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Chief Executive of Network Rail presents the 2020 National Railway Heritage Awards in a virtual ceremony as COVID-19 prevents physical ceremony from taking place

## National Railway Heritage Awards

Andrew Haines, the Chief Executive of Network Rail, was guest of honour at the 2020 National Railway Heritage Awards as the winners in this year's competition were announced in a virtual ceremony, reflecting the fact that restrictions on the holding of public gatherings as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis meant that the usual annual ceremony held at Merchant Taylors' Hall had had to be cancelled.

The **BAM Nuttall Partnership Award** was made to **Greater Anglia Railways** for the restoration of the modernised but Grade II listed station at **Harlow Town**.

The **NRHA Craft Skills Award**, recognising the best use of traditional craft skills in the restoration of a building or structure, was awarded to **Colt Construction Ltd** for the restoration of the Midland Railway signalbox at **Appleby** on the Settle to Carlisle line.

The **Urban Heritage Award**, sponsored by **the Arch Company**, was made to **Network Rail** and **LNER** for the impressive work completed at **Berwick-on-Tweed** station over a number of years, work that recognised not only the importance of the station itself but also the sensitivity of the historic site on which it stands.

This year's **Costain Structures Award** for the best restored structure, such as a viaduct or tunnel, was made to **Network Rail** work undertaken in refurbishing the 19th century railway bridges in **Manchester**, work which had considerably improved the streetscape.

The **London Underground Operational Enhancement Award** went to the **Network Rail** and **Story Construction Ltd** for the complex work undertaken at **Stirling** station in Scotland in restoring the platform canopies and footbridge whilst incorporating successfully the overhead line equipment associated with the 25kV electrification of the line through to Alloa.

The **Railway Heritage Trust Conservation Award** for the best restored structure supported by funding from the Trust was won by **the Greater Morpeth Development Trust**, **Northern** and **Network Rail** for the restoration of the main station building at **Morpeth**, on the East Coast main line.

The **Hendy & Pendle Trust Volunteers Award** was made to the **Ffestiniog Railway** for the restoration of the workshops at **Minffordd**, a project that owed much to the direction of this scheme of a long standing FR stalwart – Eileen Clayton MBE – who sadly died before the work was completed having maintained her enthusiasm for and involvement in the railway whilst battling Multiple Sclerosis.





The **Network Rail Community Award**, a new award for this year, was made to **Network Rail** for the restoration of the historic station building at **Goostrey** on the Crewe To Manchester line – work that was undertaken following a campaign by the Friends of Goostrey station and the local community.

The **Southeastern Commercial Restoration Award** was made to **Loftco** for the restoration of the near derelict – but historically important – Brunellian station building at **Cardiff Bay**.

The interesting project undertaken by Irish Rail to provide a new overall roof at Dublin Pearse was recognised by giving it a **Chairman's Special Award**

The **NRHA award for the best overall entry** in this year's competition went to **University of Northampton** for the stunning conversion of the former Midland Railway engine shed at **Northampton** into accommodation for the students' union. The transformation from roofless – but listed – ruin to the restored and useful structure was dramatic.



There were three unusual entrants that all featured restored graves; it was decided to reward these each with a **chairman's special Highly Commended Certificate**. The first of these was made to **Andy Savage** for the restoration of the grave of Mr and Mrs Jones – famous figures of the Ffestiniog Railway – at **Betws Garmon**. The second went to the **Parochial Church of the Harwich Peninsula Team Ministry** for work completed on the memorial to Captain Charles Fryatt at **Dovercourt**. The last was made to the **Friends of Scrayingham and Leppington Village** for the restoration of the grave of the 'Railway King', George Hudson, in **Scrayingham** churchyard.



The Awards ceremony is available for viewing on demand at <https://awards2020.nrha.org.uk/>

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## Highly commended entries:

### Partnership Award:

Pitlochry salt store  
Taunton Great Western Hotel

### Craft Skills Award:

Arnside footbridge  
Scarborough excursion seat

### Urban Heritage Award:

Shrewsbury station canopy  
Upminster station

### Structures Award:

Cogan footbridge  
New Mills Newtown footbridge

### Operational Enhancement:

Rawtenstall station canopy  
Rhyl station canopies and footbridge

### Conservation Award:

Dumbarton station roof tiles  
Lanark station railings

### Volunteers Award:

Irlam signalbox  
Parkend station shelter

### Community Award:

Cottingham station  
Dumfries station

### Commercial Restoration:

Lincoln station  
Wood Lane arches, London

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