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Leas lift to reopen

THE Folkestone Leas Lift is expected to reopen tomorrow following essential repairs and maintenance to its braking system.

The work, carried out by E&P Engineering, started on Monday, October 31.

It was originally set to keep the famous attraction closed for about a week. But problems found elsewhere meant the date had to be pushed back.

Staff made the most of the situation by burying a time capsule at the base of its support frame.

The lift is expected to reopen on Saturday.

Finance director Terry Begent said: "We're all very frustrated that the lift has had to close for

such a long period, especially since it seems just a short while since we got it reopened again.

"However, our passengers' safety is our prime concern and prevention is better than a cure so we decided to carry this work out now.

"I would like to thank our passengers for the patience and forbearance that they have shown while we have been closed and look forward to seeing them again once we are back in service."

The lift's railway sleepers have been replaced as well as a small section of a support frame.

The buried time capsule was filled with pictures of those involved with the lift, historic pictures and copies of tickets.