



PRESS RELEASE: National Transport Trust (NTT) Awards 2026

Dan Jones wins restoration award for his 1914 Marshall Traction Engine

This restoration by Dan Jones of Pewsham, Chippenham, Wiltshire has entailed an extensive boiler rebuild, full mechanical overhaul, full overhaul of steam fittings, sand blasting and full repaint and lining throughout. Its first owner was a Northamptonshire threshing contractor. It retired in 1953 but remained unloved until 1987 when it was initially brought back into steam, though not given a full restoration until 1990..



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The engine became a regular visitor to the late lamented Great Dorset Steam Fair. Dan's restoration began in 2020 and absolutely everything was dismantled, inspected and repaired or replaced as required, including fabrication of a copy of the original Marshall patented firebox.

Commenting on the award, NTT Awards Director Stuart Wilkinson says, "A good example of Dan's attention to detail is the injector. This model of engine was sold by Marshall's with steam injection as an option only. As this machine was to be used largely statically only a water pump was fitted. Dan wanted to use the engine on the move, so wanted an injector. As they are unavailable, he made one.

"Dan has form in this area. He won an NTT award for his Aveling and Porter roadroller in 202. He acknowledges the lessons he learned on the first restoration have been vital to the success of the second. On this occasion he also gets the Ron Wilsdon Award. It was Ron Wilsdon who had the idea for a Transport Trust, and was very much the drive behind our founding."

The National Transport Trust

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