



# Press Release

## Railway Heritage Trust funded project at Hull wins award



The restoration of the former booking office area at Hull station, refurbished and converted to a community area in a project funded by the Railway Heritage Trust, First TransPennine Express, and Travel Extra, has been jointly awarded the Network Rail partnership award in the National Railway Heritage Awards. Lord Adonis, the then Secretary of State for Transport, had presented the plaque to First TransPennine Express on 2 December 2009; it was unveiled at Hull on 7 May by Neil Barthorpe, Network Rail's Account Director for Community Rail. Also present were Vernon Barker, Managing Director of First TransPennine Express, Sue Balthazar of Travel Extra, Andy Savage, Executive Director of the Railway Heritage Trust, and Dean Lancaster, Station Manager at Hull.

Andy Savage said 'The restoration of the former booking hall for community use is an excellent example of finding new uses for redundant railway accommodation. The Trust is pleased to have supported this work, and delighted that it has been recognised by this award.'

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## **Note to editors**

The Railway Heritage Trust is a Company Limited by Guarantee, which aims to:

- encourage the conservation and enhancement of railway buildings and structures which are listed or scheduled and are of special architectural or historic interest, and;
- act as a catalyst between outside parties and owners in the conservation and alternative use of non-operational property, including the possible transfer of responsibility to local trusts or other interested organisations.

The Trust awards grants to a value of some £2 million a year to achieve these objectives.

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