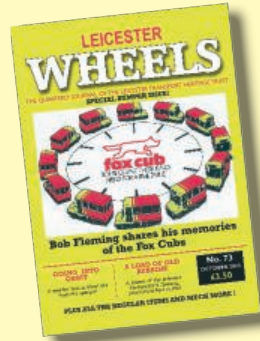


The Purpose of the Trust

The purpose of the Leicester Transport Heritage Trust is to encourage interest in the history of road transport in Leicestershire by setting up a museum and heritage centre for the display of vehicles, artefacts, archive material and for the public to be able to travel on heritage buses from time to time.

“Leicester Wheels” our Quarterly Journal

As part of the annual subscription, members receive a quarterly journal in January, April, July and October. The topics covered in the journal include trams, buses and commercial vehicles including artefacts, archive material, the reminiscences of people who worked in or took an interest in local transport plus regular reports on the restoration and maintenance of the buses. Members are also encouraged to submit their own contributions.



Monthly Members' Meetings

All members of the Trust are welcome to come along to the Braunstone Civic Centre, 209 Kingsway, Leicester on the second Saturday of each month to enjoy presentations on a variety of transport related topics.

The informal meetings start at 10 o'clock and last until about 12.30 p.m. There is a coffee break half way through the proceedings which also allows members an opportunity to chat and purchase items from a sales stand.

Vehicle Restoration and Maintenance Team

The team is run by Richard Worman who is also the Trust's Chairman. He, along with several other volunteer Trust members, spend each Saturday carrying out restoration and maintenance work on the Trust's buses at a location to the northwest of Leicester.

As more of the buses belonging to both the Trust and its members become roadworthy, it is equally important that maintenance work is carried out on a regular basis. If you think that you would be able to lend a helping hand from time to time, please feel free to give Richard a call on 07795 486637.

Archive and Artefacts Collection

The Trust's archive goes back to the 1830s and covers many eras when stage coaches, horse buses, horse trams, electric trams and motor buses were in operation. The collection includes Photographs, Vehicle Drawings, Transport Committee Meetings minutes, Tickets, Ticket Machines, Newspaper Cuttings, Uniforms, Timetables and Employee Application Forms. Much of the archive has a rich social history content.

Currently the archive is housed in rooms in central Leicester. A team of members are sorting and cataloguing the archive on a regular basis. If you have any items which you consider you would like to donate to the Trust, please call our Archive Director, Mike Greenwood, on 0116 239 3996.

The Old Stoneygate District Tram Depot

The Stoneygate Tram Depot was constructed in 1904 on London Road at the boundary between the city and Oadby. This was the new Stoneygate terminus to coincide with the introduction of electric trams to Leicester's streets. This “district” depot (like a similar one built on Narborough Road) was constructed to complement the main depot on Abbey Park Road and could accommodate six trams.

However, it was not merely a site for an overnight stay, for it also boasted maintenance pits underneath the tram tracks. Furthermore, outbuildings in the yard in front of the depot included an office and men's room.

In 1922, the decision was made to expand the central depot which meant that the two district depots were no longer required. As a result, the Stoneygate depot was leased out for many years to various motor engineers, notably including Browetts, who expanded their site into what is today the Shell petrol station on the Oadby side of the boundary. The out buildings, however, were retained by the Corporation and converted into public toilets and the 1920s art deco 'Beryl' urinals remain in place!

Fortunately, the building received very little alteration and the Trust was delighted that it was able to obtain a lease on this iconic building in April 2013.

A great deal of repair and cosmetic work has been undertaken and the premises are opened to the public on an occasional basis when the Trust is able to display a selection from its vehicle and archive collections. The interest and support of the public has been nothing short of exceptional. The next stage is to transform the Tram Depot into a permanent Transport Heritage Centre for the public to enjoy.



The Tram Depot was awarded a prestigious Transport Trust 'Red Wheel' heritage plaque in 2016.

Vehicle Collection

The Trust's vehicle collection currently consists of nine Leicester City Transport buses, two Midland Red buses, a Midland Fox bus, a First Leicester bus, a small van and a former Kirby & West Milk Float!

In addition to the above Trust members also privately own (or with other individuals) nine more Leicester City Transport buses, a Gibson coach, two Leicester CityBus buses, a Brown's Blue RT bus, a Straws coach, the remnants of Leicester tram number 31 and a variety of classic cars! With these vehicles and other associated local collections, together with its extensive archive, the Trust is able to fulfil its educational and outreach objectives.



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