



PRESS RELEASE: National Transport Trust

Latest Red Wheel designates 1930s Highland Road Upgrade as a site of transport heritage

Scotland's latest National Transport Trust Red Wheel designating a site of transport heritage is for one of the country's finest 20th century roads; the upgraded A82 between Tyndrum and Glencoe Village.



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Unveiling the Red Wheel at the Bridge of Orchy Hotel on 24 April, National Transport Trust vice-president John Cameron CBE said that too often we took our roads for granted, complaining about, say, potholes when we should be marvelling at their story of constant improvement from Roman times onward.

Conceived at a time of depression and built at a time when more tourists were heading north in search of Nessie, the A82 upgrading transformed what had been an unsurfaced track into the fine road on a new alignment that now gives visitors a superb appreciation of Glen Coe while quickening lorryloads of Scottish produce on their way to market.

John Cameron recalled that at the official opening of the entire project in September 1934, then transport minister Leslie Hore-Belisha had accepted a sgiàn dubh with which he cut a ribbon of Cameron tartan declaring that the new A82 was a symbol of Britain's recovering strength, like the liner Queen Mary which had been launched days before at Clydebank.

Conveniently, the old route became available for conversion 40 years later between Tyndrum and Kingshouse to form part of the West Highland Way.

Editors' note

There are now 178 National Transport Trust Red Wheels at heritage sites across Britain.

The wording on the Highland Road Upgrade Red Wheel is as follows : *This road, built between 1928 and 1932, replaced an unsurfaced track and is an outstanding example of work to open up the Highlands to motor traffic.*

The QR Code on the Red Wheel takes visitors' smartphones phone to the National Transport Trust website for a full account of the A82 upgrade.

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