



## National Transport Trust Red Wheel Heritage Plaques

### Proposed Red Wheel at Kingsway Tram Subway, Holborn

#### Heritage statement

The National Transport Trust erects its Red Wheels at sites of transport significance. The Kingsway Tram Subway in Holborn, Grade 2 listed in the London Borough of Camden (leading through to Westminster), is an appropriate location for a number of reasons:

- \* It is probably the last remaining example of the once extensive London County Council Tramway network, subsequently taken over by the London Passenger Transport Board
- \* The location features twin tram tracks and the unusual power conduit used on some parts of London's tram network, all of which can be clearly seen from outside the gates at the top of the ramp
- \* There is a high pedestrian foot-fall crossing Kingsway at this point many of whom will be unfamiliar with this part of London's rich transport history

The Trust has positioned the Red Wheel to be prominent but to cause the minimum damage to the gatepost. A Borough Engineer has attended (Shane Greig) and confirmed that the Red Wheel fixings can be made into the mortar joints so there will be minimal damage. The QR Code plate below it could be similarly fixed for at least two of its screws although the other two might need to be into the stone: they are fixed with 6mm wall plugs and anti-tamper screws.

It is anticipated that the Red Wheel will create a deal of interest in this fascinating location and serve to inform passers-by as to where the ramp leads, and for what purpose.

The text for the Red Wheel is:

KINGSWAY  
TRAM SUBWAY  
1906 - 1952  
Northern end of a cross-London tram  
link showing, between the tracks, the  
unusual conduit power supply

The text on the Red Wheel will, as with the Trust's other Red Wheels, be supported by further information and photographs on our website, <https://www.nationaltransporttrust.org.uk/red-wheels>