



# NORTHAMPTON TRANSPORT HERITAGE

Giving our Past, A Future

Information Leaflet & Membership Form



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# Who We Are, What We Do

Northampton Transport Heritage is a registered charity and was formed in September 2017, principally to look after three ex-Northampton Corporation Transport vehicles: ANH 154, DNH 197 and JVV 267G. We have also recently added to our collection a 2000's "modern" vehicle which is an accessibility compliant - ex-First group 66334 MV02 VBZ, a Volvo B7L with Wright Eclipse Metro bodywork. We are now also custodians of VV9146, a 1946 Crossley DD42/3 ex Northampton Corporation which was kindly donated to us by the estate of the late John Jackson. We also have regular access to "associate" vehicles owned by our members including BNH 246C a 1965 ex-NCT Daimler CVG6, H654 VVV a 1990 ex Stagecoach United Counties Leyland Olympian, SOX 859 a Commer TS3 Avenger ex-Wesleys Coach Services. (See "Our vehicles" overleaf for more details).



In addition, we also use at various times, other member vehicles (with their kind permission) such as ex-Barton Transport No. 851 – 851 FNN an AEC Regent V 2D3RA with Northern Counties FL37/33F body, (*below left*), Sun Stream Coaches MYB 33 Bedford OB with Duple Vista C29F body (*below middle*) and R738 XRV ("Lady Patricia") Volvo Olympian OLY-50 with Northern Counties Palatine PO44/29F body. (*Below right*)



We also have extensive archive material of NCT which along with the vehicles, we aim to conserve and ultimately make available to the public via a museum. Our key ethos is to encourage interest and study of our vehicles, and we encourage schools, community groups and businesses to get involved and contact us for availability of these icons of the past. That is not all though, within our eventual aim to create a transport museum for Northampton and the shire, we aim to cater for all aspects of the rich transport heritage of town and county, whether it be bus, car, lorry, rail or water. If its transport-related with a Northamptonshire connection, we are interested!

We produce four newsletters per year and have regular members outings and meetings with guest speakers and we hold regular "maintenance" days where members are encouraged to get involved and help clean and maintain our vehicles.

We believe that our vehicles are equally important as any building, historically, as icons of Northamptonshire and we actively work with local authorities and other heritage groups to protect, preserve and promote our heritage, bringing these vehicles to the public at events or displays.

For more information about Northampton Transport Heritage go to our facebook page, website, or contact our Publicity Officer Phil Curtis on 07929 907923 philntfcok1022@gmail.com or to join as a member fill out the form on the back page. To find out about our events contact our Membership & Events Secretary Malcolm Tales on ntheritage@talktalk.net 07816 676175.

We are always looking for new members and volunteers, so why not join us?

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## Membership Application Form

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I wish to become a member of Northampton Transport Heritage and agree to be bound by its membership rules.

Name: .....

Address :.....

Town: .....Post Code.....

Tel No: ..... Mobile: .....

E-Mail.....

Areas of Special Interest: .....

Please tick any of the following boxes where you may be able to provide active support:

Restoration/Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Research work	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/>
Archive work	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Donation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Events	<input type="checkbox"/>

The annual membership fees (tick applicable) are:

Adult: £25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family: £35.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Junior (under 16): £5.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Voluntary Donation: £ ..... Date of Birth (if Under 18): .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Parent/Guardian signature if under 18 years old: .....

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To **Gift Aid** your membership fee and /or your donation please see and complete the details over leaf.

To help us develop our offer to members would you please tell us your main reason for joining NTH? Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

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**Corporate membership level is available upon request, please contact us for details.**

### Payments:

- Cheques payable to 'Northampton Transport Heritage' (NOT "NTH")
- <https://www.paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/charity/4311966>
- Bank Transfer to Sort code: 30-96-09 Account No. 71987568
- Use ref. "New Member"
- Send this completed form (both sides) to:  
M Tales, Membership Secretary, 94 Reynard Way, Northampton NN2 8QY or scan and email to [ntheritage@talktalk.net](mailto:ntheritage@talktalk.net)

**Please see over for NTH privacy statement and Gift Aid**

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# Our Vehicles

## No. 146 – VV9146 Crossley DD42/3 with Roe H31/25R body



VV 9146 – No. 146 is a remarkable survivor and was new to Northampton Corporation Transport in October 1946 as batch of ten vehicles that were meant to be five Daimler, five Crossley. In the end Daimler could not supply and Crossley supplied all ten. 146 remained in service until withdrawal in February 1963 when it was bought by Hunt Bros, scrap dealers of Molesworth who bought several ex-Northampton vehicles. These vehicles were to remain in the yard for many years until rescued by enthusiasts. 146 was bought, along with 140 and 142, by the late Norman Myers in 1974 and was largely complete. It continued to deteriorate having to sit outside in a field in Scotland before it was bought by the late John Jackson in conjunction with Tony Melia in 2007. After a painstaking eight-year restoration, 146 was once again ready to hit the road. In 2016 it made the long journey home to Northampton, the first time in fifty-three years, to take part in Heritage Open Days where it proved very popular. The death of John Jackson meant that as part of his wishes, 146 was transferred to the care of NTH in June 2021. NTH are delighted to have been appointed custodians of this fine and historic vehicle and owe both John and Tony a debt of gratitude for preserving such a wonderful vehicle.

## No. 154 – ANH 154 Daimler CVG6 with NCB H30/26R body

No. 154 was new in 1947 as part of a batch of 20 buses (Nos 150-169) with bodywork built by Northern Coachbuilders. No. 154 was withdrawn from passenger service in 1964 having 'clocked up' some 620,790 miles in service in the town. It was retained for use as a driver training vehicle until 1969. It then had a brief period as a promotional vehicle until 1978 when it went into storage at St James' bus depot. In 1990 the bus entered preservation with the 154 Preservation Society and over £20,000 has been spent on restoring and maintaining No. 154.



## No. 267 – JVV 267G Daimler CVG6 with Roe H33/26R body



The last traditional Northampton Transport bus and last in a batch of 5 buses (Nos 263-7) delivered in 1968. No. 267 has the distinction of being the last Daimler half cab bus, the last rear entrance bus without doors, the last pre-selector gearbox bus and the last Roe teak framed body to be supplied for the home market. For the years between 1964 and 1972 the Northampton Transport fleet of 88 buses was wholly comprised of this type of bus. This bus survived with the corporation long after the rest of the marque had been withdrawn from service and was even given a full repaint in 1985 when the seats were also re-upholstered. No.267 continued to be retained for 'special duties'. It was eventually withdrawn and entered preservation in October 1993.

## No. 197 – DNH 197 Daimler CVG6 with Roe/PRV H31/25R body

DNH 197 was one of a batch of ten (190-199) Daimler CVG6' delivered in two batches (August & December 1953). The first batch had traditional teak framed bodywork by Charles H Roe of Leeds. The second batch however, was delivered with metal framed bodies supplied by Roe owners, Park Royal Vehicles, a major supplier to London Transport. The chassis were also noteworthy in retaining the traditional exposed Daimler radiator as opposed to adopting the new look Birmingham style front end of 1950. As well as being 8ft wide and having a strip-contact bell push, along the entire lower saloon, this batch had two other "firsts"; they were the first vehicles to be delivered with the new livery of vermillion broken only by a single narrow white strip above the lower saloon windows, and they did not have a side destination screen. 197 is currently off the road and requiring approximately £30,000 worth of restoration work, and we are seeking donations and funding to carry out this work, so this vehicle can also join its sisters in delivering Northampton's living history.



### **No. 66334 – MV02 VBZ Volvo B7L with Wright Eclipse Metro B41F+33 body**

One of a batch of 75 similar buses (Nos 711-785) delivered to First at Manchester between May and July 2002 for use in connection with the Commonwealth Games. Originally numbered 721 the bus was transferred to Northampton in October 2002 and along with 24 identical buses formed the hub of the First Northampton fleet for the next ten years. It gained fleet number 358 in the local numbering series and subsequently became 66334 in the First national numbering scheme. In 2012 most of the batch were transferred to First Eastern Counties for use in Norwich as part of a low emissions initiative. The bus spent much of its later years in Great Yarmouth area where it was withdrawn in March 2020 and sold to EnsignBus dealers before being acquired by NTH in June 2020. Restoration works are ongoing. This style of Wright bodywork was significant in being at the forefront of 'easy access' design.



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### **Associate vehicles – Made available to us by NTH members**

#### **No. 654 – H654 VVV Leyland Olympian with Alexander RL H51/36F body**



The last of 5 buses (Nos 650-654) delivered in October 1990 in Stagecoach 'stripes' livery with United Counties fleet names. After a brief time at Northampton, 654 was allocated to Kettering depot whilst the other four went to Huntingdon. The bus became 14054 under Stagecoach renumbering. It later spent some time at Bedford depot before being withdrawn in 2010 and subsequently sold to Mortons Coaches of Tadley near Basingstoke who used it on rail replacement and school services. In 2016 the bus entered Mortons heritage fleet and regained Stagecoach livery with Hampshire Bus fleetnames. The bus was acquired for continuing preservation by a group of enthusiasts in May 2018 and now carries United Counties livery. The bus is now in the care of members of Northampton Transport Heritage.

#### **No. 246 – BNH 246C Daimler CVG6 with Roe H33/26R body**

The first in a batch of 6 buses (Nos. 246-251) delivered in 1965 and what had become the 'standard' Northampton Transport bus. It was numerically the first bus to have a saloon heating system. The bus was withdrawn in 1982 when it was one of only four half cab buses left in service with Northampton Transport. In 1987 it was purchased by the Provincial Traction Company and was hired to Travel Well Coaches (Luton) for use primarily on school contracts. It suffered a major engine failure in 1989. It was rescued for preservation from a scrapyard in 1993 and restored mechanically. Restoration has continued with work to the body and interior and it is intended to bring the vehicle back to the original specification.



#### **No. 102 – SOX 859 – Commer Avenger III with Duple Super Vega C41F body Wesleys Coach Services**

A typical 1950's coach, although the Commer was more unusual than the Bedford version. The coach was delivered new to Worthington Motor Tours Limited of Birmingham in May 1956. The coach passed to Wesleys, who were avid Commer operators, in August 1963 becoming their fleet number 102. Following withdrawal in August 1972 the coach was purchased by Haven Evangelical Church, Pembroke Dock and in October 1981 passed to the Great Brickhill Christian Fellowship in Milton Keynes. The vehicle first entered preservation with M.J. Perry at Ledbury in 1988 and has recently been acquired by the present group after passing through a number of preservationists. The intention is to restore the coach to Wesleys cream and blue.



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## Privacy Statement:

The information which you give when completing the Membership Application and updating your details thereafter will be used in line with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 and for these purposes:

- to create a record of your application.
- to enable the application to be processed.
- to enable NTH to contact you by post/email with information pertaining to your membership and as a requirement of membership.
- The information will be kept securely, will be retained no longer than is necessary whilst still a member and will not be shared with any third parties.

Please indicate your preferred methods of contact: E-mail:  Postal:  Tel/Text:

I agree to be contacted by NTH in accordance with the above privacy statement:

Signed: .....

Date:.....

## Disability Access Statement:

We want you to get the maximum enjoyment from your membership. If you have any disabilities that might restrict your participation in any of our events, please let us know if there is anything, we can do to accommodate your needs.

Unfortunately, most of our vehicles themselves are not likely to be 'easy access' but where appropriate and available we will utilise 66334-MV02 VBZ our accessibility compliant vehicle to enable participation for all.

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Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address details are needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer;

Name: ..... House No./Name: ..... Postcode: .....

To Gift Aid your membership fee and/or donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my membership fee and/or donation of £ \_\_\_\_ and any membership fees and/or donations I make in the future or have made since May 2021 to: **Northampton Transport Heritage**

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please notify the charity if you:

- want to cancel this declaration • change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

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