

**Promoting Quality Public Transport
in the East Midlands.....**



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TravelWatch East Midlands welcomes the opening of a 2nd new rail station in our region, this year with the introduction of a regular hourly service from Corby to London and a daily train from Melton Mowbray.

TravelWatch has lobbied for both the Parkway and Corby stations for many years and it is a reflection of the strong partnership between local & regional bodies (inc' *Corby Borough Council, EMDA, EMRA, Homes & Communities Agency (HCA), North Northants Development Company and Northamptonshire County Council*) working with the rail industry that these new facilities have at last been delivered.

The new rail station and interchange at Corby was officially opened on Monday 27 April by Secretary of State, Rt Hon Geoff Hoon MP, to coincide with the start of regular services.

- The new station is served by both bus and rail, with regular services to both Kettering and the surrounding area.
- It is a modern modular design, with an enclosed concourse, ticket office, toilets, platform canopy and importantly real time bus and rail information.
- Corby has 13 through trains to London St Pancras on Mondays to Saturdays, with a best time of 74 minutes. (Sunday services involve a change at Kettering).
- The station offers free parking and good interchange facilities for both taxis and bus services.

The pictures shows Tim Shoveller, Managing Director of East Midlands Trains (left) and Stephen Abbott, Hon Secretary of TravelWatch East Midlands and the plaque unveiled by Geoff Hoon.

Notes for Editors:

1. **TravelWatch East Midlands** is an alliance of groups representing the consumer interest across all modes of public transport. The organisation's aim is to represent the interests and concerns of public transport passengers across all forms of transport and to assist local and regional authorities' work towards an integrated and seamless quality public transport network for the East Midlands region.
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