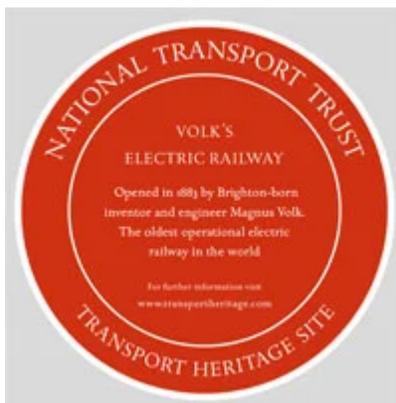




PRESS RELEASE: Volks Railway opens its 2024 season with a National Transport Trust Red Wheel

Volks Railway in Brighton celebrated the start of its 2024 season with the unveiling of a National Transport Trust (NTT) Red Wheel. The Red Wheel was unveiled by Volks Electric Railway Association Patron, journalist and newsreader Nicholas Owen alongside NTT Chair Stuart Wilkinson. Nicholas then went on to drive the first train of the year, a tradition on the Volks.



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Opened in 1883 by Brighton-born engineer and inventor, Magnus Volk, Volk's Electric Railway is the world's oldest operating electric railway, and was the world's first public electric railway. The line runs between terminal stations at Aquarium (a short distance from the Palace Pier) and Black Rock (at Black Rock, not far from Brighton Marina), with an intermediate station and depot at Paston Place. The line has a gauge of 825 mm (2 ft 8 ½ in), It is electrified at 160 V DC using a third rail, and is just under 2 km long.

NTT Chair Stuart Wilkinson said, "It is a real pleasure to be unveiling this Red Wheel, the latest to be unveiled amongst our 180 Red Wheels nationwide. It celebrates this exceptional early electric railway and cements Brighton's place in the history of innovative transport, alongside its electric buses of 1909, another Red Wheel site."

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