

TransWilts volunteer shortlisted for outstanding contribution award



Lee Fletcher handing out TransWilts leaflets

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AN unsung hero who helped support the TransWilts rail service by voluntarily going door to door to publicise the route has been shortlisted for a national outstanding contribution award.

Lee Fletcher was nominated for the The Association of Community Rail Partnerships by the TransWilts Community Rail Partnership for getting the message out about the service to people.

The TransWilts rail service, which links Swindon and Westbury via Chippenham, Melksham and Trowbridge eight times each way per day, launched in December 2013.

Graham Ellis said: "Through rain and snow, through heat waves and storms, Lee has walked the streets of Trowbridge, Melksham and Chippenham to deliver public transport information sheets and timetables.

"With the help of his work the passenger numbers using the line to, from and through Melksham rose from 18,000 journeys in 2012 to 183,000 journeys in 2014. "

Mr Fletcher will be going up against four others from around the UK for the Outstanding Volunteer Contribution category at the awards, with the winner to be announced in Torquay on October 1.