



PRESS RELEASE: National Transport Trust Awards 2025

David McNamee wins Lifetime Achievement Award

David McNamee of Slaidburn, Lancashire has been named as the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award at the National Transport Trust's annual awards ceremony.



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45 years ago David was asked to take his steam roller down to his local Lancashire village of Slaidburn, for the May Queen festival. After the event he parked the engine outside the village pub where it attracted a great deal of interest. The following year, there were three steam engines and the Slaidburn steam rally has been going every since.

Nowadays there are usually a dozen steam engines, anything up to 50 vintage and classic cars, and 40 vintage tractors along with threshing, blacksmithing, baling, basket weaving and clog-making.

Commenting on David's achievements, National Transport Trust Chairman Stuart Wilkinson said, "Funds raised have benefitted the local primary school and parish church, Young Farmers, the Silver Band and the local bowling club, the Air Ambulance, the British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research. To have not only started this event but to have remained in touch with it over so many years is a remarkable achievement, more so since David is a master mariner, and master mariners do not spend much time at home.

He keeps his hand in with skippering the *Daniel Adamson* from Liverpool along the River Weaver and our wholehearted congratulations go to David on his life's work in the field of transport preservation."

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