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## **About Us**

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. Since then we have added, significantly, to our representative collection and we now boast fourteen vehicles that we have and use as part of our fleet. (See "Our vehicles" overleaf for more details).

We also have extensive archive material of Northampton Corporation Transport and other transport ephemera which we have in our archive centre and along with the vehicles, we conserve and make available to the public. 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 it's 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. Using our vehicles is a key part of our ethos, to bring them out to the public and have them used for what they were intended to do. As such, we host various members trips throughout the year, as well as attending local community events. We also work closely with local authorities to host four "flagship" events each year, at Wellingborough, Northampton and Daventry. You can normally see one or more of our vehicles traversing the county throughout the season.

For more information about Northampton Transport Heritage go to our facebook page, website, or contact our email on contactus@ntheritage.org 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 <u>events@ntheritage.org</u> or 07816 676175.

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

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### NORTHAMPTON TRANSPORT HERITAGE

### Membership Application Form

**Registered Charity No. 1194533** 

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

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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. 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. 778 – CBD 778K – United Counties Bristol VRT with ECW H39/31F body.



One of nine similar vehicles – Nos. 777-785, CBD 777-785K – delivered to United Counties between January and August 1972 as a Series 2 specification (flat front) and was the last of fifteen vehicles to be rebuilt to Series 3 specification. This upgrade took three years to complete between June 1983 and June 1986 and the bus eventually re-entered service repainted in United Counties privatised livery. It was withdrawn in November 1988 and passed via PVS, dealers, to Kinch of Barrow on Soar and saw service in the Loughborough and Leicester area. In October 1989 Kinch was taken over by Midland Fox and the bus moved to that operator and became a source for spares. In the early part of 1990, the bus passed to Wigleys, dealers, and by the end of the year had entered preservation.

Substantial restoration work has been carried out to bring the bus to the standard you now see it in. It now carries National Bus Company livery. 778 was purchased by the current owners in November 2022 and is now in the care of members of Northampton Transport Heritage.

#### No. 260 - GRP 260D Bristol MW6G/ECW C39F.



One of three MW dual-purpose coaches bought new by United Counties (Nos 260-262). The coach entered service at Northampton in March 1966 but spent much of its' operational life at Bedford where it is said to have been the prison bus – transporting prisoners who could be handcuffed to the seat handrails! In 1974 the coach was repainted into National white livery and two years later was transferred to Biggleswade depot and finally withdrawn at the beginning of 1978. The coach then passed through two dealers before being purchased by Turlin Moor Middle School at Hamworthy, Poole, Dorset in July 1978. By 1985 the coach had moved to nearby Bournemouth and the 130 (Bournemouth) ATC Squadron who used it for three years before it moved

into private ownership. In 1989 it was purchased by Buckland Omnibus Company at Stoke-on-Trent and named Florence. It underwent some restoration, fitted with replacement seats from a Bristol RE coach and returned to passenger service. The company relocated to Woodbridge in June 1990 and 260 transferred there where it remained in service until purchased by the current owner in December 2022 and returned to Northamptonshire. The coach is now in the care of Northampton Transport Heritage.

#### No. 201 – YBD 201 - Bristol MW5G with ECW C34F body.



One of only four MW coaches bought new by United Counties (Nos 200-203). The coach entered service at Northampton in June 1961 with a six cylinder Gardner engine but only remained in service with United Counties until the end of 1963 when, along with 200 and 202, it was transferred to fellow Tilling Group company Eastern National of Chelmsford as their fleet number 051 and later becoming 348. Whilst in service with them it was fitted with a five-cylinder Gardner engine. Withdrawn in April 1975 the coach then passed through a number of contractors and preservationists before entering service with North Somerset Coaches of Nailsea in

November 2009 where it stayed until September 2011. After time with a preservationist the coach went to Belfast City Sightseeing where it remained from November 2013 until July 2018 when it moved to Orkney. This vehicle is now in the care of Northampton Transport Heritage.

Other vehicles in our collection include;

VV 9141 (chassis only) 1946 Crossley DD42/3 (NCT), DNH 197 -1953 Daimler CVG6 (NCT), PBD 40R – 1977 Bristol VRT (NCT), L381 NBD – Mercedes Mini Bus (UC), N301 XRP – Mercedes Mini Bus (UC), N306 XRP – Mercedes Mini Bus (UC), MV02 VBZ – 2002 Volvo B7 (First Northampton)

## Northampton Transport Heritage

#### **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:	Please	indicate	your	preferred	methods	of	contact:	E-mail:		Postal:		Tel/Text:	
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I agree to be contacted by NTH in accordance with the above privacy statement:

Signed: ..... Dat

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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Please return this form, both sides fully completed, to the address overleaf.

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