

LEWES PRIORY PARK

Bringing to Life A Medieval Monastery



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A specialist project to revive a significant historical monument has begun in Lewes East Sussex this week as Kier Southern starts the restoration and protection work at The Priory of St Pancras. Once complete, the fascinating history and beauty of this nationally important historical site will be much more accessible to the public.



The project is being funded by grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund and English Heritage obtained by Lewes Priory Trust which manages the site under a lease from Lewes Town Council.

The works to the historical site involve extensive stabilisation and repair works to the scheduled ancient monument as well as the removal of vegetation around the site, incorporating the protection of over 15 trees. Due to the historical nature of the buildings, the restoration project requires extensive sensitive stonework which will be carried out by specialist stonemasons.

When completed, the remains of the buildings will no longer be locked-away behind safety fencing, and there will be pathways, seats, and interpretation boards explaining the rich history of the Priory and its part in Lewes life over the centuries. This will all be supported by a carefully-planned education programme for schools and other institutions.

This will be the culmination of over 15 years work directed towards realizing the full potential of Lewes Priory as a site of immense cultural, historic, educational and tourist importance and allowing access for all.”



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