

David's crowning glory



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New heights for craftsman David Ballantyne

CHRISTCHURCH designer-craftsman David Ballantyne's skills are soaring to new heights with his latest commission - the creation of a pair of majestic terracotta eagles.

The sculptures are replicas of the great birds that once stood sentinel over one of the main gateways to Poole Park.

The original eagles disappeared after Nortons Gates, on the north side of the park, were demolished

some 20 years ago to make way for a new road scheme.

They are now being rebuilt as part of Poole Council's park centenary restoration programme.

The council called on David, former head of ceramics at Bournemouth College, to provide the crowning glory.

"It's a tremendously challenging and hazardous undertaking," said David at his home in Chertons Farm Road, Walkford.