

Tail Mill Sluice Gates

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The functioning of Tail Mill once depended on efficient water control of which these sluice gates and mechanisms were an integral part. The gates, set in still-surviving oak pillars, were raised via the cast iron rack and pinions, no doubt plastered in tallow to aid the process. Now, in 2010 and with the demise of the mill as an industrial site, the future of these wonderful examples of Victorian engineering is uncertain. What will become of them?



