

# The day gardening defied the law of gravity!



**GARDENING** defied the law of gravity when some weeding needed doing at the 13th century Wybunbury Tower.

More than green fingers were necessary after it was discovered tree seedlings were sprouting on the outside walls between the stone slabs.

It took the services of an expert with a head for heights to deal

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with the problem.

Dave Ridley of Crewe donned his ropes and with the help of villager John Yale of Wybunbury, abseiled down the sides of the 90ft tower, prising out the plants that had taken root.

Aerial gardener Dave's hobby is pot-holing. He said: 'This is different. I normally use my equipment

for scaling deep shafts underground.

John Yale, who has done a lot of the minor renovation on the Tower explained that although the stone is in reasonable condition, it needs a certain amount of pointing.

Work is also needed on the side of the tower where the old church was demolished.

Fund-raising events organised by the Wybunbury Tower Preservation Trust will continue until restoration is complete.