



PRESS RELEASE: National Transport Trust (NTT) Awards 2026

Alfie Pike announced as Young Preservationist of the Year

Alfie Pike of Bicester, Oxfordshire, one of this year's Young Preservationists of the Year, has built an Austin 7 Special. The Pikes are an old-car family; his grandfather was a Bentley restorer and his father has an Austin 7 which Alfie revived during the Covid pandemic.



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At the end of 2024 Alfie bought a rolling Austin 7 chassis. His grandfather's death at the beginning of 2025 halted work until Alfie decided the best way to remember his grandfather was to get started again using grandfather's tools, and doing the work in grandfather's garage.

The two-seater was finished earlier this year and in March it passed its MOT and he got an age-related number from DVLA. Since March, he has rebuilt the engine twice and completely rebuilt the rear axle. When he left school, he secured an apprenticeship with a restoration firm at Bicester Heritage but the company stopped their apprenticeships because of the minimum wage increase.

Commenting on the award, NTT Awards Director Stuart Wilkinson says, "Fortunately Alfie has now secured a job with a local garage, who were impressed with the build quality of his Austin. It is not vintage or classic car work, but none the less it is good experience and an independent endorsement of his work. Congratulations to Alfie Pike, our Young Preservationist of the Year."

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