

**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **London Transport Museum's Director Sam Mullins recognised in New Year's honours**



The Director of London Transport Museum, Sam Mullins, has been awarded an OBE for services to London Transport Museum in the New Year's Honours.

Sam joined the Museum in 1994 and under his leadership it has become the world's leading museum of urban transport and a much-loved visitor attraction - popular with people interested in art and design as well as with transport enthusiasts, families, and those with an interest in the history of London. Annual visitor numbers to the Museum have grown from 180,000 to approximately 400,000 under his stewardship.

A leading member of the museum sector, Sam has developed many innovative projects and partnerships to increase public engagement. Since 1994 he has led the creation of the first publicly accessible museum store in the UK at Acton Depot in West London (1999), overseen the £22m redevelopment of London Transport Museum in Covent Garden (2007) and introduced Hidden London tours of disused Tube stations (2015).

Sam led the Museum's smooth transition to charity governance in 2008. He is committed to the Museum's rich programme of formal and informal learning, and skills development across London. A highlight is the Museum's Enjoyment to Employment programme which focuses on turning childhood enthusiasm for transport into a career in the industry through the Museum's work to reach children and young people at key points throughout their

learning and development. He is a historian and co-author of 'Underground: How the Tube Shaped London' (2012).

Sam Mullins said: "I'm thrilled to be included in the New Year's Honours list. Being recognised in this way proves that museum's have a big role to play in people's lives. My colleagues and I are developing new ways to inspire people to get involved with museums – through unique experiences, employability, skills, training and volunteering.

London's Transport Commissioner, Mike Brown MVO, said: "Huge congratulations to Sam on his award in the New Year's Honours. He is deserving of the recognition and his efforts have had a positive effect on many people, both within and outside Transport for London and the London Transport Museum."

Sam has made a significant contribution to the museum sector as past chairman of the Association of Independent Museums (AIM), where he led the campaign for Gift Aid on admissions, editor of the Social History Curators Group, board member and professional development mentor for the Museums Association, and a trustee of the Royal Logistics Corps Museum. He is currently Vice President of the Association of Museums, a trustee of SS Great Britain in Bristol, the Museum Prize Trust, and Chair of the Museum Advisory Board of the Canal & River Trust. Later this year he will become President of the International Association of Transport Museums.

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**Notes to editors**

**About Sam Mullins**

Sam grew up in Salisbury and now lives in Dalston East London. Prior to joining London Transport Museum he has worked at a number of museums: including the Verulamium at St Albans, and Market Harborough Museum in Shropshire. He is a Fellow of the Museum's Association, of the Society of Antiquarians and of the Royal Society for the Arts. He has written and contributed to a number of publications:

- **'The Bus during World War One'** in **Bus Fare, collected writings on London's most loved means of transport, edited by Joe Kerr and Travis Elborough, AA, 2018.**
- Contributor to **Omnibus; social history of the London bus**, LT Museum, 2014
- **Underground; how the Tube Shaped London**, with David Bownes and Oliver Green, Allen Lane, 2012
- **St Albans in Old Photographs**, Alan Sutton Publishing, 1994
- **Talking Shop: Shops and Shopping in Twentieth Century Market Harborough**, Alan Sutton Publishing, 1994. (with David Stockdale)
- **Local Societies and the History Curator**, in **Social History in Museums: a Handbook for Professionals**, eds. D.Fleming, C.Paine, J.Rhodes, HMSO, 1993
- **British Olympians: Dr Brookes and the Wenlock Olympics**, Birmingham Olympic Council in association with the British Olympic Association, 1986
- **Cap and Apron: an Oral History of Domestic Service in the Shires, 1900-1950**, Leicestershire Museums, 1986. (with Gareth Griffiths)
- **Hidden Harborough: the making of the townscape of Market Harborough**, Leicestershire Museums, 1985. (with Michael Glasson)
- **Much Wenlock; a historical trail**, Shropshire County Museums, 1982
- **And Old Mrs Rideout and All** a history of Salisbury's Country Carriers', in *Wiltshire Folklife*, Vol II, no.1 (1978)

#### **About London Transport Museum**

- London Transport Museum is situated in the heart of Covent Garden and filled with stunning exhibits. The Museum explores the powerful link between transport and the growth of modern London, culture and society since 1800. Historic vehicles, world-famous posters and the very best objects from the Museum's extraordinary collection are brought together to tell the story of London's development and the part transport played in defining the unique identity of the city.
- London Transport Museum is an educational and heritage preservation charity. Its purpose is to conserve and explain the history of London's transport, to offer people an understanding of the Capital's past development and to engage them in the debate about its future. The Museum's charity number is 1123122.
- London Transport Museum is supported by public funding from Arts Council England.
- London Transport Museum opening hours:
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