

PRESS RELEASE: National Transport Trust Awards 2023

Britten-Norman Aircraft Preservation Society announced as Preservationist of the Year

The restoration from derelict to Museum Exhibit condition of Charlie November, a 1967 Britten-Norman Islander, has led to Fareham, Hampshire-based Britten-Norman Aircraft Preservation Society (BNAPS) being announced as the Preservationist of the Year at the National Transport Trust's (NTT) annual awards. The Award was presented to BNAPS members Bob Wealthy, Bob Wilson, Allan Wright and Andy Clancey 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.

NTT Chairman Stuart Wilkinson comments: "After a career in the Channel Islands and a subsequent move to the Caribbean, Charlie November returned to Bembridge Airfield, her place of origin, in 2000. However, conflicting priorities at the Britten-Norman company led to her being moved outside where she deteriorated considerably. At this point BNAPS stepped in and the decision was taken to restore her as a museum exhibit instead of trying to reach flying condition. This had the advantage of enabling many more of the original components to be retained and the result is an example which really is representative of the aircraft as built. The result is an excellent restoration and I wholeheartedly congratulate BNAPS as a worthy winner of our Preservationist of the Year award."

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The National Transport Trust

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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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