



## Nestlé Giant Chimney Off Landscape

The giant chimney which towered over the former Nestle factory in Staverton has been taken down.

The chimney, now part of the Cereal Partners business, was no longer needed and was removed in stages by workmen who began at 6 a.m. last Saturday.

The work of taking down the structure was carried out by South West demolition company R M Penny, which finished at noon on Sunday.

Chris Penny, of R M Penny, said: "It was always intended as a two-day job, as parts of the factory had to be shut down, as it was necessary to prevent access to part of the site for safety reasons.

"During the work, we were very dependent on the weather, which was good and, thankfully, everything went according to plan."

The process of taking down the chimney, which was easily seen by people in the surrounding area, was done manually rather than being knocked down, to prevent any risk to the surrounding buildings.

In order to get close enough to the chimney, R M Penny also removed the structure's unused boiler and boiler house, so demolition workers could set up their cranes.

Mr. Penny said: "I was really pleased that everything went so smoothly with this project and it was very interesting to be involved with taking down one of biggest chimneys in area."

The Staverton site also used to be home to a brick chimney which was made by German prisoners of war.

The Second World War structure was knocked down about 20 years ago.

