



## **PRESS RELEASE: National Transport Trust Awards 2024**

### **Richard Day wins Restoration Award for his Marshall Light Traction Engine**

The restoration of a rare 1910 Marshall No 2 Light Traction Engine has led to Richard Day of North Scarle, near Lincoln, being announced as a winner of a Restoration Award at the National Transport Trust's (NTT) annual awards.



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This project has involved the complete restoration of a very rare engine from an incomplete derelict wreck, which spent its working life in Tasmania. Marshall Light Traction engines were made for export and were single speed engines with a flywheel clutch, designed for direct traction ploughing and had unusual feed water heaters to raise overall thermal efficiency. This engine was the last one exported to Australia and then onward to Cheshunt Estate in Tasmania. It has all the available extras offered by Marshalls, such as springing all round and a rear water filling tundish. It is very rare, possibly a unique survivor, in that it is a two speed engine with the second speed pinion taking the place of the clutch.

NTT Awards Director Paul Brook comments: "This engine came back to the UK around 2007 but restoration did not start till 2016, and has been virtually continuous ever since. Everything has been done by the owner, including all the machining and fitting, apart from the boiler rebuild and pattern making. Numerous sub assemblies have been manufactured from Gainsborough Heritage drawings, including the complete rear man stand, winding drum support and drive, swivelling winch pulley, boiler

fittings etc. The single cylinder engine had a broken trunk guide, so a new one was cast and professionally welded to the original bed plate. The engine is currently in final stages of re assembly. "This is a unique traction engine that has been saved from the scrap man and brought back to life. The intention is to work the engine once complete and demonstrate thrashing and chaff cutting and eventually, direct traction ploughing once Richard has made a suitable plough. As such, Richard is a very deserving winner of a NTT Restoration Award."

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