



PRESS RELEASE: National Transport Trust Awards 2026

Ray Hingley announced as Preservationist of the Year

Ray Hingley of Brierley Hill, West Midlands has been announced as Preservationist of the Year at the 2026 National Transport Trust (NTT) Awards for his outstanding contribution to the preservation of historic commercial vehicles over the course of more than 50 years.



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Commenting on the award, NTT Awards Director Stuart Wilkinson says, "It would be an understatement to say that Ray is a well-known face in the road transport preservation scene. That's because his passion is – and has been for more than half a century – vintage and classic trucks. Not only has that passion driven Ray to collect and restore vehicles to an exceptionally high standard since the 1970s, but he's also a keen exhibitor who is universally known and recognised at classic truck shows up and down the country.

"But all this is only part of the story...for Ray is also highly regarded for the unstinting help he gives to others – it is not unknown for him to jump into his truck and personally deliver items he happens to have to fellow restorers around the country."

Ray's collection currently numbers 14, ranging from a 1920 Ford Model AA truck, through various classic British marques – AEC, Seddon, Seddon Atkinson, Guy and Leyland – to a modern classic in the form of a 1964 Scania LB76 tractor unit.

What makes Ray's LB76 especially noteworthy is that this particular vehicle was the very first truck imported into the UK by Scania. As such it introduced the UK transport industry to the Scania brand. It was literally the vehicle which started it all for Scania in the UK by convincing and inspiring British hauliers to make the transition to an entirely new breed of transport solution which promised hitherto

unseen levels of efficiency, safety and reliability. The medicine obviously worked, for today around one in five heavy trucks on Britain's roads carries the Scania marque.

Ray has regularly attended shows and events with his LB76 for many years, and has now just completed his second ground-up restoration of the vehicle. His plan is now for his son Alex to take over the show duties to ensure the story of this very special heritage vehicle continues to be told long into the future.

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.

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