

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

### **Stephen Middleton and family receive Sir William McAlpine Award**

The restoration of an ex-McAlpine locomotive has led to Stephen Middleton and family being honoured with a Sir William McAlpine Award at the National Transport Trust's (NTT) annual awards. The Award was presented to Stephen 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.

Lady Judy McAlpine, President of the National Transport Trust, comments: "Stephen is well known in railway preservation circles for his meticulous restorations of vintage carriages but not many know that he and his family have also restored an ex-McAlpine Hudswell Clark Engine No. 88: sister to the Fawley Hill Museum's No.31. Sir William would have been so thrilled to see the two engines together again. He would definitely have approved of his award going to a man who does such amazing work to preserve so much heritage rail stock, and run a railway that makes use of it."

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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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