



PRESS RELEASE: National Transport Trust (NTT) Awards 2026

Jimmy Ring announced as Young Preservationist of the Year

Jimmy Ring of Hampshire had just turned 16 when his Grandparents presented him with his first military vehicle restoration project, a 1941 Ford Jeep. Jimmy was no stranger to getting his hands dirty having learned his fabrication and welding skills from his father.



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Jimmy's Jeep, "16455" was found by a French dealer in military vehicles in the late 70's residing in the South of France and was retrieved to his yard in Paris. Jimmy's Grandfather had seen the Jeep there in the early 80's and bought her back to the UK for safe keeping, He started the restoration process in 2017 and completed it in 2023. As with all restoration projects he is still learning and tweaking the finer details but the Ring family is very happy with the Jeep having already completed tours of Arnhem and the Bastogne Winter Rally.

The Jeep was 1 of 150 ordered in 1941. They were delivered in knocked-down form in February 1942 and were assembled by the Bristol Tramworks Co.

Commenting on the Jimmy's achievement NTT Awards Director Stuart Wilkinson says, "On completion of the GP Jeep, Jimmy went on to gain an apprenticeship with Jim Stokes Workshops (JSW) in Waterlooville, Hampshire forging his career in classic car restoration whilst attending Bicester Heritage Skills Academy. Congratulations to him on winning a National Transport Trust Young Preservationist of the Year and we wish him all the very best for the future."

At the 2026 NTT Awards, Young Preservationist of the Year Jimmy Ring was presented with his certificate by last year's Young Preservationist of the Year, Jonathan Clarke.

The National Transport Trust

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