



PRESS RELEASE: National Transport Trust Awards 2024

The Griffin Trust wins restoration award for its 1960 CA Bedford pick-up truck

The restoration of a 1960 CA Bedford Pick-up truck has led to the Ellesmere Port-based Griffin Trust being announced as a winner of a Restoration Award at the National Transport Trust's (NTT) annual awards.



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This is effectively a nut & bolt restoration of this vehicle to provide a working as well as a show addition to the Trust's collection of Bedford trucks. Once a common sight, this was the Bedford version of the Transit van. This version is now rare, most examples being of the "Dormobile" variety. As a bonus it has a hand cranked tipping gear.

Progress to date has seen a re-built tipping body; the chassis stripped, sandblasted and painted. The cab has been welded and is now being prepared for painting. All the mechanics are undergoing renovation and reassembly is beginning at last, with the help of a student from the local college and the Trust's team of volunteers.

NTT Awards Director Paul Brooks comments, "The Griffin Trust do terrific work preserving items from the Vauxhall and Bedford stables and have featured previously in Awards line-ups. As well as the Vauxhall and Bedford products, they restore house and display many other items of local interest (including aircraft). This is a nice little project to restore a once common, but now rather forgotten

model of a lost marque. The effort going into the restoration is most commendable and aims to return the vehicle to fully operational condition, including the hand tipping gear. Not the sexiest of vehicles, but nevertheless worthy of an award.”

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