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**Current management and use of the site.**

*When the manufactory finished was that it? There was nothing else that happened here?*

Well I'm not entirely certain, I think a lot of buildings fell into disuse, but we do have a photograph of the 1930s that appears to indicate one of the buildings might have been being used as a house, and then of course in the Second World War the American army were encamped here and we've actually found a little ration tin from that period in one of the buildings.

*So how about the management of the site as it stands now?*

The site belongs to the Duchy of Cornwall and I remember back in the late '80s we began to discuss with them the need for these remains to be consolidated, because the mortar was coming out of them and they were beginning to collapse really, and then we had the big storm of 1990 and several trees come down here and actually did some more damage and we set up a programme of consolidation which was funded by English Heritage, the Duchy and ourselves and over about ten years we slowly moved around all the buildings doing re-pointing where it was necessary and now I think the buildings are in a fairly stable condition.

*And there are buildings here at Powdermills that are still in use.*

Yes, there's a range of buildings that once functioned as part of the Powdermills factory, there's a long low building, for example, which was the cooperage, which have remained in use ever since and very much in active use and they are still used for a variety of industrial and commercial purposes.