

News about STEAM TRAINS at the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway
“The Railway Children’s Railway”

KEIGHLEY & WORTH VALLEY RAILWAY PRESENTED WITH MAJOR NATIONAL AWARD

The internationally-acclaimed Keighley and Worth Valley Railway, which since 1968 has operated steam trains through West Yorkshire’s Brontë Country, has been presented with a major national award to honour its 40th Anniversary.



Photograph by Dr. Chris Butler shows KWVR volunteers Ken Cook (second from left) and Bruce MacDougall (second from right) receiving the award from Dame Margaret Weston DBE. Also present are members of the North Norfolk

The trade body for Britain’s preserved lines, the Heritage Railway Association, has given its Annual Award for Large Groups to the Keighley and Worth Valley “for its entire operation over forty years”. The presentation was made at the Association’s Annual General Meeting at Wolverhampton by its President, Dame Margaret Weston DBE.

The Award is shared with the North Norfolk Railway - which has re-opened the Sheringham to Holt section of the Midland and Great Northern Joint Railway system, which closed 50 years ago this month - for their rescue and preservation of a unique articulated set of Great Northern Railway wooden-bodied carriages.

Dame Margaret said: "In any other year, either organisation would have been an outstanding winner. Both are worthy winners for their long term commitment to the management of two very different projects".

The trophy will be displayed on the KWVLR, which operates steam and heritage diesel trains on the five mile long line from Keighley to Haworth and Oxenhope before being taken to Sheringham for display on the North Norfolk.

The Keighley and Worth Valley Railway's Chairman, Paul Brown, says the Award is for everyone connected with the Worth Valley Railway's revival: "It thanks everyone who has played any part in making our Railway one of the world's great heritage lines during the past 40 and more years".

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Note to Editors:

The Heritage Railway Association represents the majority of heritage and tourist railways and railway preservation groups within both the U.K, and Ireland. It has over 250 corporate members and these include not only heritage and tourist railways and most of the railway museums and steam centres, but also the smaller locomotive and rolling stock preservation groups. Groups and individuals involved with the preservation of stations and other railway buildings are also included in the membership range.

Britain's heritage railways operate more miles of track than the London Underground and employ more than a thousand people, supported by at least 20,000+ regular volunteers.

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