

Kenilworth Station honoured in transport awards

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The new rail station at Kenilworth has been 'highly commended' in a regional award highlighting major transport projects in the West Midlands.

The Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation commended the project that brought a station back to Kenilworth for the first time since it had initially closed in 1965.

Building on the site of the former station, and using some of its former features such as the station sign and stained glass windows, the station was completed last year and now offers hourly journeys along the Leamington-Coventry line.

The commendation came in the Best Large Project category which highlights outstanding examples of transportation or highways project which have made a major contribution to the West Midlands.

Monica Fogarty, Chief Executive of Warwickshire County Council, said: "I am delighted that the station has received such outstanding recognition.

"The people of Kenilworth fought hard alongside the county council to get the station restored and have

shown their support in the best possible way since its reopening; by using it. In the first eleven months after opening, it has received just over 170,000 customer visits and that figure is growing as more and more people are seeing the benefits of leaving the car at home and using the train.”

The station is also one of only three projects to be shortlisted in CIHT’s national Best Public Transport Project category. Judging will take place in June.

Speaking about the national award, Monica added: “National recognition is the icing on the cake and, coming from renowned experts in the industry, reflects the huge complexity of a project that delivered a brand new station and rail service.”