

PRESS RELEASE: National Transport Trust Awards 2023

Excelsior Trust wins Restoration Award for the restoration of Horace and Hannah

The restoration of Horace and Hannah, a 1906 Yarmouth shrimper, has led to the Excelsior Trust being announced as a winner of a Restoration Award at the National Transport Trust's (NTT) annual awards. The Award was presented to John Wylson of the Excelsior Trust by the NTT's Royal Patron, Anne, HRH The Princess Royal at a ceremony held in the Railway Museum at Fawley Hill (www.fawleyhill.co.uk) on 18 September 2023.

Originally constructed in 1906, by 1906. Beeching Brothers of Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, Horace and Hannah is one of the last surviving Yarmouth Shrimpers – boats that caught shrimps for the holidaymakers of Great Yarmouth. She was in relatively good condition, having been rebuilt and restored to operational use in the 1980s. However, later on under new ownership she fell into disrepair and finally sank at her moorings after which she was donated to the Excelsior Trust for safe keeping.

NTT Awards Director Paul Brook comments: "With the hull scraped down and the stem iron removed for re-galvanising and many small repairs completed to the transom, progress is excellent. The work is undertaken by volunteers under the watchful eye of a small number of boatbuilding experts. The progress is impressive if, at times, challenging. Nevertheless the Excelsior Trust is doing a fine job preserving a vessel with real, regional, historic importance. Long-term she will act as a training vessel for the Trust's regular crews, who will be able to run trips for the public in down-time from Lowestoft's Historic Vessels Berth. For these reasons, the Excelsior Trust is well deserving of a National Transport Trust Restoration Award."

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Images related to this award can be found here: [Horace-and-Hannah-images](#)

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.

The National Transport Trust Awards

The National Transport Trust Awards are a key event in the Trust's calendar. Designed to recognise and reward the efforts of the UK transport preservation movement, a number of awards are made to individuals and organisations every year. Categories include Preservationist of the Year, Young Preservationist of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, and Restoration Awards.

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.

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