

Extremely fragile coronation chair being restored

The medieval chair used in the coronation of monarchs is undergoing conservation work, in order to be ready for the crowning of King Charles III.

The 700-year-old oak chair is described as “extremely fragile” by conservation experts at Westminster Abbey.

The painstaking preservation work is intended to clean the chair and stabilise layers of flaking gilding.

It’s part of the preparations for the coronation ceremony to be held at the Abbey in London on 6 May.

The historic coronation chair, a centrepiece of the ceremony for centuries, is a “unique work of art”, says conservator Krista Blessley.

“It’s the oldest surviving piece of furniture still used for its original purpose,” she says.

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