

WYCHBURY OBELISK, HAGLEY



Time capsule marks repairs

Lady Cobham with the time capsule being placed under the new capping stone

Landmark back to its best after £600,000 work

A £600,000 scheme has restored one of the Midlands' historical gems to its former glory.

The 84ft Wychbury Obelisk in the grounds of Hagley Hall has dominated the skyline for more than 200 years. But following a spate of vandalism and several lightning strikes, the structure, also known as the Hagley Obelisk, was deemed dangerous by engineers. Lord Cobham, who owns the Hagley estate, has been working with preservation group Natural England to restore it.

A survey report showed that work was needed immediately as it had been placed on English Heritage's buildings "at risk" register.

The restoration has taken eight months to complete by project management group Mark Van Ose and Associates and construction firm Midland Conservation Ltd.

A time capsule has been placed under the final pyramid stone on the top of the structure. Scaffolding will be brought down by November 5, with an opening ceremony planned for later this year.