

Local Orangemen to restore Boyne Obelisk



The work party at the Boyne Obelisk site. From left: Harry Cowan, Ricky Gibson, Rab McCartney, Dav O'Neill, Billy Wilson and Rab Hamilton.

During the summer, a new Orange Lodge was formed at the Boyle site — Boyne Obelisk LOL 1690 — comprising a number of local Orangemen.

It is a lodge of limited purposes and one of the important objectives of the lodge is the rebuilding of the Boyne Obelisk, which was higher than Nelson's

Column at approximately 170 feet, and which was blown up during the 1920s.

In September, a delegation visited the site to commence a clean up operation, led by the Newtownards members, accompanied by Orangemen who travelling from Omagh. The work party will return this month to carry on restoration of the obelisk.