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Neil Gough of Washington, West Sussex wins restoration award for his 1915 Burrell Steam Wagon

Charles Burrell & Sons did not make many steam wagons – only 113 in total and Neil Gough's is now the only one that is complete. Great pains were taken to ensure the restoration from a few original parts and a boiler was 100% authentic. All the original parts sourced are from the original wagon which was scrapped in 1931. Even the owner's plates are original. Missing parts have been made by Neil in his own workshops – he is a professional machinist. The restoration is entirely Neil's own work, and it has taken eight years.



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The Bedford MW was one of the work-horse British military vehicles of the second war; over 60,000 were built, but the water tanker is scarce among those surviving.

The Griffin Trust, home to the Bedford Enthusiasts Club, acquired the tanker three years ago as a kit of parts, the restoration having stalled on the death of the owner.

Commenting on the award, NTT Awards Director Stuart Wilkinson says, "This is a truly magnificent restoration/rebuild from a pile of parts that have been lying around in various places for the best part of 100 years. Neil was lucky to have a contemporary picture of a wagon being built up in the Burrell works at Thetford and so was able to ensure the pipework in the cab was all in the correct place and followed the original routes. The workmanship is exceptional and it is clear that Neil is a perfectionist. The maroon paint on the wagon's wooden body is 13 coats thick. The sign-writing was the only area where a skill was bought in, and uses a large amount of gold leaf.

"Neil also receives the Sir Peter Allen Award. Sir Peter was one of our founder members and an early Chairman. He had a very strong interest in road steam, and even repatriated a steam roller from Portugal and named it after his wife. Who says romance is dead?"

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