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Lord Adonis presents the 2009 Awards

Lord Adonis, Secretary of State for Transport, presented the 2009 National Railway Heritage Awards at a ceremony held at Merchant Taylors' Hall in London today.

He began by presenting the Ian Allan Publishing Heritage Railway of the Year Award to the **Welsh Highland Railway** in recognition of the successful relaying of the line through to Porthmadog and for the restoration of passenger services through the Aberglaslyn Pass to Hafod y Llyn.

This year's Modern Railways Restoration Award for the most meritorious entry in the commercial sector went to **Places for People** for their project to convert part of the former London & North Western Railway workshops at Wolverton into residential units.

The Invensys Rail Signalling Award for the best restored signal box or signalling installation was won jointly by **Network Rail** in the Structures section for their restoration of Beckingham signal box and by the **North Norfolk Railway** in the Signalling section for the preserved line's installation at the box at Holt.

The London Underground Accessibility Award went to **Iarnród Éireann** (Irish Rail) for the work undertaken at Hazelhatch & Celbridge station, west of Dublin, in successfully incorporating the surviving Great Southern & Western station building in an enlarged and modernised suburban station.

The Railway Heritage Trust Conservation Award for the best restored listed structure to which the Trust had contributed was won jointly by **The Arkwright Society**, for its work on the main station building at Cromford, and by **Tim Collis and Ryan Phelps**, for their restoration of the waiting room at the same station.

The FirstGroup Craft Skills Award, recognising the best use of traditional craft skills in the restoration of a building or structure, was also awarded jointly this time to **Network Rail** for the work undertaken at Garsdale and to **Stanley Hurn** for the conversion of the disused station building at Gunton into a private house.

The National Railway Heritage Awards Volunteers Award represented a further success for the **North Norfolk Railway** for the work in recreating a typical Midland & Great Northern Joint Railway signal box at Holt.

The Network Rail Partnership Award was a third award where the judges felt unable to distinguish between two excellent entries. Here the award was made to **First Transpennine Express** for the creation of Travel Extra Hull Paragon Station and to the **Ffestiniog Railway** for the restoration and expansion of the Old Engine shed at Boston Lodge.

The Association of Train Operating Companies' Station Environment Award was won by **Chiltern Railways** for work undertaken over a number of years on many of its principal stations such as the extension of London Marylebone, the refurbishment work at Leamington Spa and the upgrading of Birmingham Moor Street.

The Transport for London Award was won by **London Underground Ltd** for the restoration of the Maida Vale station on the Bakerloo Line, a station that originally dated to 1915.

The Ian Allan Publishing Award, given to the best overall entry in this year's competition, went to the **Welsh Highland Railway Construction Ltd** for the multi-million Pound scheme to restore and reopen the long-closed Welsh Highland Railway.

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National Railway Heritage Awards 2009

Competition Award Winners

Awards are shown in
order of presentation

The Ian Allan Publishing Heritage Railway of the Year Award:

Welsh Highland Railway [*Welsh Highland Railway
Construction Ltd*]

The FirstGroup Craft Skills Award:

Garsdale Station [*Network Rail*]
Gunton Station [*Stanley Hurn*]

The Modern Railways Restoration Award:

Wolverton Park [*Places for People*]

The National Railway Heritage Awards Volunteers Award:

Holt Signalling [*North Norfolk Railway*]

The Invensys Rail Signalling Award:

Structures:

Beckingham Signal Box [*Network Rail*]

Signalling:

Holt Signalling [*North Norfolk Railway*]

The Network Rail Partnership Award:

Boston Lodge Old Locomotive Shed [*Ffestiniog
Railway Society*]

Hull Paragon Station Travel Extra [*First Transpennine
Express*]

The London Underground Accessibility Award:

Hazelhatch & Celbridge Station [*Iarnród
Éireann/Irish Rail*]

The ATOC Station Environment Award:

Chiltern Railways

The Transport for London Award:

Maida Vale Station [*London Underground Ltd*]

The Railway Heritage Trust Conservation Award:

Cromford Station Main Building [*The Arkwright
Society*]

Cromford Station Waiting Room [*Messrs Collis and
Phelps*]

The Ian Allan Publishing Award:

Welsh Highland Railway [*Welsh Highland Railway
Construction Ltd*]