

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

## **Ian Cryer receives Sir William McAlpine Award**

Ian Cryer, a leading artist with a deep connection to the railway preservation movement, has been honoured with a Sir William McAlpine Award at the National Transport Trust's (NTT) annual awards. The Award was presented to Ian 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.

Lady Judy McAlpine, President of the National Transport Trust, comments: "Ian is a brilliant artist and past President of the Royal Institute of Painters in Oils who just happens to paint a lot of railway scenes. He has also written and illustrated a series of books about Rachael the Railway Horse, who pulled a railway wagon very similar to the one Ian has himself restored. Sir William McAlpine had enormous respect for Ian as an artist, a preservationist and long-time railway volunteer. It is therefore fitting that he is honoured with a 2023 Sir William McAlpine award."

## **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.

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## **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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