

St Martha Parish Council West Lodge Questionnaire

West Lodge (Chilworth Gunpowder Mills, Blacksmith Lane) is a small building, with Grade II listing, of significant historical importance. It was the 'entry' point for the workers arriving at the Gunpowder Mills and was used in this way until 1920. Until around 2008 it was still being used by Guildford Borough Council, but since then has remained empty.

St Martha Parish Council have been making gradual progress towards repurposing the building for community use since we last asked residents for their views in 2014. We have applied for funding to refurbish the building and to support these applications we need to demonstrate public support for its subsequent use.

West Lodge has basic kitchen and toilet facilities. Bearing in mind its small size (roughly 36m² in total) and the limited parking, we would like to ask for your views again on how this building can best meet the needs of our community while preserving an important part of our local history.

Previous views showed a strong desire for the building to be used for education, heritage, volunteering to look after the wider site, and small meetings.

We ask you to please complete this very short questionnaire.

1. Please order the following potential activities in order of importance, with 1 being the most important - (if you feel some are of equal importance you can give them the same number):

Education

Meeting room

Site heritage and history

Base for volunteers looking after the site

Drop in for advice on local matters

Nature and wildlife information and hub

2. If you have any further ideas or concerns regarding West Lodge being used as a community asset, please state them here:

3. If you are interested in the opportunity to be involved in the management of West Lodge and/or helping to care for the Gunpowder Mills (for example as a trustee of West Lodge, a volunteer helper, or a member of the Friends of the Gunpowder Mills group); or if you are aware of a group or organisation that may be interested in using West Lodge, then please email the Clerk with your details: clerk@stmarthaparishcouncil.co.uk

Please return this questionnaire by **10/12/21**

You can do this in a number of ways:

- Handing it in at the Friends of the Chilworth Gunpowder Mills meeting on the 17th November.
- By using the link on the St Martha Website: stmarthaparishcouncil.co.uk
- By returning this form by hand or post to:

The Clerk
23 The Street,
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GU5 9AB