

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

### **Hamish McNaught announced as Young Preservationist of the Year**

The restoration of a 1930 Rolls Royce 20/25 has led to 20-year-old Hamish McNaught of Pershore, Worcestershire being announced as Young Preservationist of the Year at the National Transport Trust's (NTT) annual awards ceremony, held in the Railway Museum at Fawley Hill ([www.fawleyhill.co.uk](http://www.fawleyhill.co.uk)) on 18 September 2023.

Unable to attend the event himself due to having just joined the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, Hamish' parents Kenneth and Sarah McNaught accepted the award on his behalf from the NTT's Royal Patron, Anne, HRH The Princess Royal.

NTT Chairman Stuart Wilkinson comments: "At the age of 16 Hamish inherited his grandfather's 1930 Rolls Royce 20/25, a very handsome car with torpedo tourer coachwork by Rock, Thorpe and Watson Limited. Once he was able, he began to enjoy the car but a long-term overheating problem from which the car had suffered for much of its 26 years with the family became impossible to ignore, and an engine rebuild was the only answer. Repairing the cylinder block involved processes that were many and complex, and the opportunity was taken to overhaul not only major components and ancillaries plus transmission components such as the clutch. An older man now, this 20 year old has acquired many new skills over this period, and is a very worthy Young Preservationist of the Year."

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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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