

PRESS RELEASE: National Transport Trust Awards 2023

Anthony Coulls wins Restoration Award for his Marshall Universal Steam Roller

The restoration of a 1926 Marshall Universal steam roller has led to the Anthony Coulls of Shildon, County Durham, being announced as a winner of a Restoration Award at the National Transport Trust's (NTT) annual awards. The Award was presented to Anthony 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.

The Marshall Universal was the ultimate development of the steam roller. With high speed enclosed twin cylinder engine unit, precision steering and adjustable back axle and wheels, it was designed to roll tarmac and be a serious contender to challenge the motor rollers. This particular steam roller was the very first of the Marshall Universals and was the prototype, initially being fitted with steam steering. There are only six remaining in existence now, and none are in operation in steam in the public domain.

NTT Awards Director Paul Brook comments: "Andrew aims to recommission and reassemble the steam roller, which has been in store under cover since 1985. The roller is owned by an older gentleman and the ambition is to get it back in steam during 2023 so the owner can see his name on the roof sides and share this rare engine at rallies and events. It also happens to be the first steam roller Andrew drove as an eight-year-old, making him a very worthy recipient of this 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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