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Renovation work is commended

An individual property renovation overseen by the Building Control Team at South Derbyshire District Council has been commended.

Improvements made to The Cottage, in Main Street, Smisby, were recognised at the East Midlands LABC Building Excellence Awards.

Work began in April last year by Ashby based contractor Lychgate Homes after architects David Granger Architectural Design, from Packington, drew up designs for the owner and developer Jayne Mansfield.

The Building Control team worked to ensure that high standards of health and safety, structural stability and energy efficiency were met.

Following extensive studies to improve the layout, the kitchen was demolished and a bathroom moved upstairs. A complex extension was also constructed to include a kitchen and breakfast area along with a utility room.

New windows, trusses, ridge and floor beams were fitted to give the cottage a contemporary, yet traditional, feel.

The work impressed award judges for its high building standards, technical innovation and sustainable design. The Cottage was commended in the best domestic extension or conversion category.

Mark Hewings, Building Control Manager at the District Council, said: "All of the parties involved worked together to make sure The Cottage could be enjoyed for future generations to come.

"Everyone was very proud of the final result, which created a traditional look from the street and an efficient and contemporary floor plan. We are delighted that all of the hard work has been recognised through these awards."

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