

Expert renovation work was carried out at Lewes Priory

Renovation, conservation and interpretation at Lewes Priory have been rated expert by the Federation of Sussex Amenity Societies, enabling access by future generations.

The group's first Conservation and Design Award 2015 was presented to Lewes Priory Trust, architect Richard Andrews and building contractor Kier Construction, at a ceremony in Haywards Heath on Monday May 11.

The Priory ruins just off Cockshut Road were once an important Cluniac Priory established just after the Norman Conquest but today are an archaeological park offering a fascinating insight into monastic life.

Chairman of Lewes Priory Trust Sy Morse-Brown said: "We are very pleased that FOSAS has recognised our achievement.

"This is the fourth time that a major award has been given for the Trust's



Lewes Priory.

outstanding work at Priory Park."

Priory Park was reopened in 2011 thanks to £800,000 of funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and English Heritage. It took two years to restore the scheduled ancient monument.

And they have also made a spectacular place to hold events - last weekend the park hosted the annual Feast of St Pancras May Fair.