

PRESS RELEASE: National Transport Trust Awards 2023

Stephen Prior wins Restoration Award for his 1913 Armstrong Whitworth touring car

The restoration of a 1913 Armstrong Whitworth 17/25 touring car, has led to Midhurst, West Sussex-based Stephen Prior being announced as a winner of a Restoration Award at the National Transport Trust's (NTT) annual awards. The Award was presented to Stephen 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.

Armstrong and Whitworth are arguably two of the greatest names in British transport and engineering history famed for ships, aircraft and locomotives, and the two names run through the 20th century in so many different areas. As Armstrong Whitworth they only made cars between 1907-15, and even then in fairly small numbers but 15 different models. Research has only tracked down nine other survivors worldwide, and none are 17/25s like this one.

NTT Awards Director Paul Brook comments: "Stephen purchased the car in 2011 packed into tea chests and trunks. Fortunately it came with a set of drawings which have proved invaluable in trying to piece it together. The car is currently restored to a rolling chassis, and work is continuing on both the running gear and the bodywork – as such, this vehicle is a unique survivor of a great marque of transport history and a worthy recipient of an National Transport Trust Restoration Award."

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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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