

The LNER Poppy Train sets off on its journey

An LNER Azuma train has been named in honour of those who serve in the armed forces, and those who have served in the past.

The train, an 800111 unit, will run up and down the East Coast Main Line reminding everyone who sees it of those who lost their lives.

Former Royal Navy Petty Officer, Helen Firth, and Royal Air Force Senior Aircraftman, Will Warwick, officially launched the special named train at London King's Cross ahead of its journey to Aberdeen.

They are pictured alongside LNER's special liveried InterCity 225 "For the Fallen" (Class 91 No. 91111) which is dedicated to those who lost their lives during World War One, "Thank You" was welcomed into service by former military personnel who now work for LNER.

James Downey, Director of Business Services, and Executive sponsor of LNER's veterans' community, said: "As a signatory of the Armed Forces covenant, we feel it is incredibly important to show our debt of gratitude to those who have served and continue to do so. We are proud that Azuma 800111 will carry our message of thanks. We hope this special livery acts as a moving reminder to all who see "Thank You" on our route."



