

WINDMILLS IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

This study is by no means a complete historical record of Gloucestershire windmills and is, in fact, little more than a list of mill sites, and field names which imply the presence of a windmill at some time. A great deal of further investigation remains to be done, which time did not permit. Both field-work and more records research will be needed to discover the history of the individual sites, including their exact location, the number of mills built or rebuilt on each site, their type of construction, and whether any visible remains exist.

Some of the sources used in this study, together with abbreviations are given below. Ordnance Survey map grid references are given, where identifiable, after the place-name.

- C.G. Map dated 1624 in G.S. Blakeway, The City of Gloucester
I.T. Map of Gloucestershire by Isaaq Taylor, 1777.
A.B. Map of Gloucestershire by A. Bryant, 1824.
O.S. 1" O.S. Map 1st edition, 1830.
V.C.H. Victoria County History Vols. VI and VIII.
P.N.G. Place-names of Gloucestershire.
G.R.O. Gloucestershire Records Office Gazetteer of O.S. 25" map series, c.1880.
I.A. Industrial Archaeology of the Bristol Region by Angus Buchanan and Neil Cossons.
A.S.M. Anglo-Saxon and Medieval Gloucester by L.E.W. Fullbrook-Leggatt.
G.C.R. Gloucester Corporation Records Vol. II
B.G. Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society.

Almondsbury (ST 608839)

Windmill.

Sources: I.T. 1777; A.B. 1824; O.S. 1830.

Arlingham (SO 715108)

Windmill Hill

Sources: P.N.G. (inclosure award 1802); G.R.O. 1880

Ashchurch

Windmill Furlong, Pamington 1427. Miller recorded in Pamington in 1529.
Source: V.C.H.

Awre

Reference to lease of pasture called Windmill Hill near Box Farm, 1650'
Source: G.C.R.

Barnwood (SO 8418)

Windmill
Source: I.T. 1777

Windmill Field. Name preserved in street-name, Windmill Parade, south of Wotton.
Source: P.N.G. 1356.

Berkeley

See Wanswell

Bishop's Cleeve (SO 968265)

A deed of 1366 has a reference to land next to a windmill. In 1299 the Bishop of Worcester's manor contained a watermill and a windmill, but by the late 15th century they were said to be worth nothing. The windmill was probably the one at Southam which gave its name to one of the open fields. It was disused by 1884, although some buildings were still standing.
Sources: I.T. 1777; O.S. 1830; V.C.H.

Brimpsfield (SO 933114)

Windmill.
Sources: A.B. 1824; O.S. 1830.

Bristol (ST 602742 approx.)

Windmill.
Sources: road map, Bristol to Banbury, by John Ogilby, 1675; I.T. 1777.

See also Clifton, Cotham

Bushley (SO 865350)

Windmill Tump.
Source: modern 1" O.S. map.

Cam (ST 739998)

Windmill
Source: O.S. 1830

Chipping Sodbury (ST 732835 approx.)

Windmill
Source: I.T. 1777

Churcham (SO 770196 approx.)

Windmill Hill Wood recorded 1607, where a former windmill is mentioned in 1765.
Source: Records of Gloucester Dean and Chapter, 1765.
G.R.O. D936

Clifton (ST 566733)

A tower mill, part of which still survives. It was used as a snuff mill in the 18th century, but was burned down in 1777. It was converted to a camera obscura in 1829.
Sources: I.T. 1777; I.A.

Gotham (ST 576745 approx.)

Windmill used for grinding snuff for W.D. and H.O. Wills, circa 1830.
Sources: I.T. 1777; I.A.

Duntisbourne Abbots (SO 968078)

Windmill, described on Isaac Taylor's map as 'Old Windmill'
Sources: I.T. 1777; O.S. 1830

Elberton (ST 612884 approx.)

Windmill
Source: I.T. 1777

Elmore (SO 7814, SO 789159)

2 windmills.
Source: C.G. 1624
Windmill Hill
Sources: G.R.O. 1380; modern 1" O.S. map.

Falfield (ST 684928)

Tower mill. Converted to residence, now derelict. One of the mill-stones now the front door step.
Source: I.A.; N. Cossens, Industrial Monuments in the Mendip, South Cotswold and Bristol Region (1967)

Forthampton

Tewkesbury Abbey owned two windmills in 1291. A windmill mentioned in 1636 was probably the one worked by John Alcock in 1649 and 1672. In 1859 Alcock's mill was $\frac{1}{4}$ mile E.S.E. of Alcock's Farm, and its base was later called the Round House. A windmill stood on Mill Hill, S.W. of the village, in 1752. Rent was paid for a windmill in Swinley in 1538 and more than one miller was recorded there in 1545. Before 1677, a windmill stood on a tump east of Swinley Court.
Source: V.J.H.

Frampton Cotterell (ST 673814)

Tower mill described on 1st. edition O.S. map was 'Brokeridge Mill'. The remains of the tower stand adjacent to a cottage.
Sources: A.B. 1824; O.S. 1830; I.A.

Gloucester 1. (SO 831183)

The site of this post mill is probably near the bowling green in Brunswick Road.
Sources: map by John Speed, 1610; B.G. vol. LI (plan of Gloucester by M. Merian of Frankfurt 1650).

Gloucester 2. (SO 832185)

This windmill was situated between Queen Street and the Cross, before 1455.
Source: A.S.M.

Gloucester 3. (SO 8317)

Windmill.
Source: C.G. 1624

See also: Wotton

Hasfield

The windmill was mentioned with the manor in 1654. It stood on Barrow Hill and gave its name to one of the open fields on the N.E. slopes.
Source: V.C.H.

Henbury (ST 5579)

Windmill
Sources: shown in an engraving by Kip in The Ancient and Present State of Glostershire by Sir Robert Atkyns, 1712; I.T. 1777

Hucclecote

Windmill Field
Source: G.C.R. 1715, 1736.

Kemble (SU 0098 approx., ST 986977)

There might have been two windmills here, although as

Ogillvy's map is rather vague, he probably refers to the same site as the later map. Ogillvy describes it as 'Kemble Windmill' and on the 1st edition O.S. map it is shown as 'Kemble Mill'.

Sources: road map, Bristol to Banbury, by John Ogillvy, 1675; O.S. 1830.

Kingscote (ST 811967)

The G.R.O. Gazetteer refers to Windmill Lane, but the same map (O.S. 1880) also shows 'Old Windmill', with the same map reference as the earlier maps. The modern 1" O.S. map marks a building at this reference which is possibly the actual mill site.

Sources: A.B. 1824; O.S. 1830; G.R.O. 1880

Longborough (SP 171296 approx.)

Windmill

Source: road map, Salisbury to Campden, by John Ogillvy, 1675.

Longney (SO 770125 approx.)

References to a windmill occur in 1291, 1326 and 1523/4. It was possibly sited on the west of the hill 700 yards east of the church.

Sources: Taxatio Ecclesiastica; Landboc sive Registrum de Wincheloumba; An Original History of the City of Gloucester by T.D. Fosbrooke; the Gloucestershire Collection.

Lower Swell

Windmill built circa 1800 to pump water to Stow-on-the-Wold. It was later replaced by a horse-mill.

Source: V.C.H.

Marshfield

A deed of 1734 in the Glos. R.O. refers to Windmill Leaze adjacent to Park Piece.

Mickleton 1. (SP 164439 approx.)

A map of Mickleton dated 1698, shows Windmill-leaso and Windmill-lease meadow.

Source: estate map

Mickleton 2 (SP 1545)

Windmill

Source: I.T. 1777

Minchinhampton (SO 861011)

Windmill Place

Source: G.R.O. 1880.

Mitchealdean (SO 660187)

Windmill also Windman Hill

Sources: P.N.G. (tithe award 1839); G.R.O. 1880

Newnham (SO 6912)

Windmill Hill, situated on a spur S.W. of Hyde.

Source: tithe award 1839.

Norton

Windmill Hill

Source: P.N.G. 1589

Oddington (SF 212255)

Windmill marked on Bryant's map as 'Ruins of Oddington Mill' and on the 1st edition O.S. map as 'Oddington Mill'. It gave its name to Millway Field, 1584, it was rebuilt in 1813 and had ceased working by 1884. Part of the building remained in 1960 and it is shown on the modern 1" map as a disused windmill.

Sources: A.B. 1824; O.S. 1830; V.C.H.

Old Sodbury

Windmill Field

Source: P.N.G. (Inquisitiones Post Mortem 1633).

Windmill House

Source: P.N.G. (map 1830)

Olveston (ST 613872)

An entry in Inquisitiones Post Mortem for 1327, makes reference to a pasture called la Grenemore in which there was a water mill and a windmill, worth 13s. 4d. per annum. The map reference given below is for the windmill shown by Bryant and the 1st edition O.S. map. The modern 1" O.S. map marks a building at this reference which might be the actual mill site.

Sources: A.B. 1824; O.S. 1830.

Rodmarton (ST 933973)

Windmill Hill. Shown on modern O.S. map as 'Windmill Tump'.

Source: G.R.O. 1880

Sandhurst (SO 8324)

Windmill

Source: C.G. 1624

Siddington (SU 042996)

Windmill

Sources: A.B. 1824; O.S. 1830

Southam

See: Bishop's Cleeve

Staunton

In 1579 there is a reference to Windmill Field 'wherein stands the walls of an old windmill'. This is probably the one described as ruinous in an entry in Inquisitiones Post Mortem, dated 1342.

Source: B.G. vol. VII (deed of 1579)

Stoke Orchard (SO 921277 approx.)

Windmill noted in 1811 but not traced after 1824.

Sources: A.B. 1824; V.C.H.

Stratton (SP 018035 approx.)

Windmill, Windmill Way.

Source: inclosure map, 1770

Tewkesbury (SO 887318 approx.)

In 1291, the abbot received rent from a windmill in Tewkesbury. This was probably on the same site as the windmill which was held with the abbey's water-mills in the 16th century and later. In 1747, an old wooden windmill was demolished on Windmill Hill, south of Holm Bridge (Swilgate Bridge) and was replaced with a brick building. In the Hill Garden, close by, another brick windmill had been built in 1742. One of these two was converted into a house and was mentioned in 1774. One of these was also probably the one recorded by Isaac Taylor. A map of 1825 marked a windmill opposite the workhouse. Possibly in the same area, was the windmill which was held at farm from the Earls of Gloucester in 1296 and 1327, said to be worth nothing in 1337 because it had broken down; it was recorded at its former value in 1349 and 1359. A map of Tewkesbury, dated 1792, shows Windmill Acre (map ref. SO 889330)

Sources: I.T. 1777; V.C.H.

Thames Head

Published in The Thames and Severn Canal by Humphrey Household, is a sketch of 1790 showing a six-sailed windpump.

Tidenham (ST 537949)

The remains of this windmill still exist. It is marked on Bryant's map as 'Old Windmill' and on the 1st edition O.S. map as 'Folly Mill'.

Sources: I.T. 1777; A.B. 1825; O.S. 1830.

Tirley

There was a windmill in Tirley in 1287 and a millward was recorded in 1358. In 1632 there was a windmill in the Throckmortons' manor, and around 1734, a windmill stood on the windmill knoll, which has given its name to Tirley Knowle. A tradition also exists of a windmill standing in front of the house called Red Castle. A millwright was living in Tirley in 1658.

Tuffley (SO 8214)

Windmill

Source: C.G. 1624

Twynning

Windmill Hill Close

Source: survey of land belonging to William Lord Craven, 1769

Walton Cardiff

Windmill, 1315; Mill Acre, 1419; Windmill Hurst furlong, 1590.

Source: V.C.H.

Wanswell

A reference to windmill in Windmill Field, mid 13th century.

Source: The Berkeley Manuscripts vol. III

Warmley (ST 667727)

Tower mill. It was part of a spelter works built in the 18th century and was used for crushing ore. The shell of the mill still exists.

Source: I.A.

Westbury-on-Severn

Windmill Hill Field at Rodley, in late 16th and early 17th century.

Source: tithe award.

Woolstone

Name millward recorded in 1327; place-name Millham in 1479; windmill, 1616.

Source: V.C.H.

Wotton

Reference to Windmill Field between Wotton Pitch and Kingsholm road occurs in 1356 and 1453, and Windmill Furlong in 1542 and 1604. In 1453, the field is described as being opposite St. Margarets Hospital and extending from the Kingsholm road to Portway. (Probably London Road or Denmark Road). Further references to Windmill Field occur in 1653 and 1707. In 1721, it was described as a common field.

Sources: A.S.M.; G.C.R.

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