

### WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2023

Bill Reeve presents the 2023 National Railway Heritage Awards at a ceremony on Wednesday 6 December 2023.

The Guest of Honour at the 2023 National Railway Heritage Awards held at Merchant Taylors' Hall in London on Wednesday 6 December 2023 was Bill Reeve, the Director of Rail, Transport Scotland.

The **BAM Nuttall Partnership Award** was made for the restoration of the historic turntable at **St Blazey** near Par by the **MPOWER Kernow Community Interest Company**.

The **Great Western Railway Craft Skills Award**, recognising the best use of traditional craft skills in the restoration of a building or structure, was made to **Robert and Anne Christie** for the impressive restoration work undertaken at **Cullybackey** station in Ballymena, Northern Ireland.

The **Urban Heritage Award**, sponsored by the **Arch Company**, was made to **Benedict O'Looney Architects** and **Network Rail and Railway Heritage Trust** for work completed on **Peckham Rye** station in London.

The **Translink Structures Award** for the best-restored structure, such as a viaduct or tunnel, was made to two projects. Firstly, **National Highways** was recognised for work on **Westfield viaduct** near **Bathgate**. The second award was made to **Network Rail** and **Story Contracting** for the project on the viaduct across the Forth at **Stirling**.

The **London Underground Operational Enhancement Award** went to **Network Rail** for the sympathetic way in which safety railings had been installed at **Sydney Gardens** in **Bath**, arguably one of the most sensitive of locations where the provision of new fencing was required.

The **Network Rail Conservation Award** for the best restored structure supported by funding from the **Railway Heritage Trust** was won by **Centenary Lounge Ltd** for the splendid restoration of the refreshment rooms on the Down platform at **Leamington Spa**.

The **Hendy & Pendle Trust Volunteers Award** was made to the **Wensleydale Railway** for the replacement of the North Eastern Railway style level crossing gates at **Crakehall**.

The **Avanti West Coast Community Award**, for the restoration of a railway building for community use, was made to **Network Rail, GWR, DRA** and **Devon & Cornwall Rail Partnership** for the work completed at **Okehampton** station.

The **National Highways Award** for a restoration project on a closed line, which highlights bringing back into sustainable use a building or structure no longer owned by the railway industry, was made to **Paul Kirwan** and **Cecilia Chavez-Brandon** for the restoration of the station at **Rowden Mill**.

The **SouthEastern Commercial Restoration Award**, for projects bringing into a new commercial use a railway building, was made to the **Arch Company, Benedict O'Looney Architects**, and **Frankham**, for the restoration of the **Findlater's Corner** at **London Bridge** station.

In recognition of the success of the **Leighton Buzzard Railway** in securing its long-term future whilst working with the developers of an adjoining major housing development, the railway was given a Commendation.

The **Greater Anglia Award** for the best overall entry in this year's competition went to **Folkestone Harbour Ltd** for the dramatic project at **Folkestone Harbour** station that has seen the location transformed.

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## Other shortlisted entries

<b>The BAM Nuttall Partnership Award</b>	Edinburgh – Granton Gasworks station and Square (City of Edinburgh Council)
	London Paddington station – the Paxton canopy area (Network Rail Wales & Western)
<b>The Great Western Railway Craft Skills Award</b>	Morpeth – platform canopy (Colt Construction)
	Warwick – historic furniture (Chiltern Railways)
<b>The Arch Company Award for Urban Heritage</b>	Aberdeen – station concourse (ScotRail Trains)
	Coventry – heritage tile restoration (Avanti West Coast)
<b>The Translink Structures Award</b>	Berwick – Royal Border Bridge (Network Rail, Story Contracting and Ropetech Access Solutions Ltd)
	Roxburgh – Teviot Viaduct (National Highways)
<b>The London Underground Operational Enhancement Award</b>	Cockfosters – step-free access (Transport for London)
	Robertsbridge turntable (Rother Valley Railway Ltd)
<b>The Network Rail Conservation Award</b>	Didcot – water tank restoration (Great Western Society Ltd)
	Holyhead – train shed restoration (Network Rail)
<b>The Hendy &amp; Pendle Trust Volunteers Award</b>	Hollingbourne – community café and hub (Kent Community Rail Partnership and Southeastern)
	Randalstown – viaduct (Tidy Randalstown)
<b>The Avanti West Coast Community Award</b>	Bishopstone station (Govia Thameslink Railway)
	Eynsford station (Darent Valley Community Rail Partnership)
<b>National Highways Award</b>	Edinburgh – Engine Yard (People for Places Developments Ltd)
	Manchester – Castlefield viaduct (National Trust)
<b>The Southeastern Commercial Restoration Award</b>	Ladybank station (Journey Counselling & Wellbeing)
	Leamington Spa – refreshment rooms (Centenary Lounge Ltd)



The ceremony was recorded and can be viewed on-line and the details are at [nrha.org.uk](http://nrha.org.uk)



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