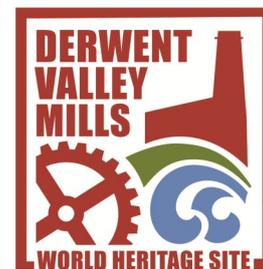


# The Silk Mill



## Derby Silk Mill

### 1721, Rebuilt 1910 - Listed Grade II

Derby Silk Mill lies beside the river Derwent, on the north-eastern edge of the city centre. Today, it has a surprisingly tranquil setting, given its location within an urban environment. Relatively little remains of the original physical structure of Lombe's Mill.

The massive stone arches that provided the foundations of the eastern side of the five-storey "Italian Works", as Lombe's Mill was known, can still be seen running along the western bank of the river Derwent. The remainder of the old mill was destroyed by fire in 1910 and rebuilt three storeys high. The adjacent stair tower on the south-western corner of the building, perhaps its most distinctive architectural feature, was rebuilt using the original bricks, together with the nineteenth century belfry.

The courtyard on the western side of the building was originally occupied by the mill race. The course of the flume, which carried the water back to the river Derwent, can still be seen within the landscaped gardens to the south of the mill.

The early industrial buildings which adjoined the mill on the northern side, including the first silk mill and town corn mills, have disappeared, and their place is now occupied by a brick extension that is contemporary with the present mill building.



## **Wrought Iron Gates 1725 - Listed Grade II**

The original wrought iron gates made for the mill in 1725 by the renowned Derbyshire craftsman, Robert Bakewell, have been restored and now stand at the entrance to a courtyard on the western side of the mill building.

