

PRESS RELEASE

NATIONAL TRANSPORT TRUST ANNOUNCES 2023 AWARD WINNERS

The National Transport Trust (est. 1965 as The Transport Trust) is the only national body which promotes and encourages the preservation and restoration of Britain's transport heritage in all its forms - road, rail, wings and water.

Each year the trust hosts a ceremony to recognise the efforts of those involved in the preservation of transport heritage by way of awards (many of which come with a financial grant) given to specific projects of particular merit, and individuals young and old who are making a significant personal contribution to preservation.

The Trust is delighted to announce the following winners for 2023:

Restoration Awards:

John Wylson of Lowestoft in Suffolk and the Excelsior Trust for the restoration of the 1906 Yarmouth shrimper, named HORACE AND HANNA

Stephen Prior of Midhurst West Sussex GU29 9JR for the restoration of a 1913 Armstrong Whitworth 17/25 touring car

Philip Jones of Admaston in Shropshire who is leading the restoration of Bainton & Berkhamstead, a pair of 1936 working class narrowboats

Nigel Bayes from Retford in Nottingham for his efforts to restore his 1933 Dennis 30 cwt fire engine

Andrew Robson and Katherine Norris of Colchester in Essex for the restoration of the 1914 Gentleman's Yacht "GLALA"

Volunteers from the City of Portsmouth Preserved Transport Depot, Wicor, Portsmouth Hampshire, for their restoration of a 1935 Leyland TD4 Open Top Double Decker Bus,

The Western Desert Recce Group based in Blantyre for the restoration of a Long Range Desert Group Chevrolet truck, kitted out exactly as was the case in the western desert by the LRDG medical officer, Doctor Richard Lawson.

Anthony Coulls of Shildon County Durham for the restoration of a 1926 Marshall "universal" steam roller

Lee Floyd and dedicated volunteers from Lincolnshire Vintage Vehicle Museum Lincoln who are for the restoration of the 1935 Midland Red (Birmingham & Midland Motor Omnibus Company) SOS DON bus originally operated by Trent Motor Traction Company

Steve DeLaSalle from Danbury in Essex the restoration of Rochester-built Thames sailing barge PUDGE .
Stephen Slater from Chesham in Buckinghamshire for the restoration of a 1930 Currie Wot single seat sports biplane 'Airymouse'

Andy Bishop from Ashbourne in Derbyshire for his outstanding restoration of a 1950 "Midland Red" coach 3352.

Dan Brook from Warrington in Cheshire, for the restoration of the 1922 Marshall Convertible steam engine "ZULU"

Individual Awards

Young Preservationists of the year

Henry Dukes age 11 from Bromyard in Herefordshire has been actively restoring a 1937 Austin 7 “Ruby” called “Ethelbert since he was 9 years old.

Hamish McNaught aged 20 from Pershore in Worcestershire who, having inherited his grandfather’s 1930 Rolls Royce 20/25 when he was 16, has set about restoring it single handedly.

Lifetime Achievement Awards

Barry Ford from Eastleigh in Hampshire for a lifetime of dedication to the restoration and running of the 1943 harbour defence launch HMS Medusa

Martin Southam and Karl Tecklenberg from Leicester for being the enduring part of the volunteer team who have been restoring the 1958 Leicester Leyland PD3 double decker bus since 1991

Oliver Heal from Knotty Green in Buckinghamshire for his outstanding and lifelong contribution to transport heritage in general and Sunbeam history in particular.

Preservationist of the Year

The Britten-Norman Preservation Society, based at the Isle of Wight Military and Heritage Museum, Cowes, Isle of Wight, for their continued and dedicated efforts to preserve and restore Charlie November, the last surviving Britten Norman Islander aircraft.

Awards will be presented in a formal gathering including winners, families, trust members and guests, in the Museum at Fawley Hill (By kind permission of Lady Judy McAlpine) on Monday 18th September.

For further information, more fulsome citations and imagery and media attendance at the award ceremony, contact Paul Brook paul.brook@nationaltransporttrust.org.uk 07979720466