

## **PRESS RELEASE: National Transport Trust Awards 2023**

### **Oliver Heal receives Lifetime Achievement Award**

Oliver Heal of Knotty Green, Buckinghamshire has received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the National Transport Trust's (NTT) annual awards for his lifelong dedication and commitment to the historic Sunbeam automobile marque. The Award was received by the NTT's Mike Lunch on behalf of Oliver by the NTT's Royal Patron, Anne, HRH The Princess Royal at a ceremony held in the Railway Museum at Fawley Hill ([www.fawleyhill.co.uk](http://www.fawleyhill.co.uk)) on 18 September 2023.

Oliver's relationship with Sunbeam goes back to his father Anthony, who rescued many historic Sunbeam racing cars and started a collection of historic Sunbeam photographs and reference materials. Oliver has expanded the collection over the past 30 years and since Anthony's death has taken care of YP 7363, the family's 3-litre Super Sports Sunbeam which he has lovingly maintained and taken to many events and competitions.

NTT Chairman Stuart Wilkinson comments: "It is a huge credit to Oliver that YP 7363 is one of the most original 3-litre examples in existence today– he has resisted any restoration, pursuing a careful maintenance programme which has resulted in a car often being used as a reference for originality. Recognised world-wide as the pre-eminent Sunbeam Historian, Oliver has written the definitive history of the Sunbeam Company and many articles for transport heritage magazines. In 2022 he was a key member of the team that brought together National Motor Museum, Sunbeam Talbot Darracq Register and National Transport Trust to celebrate the centenary of the 350hp Sunbeam's Land Speed Record at Brooklands. We are delighted to present this worthy winner with a National Transport Trust Restoration Award."

### **Photographs**

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## **The National Transport Trust**

Founded in 1965, (as the Transport Trust), the National Transport Trust is the UK's only national charity established to promote and encourage the preservation and restoration of Britain's unique transport heritage in all its forms – by air, land (road and rail) and water (sea and inland). The Trust is managed within a very streamlined structure, with the Board of Trustees representing the wider interests of the nation, for whose benefit the Trust exists.

## **The National Transport Trust Awards**

The National Transport Trust Awards are a key event in the Trust's calendar. Designed to recognise and reward the efforts of the UK transport preservation movement, a number of awards are made to individuals and organisations every year. Categories include Preservationist of the Year, Young Preservationist of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, and Restoration Awards.

## **Help us to help them**

In order to help the UK's the preservation movement the Trust depends on its members and therefore encourages all those who share our aims to join us. Membership of the Trust is open to private individuals and affiliated organisations.

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