Royal visit to world's oldest underground carriage

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The event was part of ongoing celebrations to mark the 150th anniversary of London's Underground.

Recently refurbished to full working order by the London Transport Museum with a £422,000 HLF grant, the carriage was built in 1892 and is the only known surviving example of 59 carriages built for the first steam-hauled London Underground line.

Running on what we now know as the Circle Line, the carriage was part of a fleet known as 'Jubilee' stock after their introduction during Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887.

Withdrawn from service in 1905, when the Metropolitan Railway was electrified, the Jubilee carriage was acquired by London Transport in 1974. Now restored, it offers an exciting glimpse into the world of early underground train travel.

Notes to editors

For more about the 150th Anniversary of the London Underground please visit the TFL website or London Transport Museum website.

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