



Press Release

Sheffield Tap gains an Award and a further grant



Councillor Alan Law JP, the Lord Mayor of Sheffield unveiled a plaque commemorating the award of a National Railway Heritage Award in the Sheffield Tap, Sheffield station's favourite pub. At the same time the Tap announced the award of a new grant of £67,000 from the Railway Heritage Trust, to fund its expansion into the adjacent former first class dining room

The Sheffield Tap opened in 2010, having restored the former bar on platform 1 of Sheffield station after years of dereliction. It has established itself as one of Sheffield's favourite watering holes, and has already expanded once.

The careful restoration of the original features of the bar led to it being awarded the Modern Railways category of the 2010 National Railway Heritage Awards, for the most meritorious commercial entry. The Lord Mayor of Sheffield, Councillor Alan Law JP, unveiled a plaque to commemorate the award on 15 February, and at the same time announced a grant of £67,000 towards restoring the adjacent former first class dining room. This room, which has unique tiled finish, is to be re-commissioned as a public area, complete with a micro-brewery showing how beer is produced.

Jamie Hawksworth, managing director of Pivovar Tap Ltd, who operate the Sheffield tap said:

We are delighted with the success of the Sheffield Tap, and that it has won this prestigious national award . We are particularly grateful to the Railway Heritage Trust for its past and future support, and are looking forward to the re-opening of the first class dining room later this year.'

Andy Savage, executive director of the Railway Heritage Trust, added:

'The Trust is delighted to have been able to support bringing this part of Sheffield Station back into public use. The work of Pivovar Tap Ltd at Sheffield shows how there can be modern commercial use of listed buildings, to the benefit of the public and the railway. We think that Pivovar Tap Ltd deserves particular credit for its sympathetic use of the original structure, including its ceilings and tiled features, as well as the bar itself. The National Railway Heritage Award is a well-deserved recognition of this.'

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Note to editors

Pivovar Ltd is the UK partner of the Czech brewery Bernard, and operates Pivni York and the Euston Tap as well as the Sheffield Tap.

The **National Railway Heritage Awards** are awarded every December to the projects that encourage and reward best practice in the restoration and continued upkeep of the UK's rich heritage of railway and tramway buildings and structures.

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, and gave a grant of £60,000 towards the original restoration of the Tap, one of nine grants of a value of some £430,000 that it has given to work on Sheffield station.

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