

News Release

Birse Rail's Andy Hill wins prestigious Rail Safety Person of the Year Award

Pop mogul and former railwayman Pete Waterman, accompanied by Iain Coucher, Chief Executive of Network Rail and Michael Roberts, Director General of ATOC gave the presentations at this year's RailStaff Awards which were held at the ICC in Birmingham on Saturday November 1st.

Birse Rail's Andy Hill won the well-deserved Rail Safety Person of the Year Award because he has shown the courage of his convictions with regards to the safety of the railway for many years and was praised for his ability to communicate safety issues at all levels of the organisation, putting forward practical solutions to resolve problems without compromising the integrity of safety systems.

Andy has over 20 years experience in civil engineering, eight of which have been in the rail industry. He is well respected among the Birse workforce and is a great believer in leading by example, always placing safety as his number one priority. He has been the driving force behind promoting Birse Rail's "Work Safe" policy and his ability to raise issues and challenge behaviors has set a great example to the "men at the sharp end".

When one of his gang members had a seizure whilst at the lineside in April this year, Andy immediately administered the appropriate first aid, taking care of the clearly unwell man while also ensuring the safety of the other men under his control. At the same time he also used his extensive railway experience in assisting the emergency teams gain access to the operational railway.

Other shortlisted nominees from Birse Rail were Grant Toseland, Gareth Ashman and Chris Spragg who must be congratulated in reaching the final stages.

Pictured: Andy Hill (far right) receiving his award from Pete Waterman and Pino DeRosa, Managing Director Bridgeway Consulting

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