

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

### **Henry Dukes announced as Young Preservationist of the Year**

The restoration of a 1937 Austin Ruby has led to 11-year-old Henry Dukes of Bromyard, Herefordshire being announced as Young Preservationist of the Year at the National Transport Trust's (NTT) annual awards. The Award was presented to Henry 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](http://www.fawleyhill.co.uk)) on 18 September 2023.

NTT Chairman Stuart Wilkinson comments: "Just after his ninth birthday, Henry, the third generation of Austin Seven enthusiasts in his family, found in a pile of scrap a completely derelict 1937 Ruby engine that was seized and had not run for over sixty years. He was very keen to find out how it worked and just eight months later, after a great deal of hard work, he had it running on the bench. Through regular reports and videos on his own Facebook page entitled 'Henry's Ruby', word was spreading through the Austin Seven community and offers of parts, services and sponsorship started to come in. A major milestone came in late 2022 when DVLA registered the car as SXS 665. By Spring 2023, work was sufficiently advanced for Ethelbert to legally take to the road and in July Henry was awarded 'Best Restoration in Progress' at the National Austin Seven Rally at Beaulieu. Work continues, but Henry's enthusiasm remains unabated. Another lost classic has been saved. A worthy, and very young, Young Preservationist of the Year."

### **Photographs**

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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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