new' material and look at the ways the entrepreneurial John Marshall utilised steam power to turn the machinery of this fascinating factory.

Children will use LEGO® Education Simple Machines kits to actively investigate the forces at work in the mill, recognising that some mechanisms, including pulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.



### *Why not combine your visit to Shrewsbury Flax Mill with a visit to Shrewsbury Museum & Art Gallery?*

The Friends of Flaxmill Maltings were formed in August 2010 in response to public consultation and growing interest and enthusiasm in the development of the Flax Mill Maltings amongst the community. Their vision is that Shrewsbury Flax Mill Maltings is brought back to life at the heart of the community. To find out more visit [www.flaxmill-maltings.co.uk](http://www.flaxmill-maltings.co.uk)

## BOOKING INFORMATION

For information and to book contact:  
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- Workshop sessions last two hours, include a tour of the mill and cost £95 per class
- Mill tours (without a booked workshop) are charged at £1.50 per pupil. Tours last one hour and are available Monday-Thursday.
- One adult per six paying pupils will be admitted free of charge and other accompanying adults charged at the child entry rate (£1.50). Booking essential.

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