

Coal Authority repairs grade I listed hotel in Nottinghamshire

The Coal Authority has worked closely with the owner of Thoresby Hall to repair minor subsidence damage, both inside and out, which followed a crack in the ground underneath the corner of the landmark building.

The £150,000 project started at the beginning of March 2020 with the main objective to minimise disruption to guests. However, work was soon paused when the COVID-19 lockdown was introduced and the hotel closed.

As restrictions were eased, our contractors returned to site at the end of May, following strict government guidance to safely and swiftly complete the job in June, enabling Warner Leisure Hotels to prepare for reopening in July.

Carrying out repairs in the Great Hall at Thoresby Hall.

Coal Authority project manager Rob Pilmore said:

There were a few challenges, including initially carrying out the repairs without disturbing guests staying at the hotel.

Due to the protected status of the hall and nature of the works, which included repairing carved stonework and the large decorative ceilings, we also required experienced stonemasons and specialist decorators.

Once restrictions were lifted and we were back on site the project was completed within a month. Our framework contractors have done a fantastic job – they've since been approached to carry out work on other hotels in the group.

Stuart Billington, head of property and capital Investment at Warner Leisure Hotels, said:

The works have been completed to the highest standard and the collaboration between the Coal Authority, their contractors and Warner Leisure Hotels worked incredibly well.

With these works carried out and our continuing investment, we are

able to maintain Thoresby Hall in all its glory for future generations to enjoy, while our guests can relax and explore the surrounding area for years to come.

Repainting the Library ceiling at Thoresby Hall.

The Coal Authority has been working to make a better future for people and the environment in mining areas for more than 25 years.

As part of our commitment to keep communities safe we have a coal mine hazard line – which can be called 24 hours a day, seven days a week, on 01623 646 333.

Thoresby Hall was built from 1864 to 1871 and is now a 4 star, 200 room hotel. Thoresby Colliery, Nottinghamshire's last coal mine, opened in 1925 and closed in 2015.