



PRESS RELEASE: National Transport Trust Awards 2025

De Havilland Museum announced as Preservationist of the Year

The London Colney-based De Havilland Museum has been announced as the National Transport Trust's Preservationist of the Year for its work on TA 122, a DH88 Mosquito constructed in 1945 and which has been restored by the museum over a period of almost 50 years



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Commenting on the award, National Transport Trust Chairman Stuart Wilkinson said, "The de Havilland DH88 Mosquito first saw service in 1941 and TA 122, a fighter/bomber, was sold out of service in 1950 to a Dutch museum for £15. To make it fit in its new home, the wing was sawn off either side of the fuselage.

"Around this time the de Havilland Museum was looking for a fighter-bomber and TA122 was acquired very incomplete. The early years of the restoration were spent gathering components, and work halted as other projects took priority.

"A wing was sourced from Israel; other components came from Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Work on the wing began in 1985; it took 15 years. The wing and fuselage were reunited in 2009; engine and propellers were fitted in 2014.

"TA 122 wears her 1945 605 Squadron colours and stands as a testament to the efforts of the De Havilland Museum team, Preservationists of the Year for 2025."

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