

STRETHAM OLD ENGINE LAND DRAINAGE PUMPING STATION

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Old West River Bank Green End, Stretham, Cambs, CB6 3LF

Built 1831, it includes original massive steam driven beam engine, flywheel, and 37ft diameter scoop wheel, though now driven electrically to demonstrate them in motion. The Stretham engine is administered by the Stretham Engine Trust. A visit to the Stretham Old Engine is a must for people glad to quit the usual tourist trail and willing to indulge in a bit of Fenland history and industrial archaeology. Close to the village of Stretham near Ely this land drainage pumping station (now disused) is scheduled as an Ancient Monument and has been restored by the Stretham Engine Trust. It contains a fine steam powered double-acting rotative beam engine, and is the last surviving complete example of its kind in the Fens. The Trust has leased the pumping station for one hundred years from the Waterbeach Internal Drainage Board.

The Stretham Old Engine is open to the public at various days during the year between April and September from 1.30pm to 5.00pm; see our website for specific dates. Group visits can be arranged throughout the year. Admission is Adults £3.00 and children £1.00. Also available for sale is various items of memorabilia, we have a bookstall and Children's Trail.

Information is available from the Visits Officer.
