



PRESS RELEASE: National Transport Trust (NTT) Awards 2026

Nene Valley Railway wins restoration award for its Hudswell Clarke 0-6-0 saddle tank *Derek Crouch* works no 1539

Hudswell Clarke's 0-6-0 saddle tank was a very successful design that survived the end of steam in mining use. *Derek Crouch* was one of the first locos to run on the Nene Valley Railway. It is named after a local contractor who worked it at Widdrington opencast mine and then subsequently. After coming out of service it served as a 'gate guardian' for many years before entering workshops for a complete overhaul to operational condition.



Click on image to download

Commenting on the award, NTT Awards Director Stuart Wilkinson says, "The significance of this restoration is that its initial cosmetic overhaul and now its full overhaul are being undertaken mainly by volunteers except where the skills required would be beyond the small team. In practical terms this means they have contracted out a new tube plate, firebox and firebox hole door.

"They rely on Nene Valley Railway only for workshop accommodation and tools.

The quality of workmanship is excellent and the aim is that it will outlast two boiler tickets and thus it will be 20 years before any reworking is required.

The primary team are all young people, one of whom now works for the railway, one in engineering in Peterborough and one for Locomotive Services Ltd in Crewe, demonstrating the value that heritage railways can bring to young engineers.

"It is planned to use it off-peak with three coaches, for driver experience and for goods demonstrations. It will be far more economic to run that most of its perhaps more glamorous shed-mates."

The National Transport Trust

Founded in 1965, (as the Transport Trust), the National Transport Trust is the UK's only national charity established to promote and encourage the preservation and restoration of Britain's unique transport heritage in all its forms – by air, land (road and rail) and water (sea and inland). The Trust is managed within a very streamlined structure, with the Board of Trustees representing the wider interests of the nation, for whose benefit the Trust exists.

Help us to help them

In order to help the UK's the preservation movement the Trust depends on its members and therefore encourages all those who share our aims to join us. Membership of the Trust is open to private individuals and affiliated organisations. You can help us to help others too; become a member, donate to the trust or you might even consider leaving the trust something in your will. This last part is vital to our work, see here for more: [National Transport Trust legacies](#)

National Transport Trust

Old Bank House, 26 Station Approach, Hinckley Wood, Surrey, KT10 0SR, London
United Kingdom

Tel: 0207928 6464

Email: info@nationaltransporttrust.org.uk

Web: www.nationaltransporttrust.org.uk

You received this email because you signed up on our website or made a purchase from us.

Unsubscribe

