



PRESS RELEASE: National Transport Trust (NTT) Awards 2026

Warwickshire Industrial Locomotive Preservation Trust wins restoration award for its 1926 Manning Wardle Locomotive no. 2047

This locomotive (Works no 2047) was the last manufactured by Manning Wardle in Leeds before the company was wound up in 1927. The first owner was the Rugby Portland Cement Company. After 40 years service it was retired and in 1967 was offered to the Warwickshire Railway Society.



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It was the second locomotive to arrive at the embryo Severn Valley Railway where it was used for 10 years on works trains before it was sidelined following a boiler fault. The boiler was found to have three lap joints, a method of construction which had been declared dangerous and obsolete 1866, which begs the question as to why this boiler was constructed in this way 60 years later.

The years of inactivity were not kind to 2047 and the challenge faced by Warwickshire Industrial Locomotive Preservation Trust was to reconstruct a derelict steam locomotive into a working locomotive. It was designed and used as a works shunter but to make it viable for the future it needed upgrading to make it suitable to haul passenger trains. The firm of Israel Newton was engaged to sort out the boiler and the mechanical work was done in the Severn Valley Railway workshops by volunteers.

Commenting on the award, NTT Awards Director Stuart Wilkinson says, "Unsophisticated 2047 might be, but she is the sort of locomotive which will be able to earn her keep in the environment in which our preserved railways are now operating."

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