

PRESS RELEASE: National Transport Trust Awards 2023

Restoration of 'Zulu' receives Highly Commended accolade at the 2023 Awards

The ongoing restoration of Zulu, a 1922 Marshall Convertible Steam Engine, has been Highly Commended at the 2023 National Transport Trust Awards. The vehicle's owner, Dan Brook of Warrington, Cheshire, received the congratulations of 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.

Marshall engine 75408 was supplied new to the Isle of Man Transport Board in 1922. Unusually the engine was designed to be used both as a steam roller and a steam tractor, and was supplied with both rolls and wheels. During its working life it spent the winter months as a tractor, hauling timber, whilst in the summer it worked on the Islands roads as a roller. Eventually retired into preservation in the 1960s, but not before it was featured on a Royal Mail postage stamp. It is fair to say that Zulu rolled the roads that countless TTs have run on.

NTT Awards Director Paul Brook comments: "Dan is undertaking a ground-up restoration to an exceptional standard. Currently in 1,000 pieces, the engine has been completely dismantled and its firebox, tubes and other damaged boiler plates removed. In order to effect repairs, Dan has decided to do as much as he can himself. This has entailed designing and constructing specially designed riveting equipment, and he has even trained and qualified as a coded welder. This project is being recognised on three counts. First, it is a rare and probably unique engine. Second it has a very interesting history spent on the Isle of Man. Finally the restoration is being done virtually single handedly by a talented young engineer who represents the 'next generation'.

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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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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