

## **PRESS RELEASE: National Transport Trust Awards 2023**

### **Shrewsbury and Newport Canals Trust wins Restoration Award**

The restoration of Bainton and Berkhamsted, a pair of Woolwich class large working narrowboats, has led to the Shrewsbury and Newport Canals Trust being announced as a winner of a Restoration Award at the National Transport Trust's (NTT) annual awards.

Bainton & Berkhamsted were built by Harland & Woolf in London in 1936 for the Grand Union Canal Carrying Company, one of 24 pairs of motor and butty. Donated to the Shrewsbury and Newport Canals Trust by their former owner Roger White, they are today the last two still together as a pair.

NTT Awards Director Paul Brook comments: The Shrewsbury and Newport Canals Trust is working hard to see the boats feature as a centrepiece at their restored basin at Wappenshall Junction, where the Newport Branch met the Shrewsbury Canal and its Trench Arm. There is a second ambitious project that is closely entwined with the restoration of the basin, where the boats will be on display for the many visitors expected. As such, the Trust is thoroughly deserving of a 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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