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Long serving volunteers honoured by East Lancs Railway

Two stalwarts of heritage railways, who are uniquely associated with the Flying Scotsman, received a surprise visit to their workshops in January from Mike Kelly, Chairman of the East Lancs Railway (ELR) to honour their dedication to the railway.

Mike presented Ian Riley and Colin Green with their ELR Long Service Awards and a framed print of the Black Horse/Flying Scotsman advert, which features iconic scenes filmed along the ELR.

Ian, who has served 44 years as an ELR working volunteer and Colin, who has served 30 years, were not able to attend the railway's awards evening last October as they were busy.

Mike Kelly said: "It took all of three months to pin them down but I was determined to present their much-deserved plaques in person and to be able to say thank you for their many years of service with the ELR."

Ian and Colin said: "We look back with pride and fondness on our many years volunteering with this very special heritage railway, and it was a really nice and pleasant surprise to receive these awards to mark the good times we've had."

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