

# NORTHAMPTON TRANSPORT HERITAGE



## Information Booklet & Membership Form



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# About NTH

Northampton Transport Heritage was formed in September 2017, principally to look after three ex-Northampton Corporation Transport vehicles: ANH 154, DNH 197 and JVV 267G to secure their future for the public to access them and ride upon them. We also have access to vehicles owned by our members including BNH 246C a 1965 ex-NCT Daimler CVG6, NBD 311F a 1967 ex-United Counties Bristol RE and two recent additions to our fleet (owned by members) include H654 VVV a 1990 ex Stagecoach United Counties Leyland Olympian and SOX 859 a Commer TS3 Avenger ex-Wesleys Coach Services.

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

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. NTH is currently in the process of applying for Charitable status.

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

For more information about Northampton Transport Heritage go to our facebook page or contact our Publicity Officer Phil Curtis on 07929 907923 [philntfcok1022@gmail.com](mailto:philntfcok1022@gmail.com) or to join as a member or find out about our events contact our Membership & Events Secretary Malcolm Tales on [ntheritage@talktalk.net](mailto:ntheritage@talktalk.net) 07816 676175.



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## Our Vehicles, and Associate Vehicles

**No. 154 – ANH 154 Daimler CVG6 with NCB H30/26R body** was new in 1947 as part of a batch of 20 buses (Nos 150-169) with bodywork built by Northern Coachbuilders. This was the largest single batch of buses delivered to the Corporation until one-person operation was introduced in 1973. At the time these buses were built materials were still in short supply, later in life the bodywork tended to sag as the result of un-seasoned timber being used in the framing. 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 Group and over £10,000 has been spent on restoring and maintaining No. 154.



**No. 267 – JVV 267G Daimler CVG6 with Roe H33/26R body** is the last traditional Northampton Transport bus and last in a batch of 5 buses (Nos 263-7) delivered in 1968. half cab bus, the last rear entrance bus without last Roe teak framed body to be supplied for the 1972 the Northampton Transport fleet of 88 buses survived with the corporation long after the rest of was even given a full repaint in 1985 when the to be retained for ‘special duties’. It was eventually 1993 when First took over Northampton Transport. Since maintenance of the bus.



No. 267 has the distinction of being the last Daimler doors, the last pre-selector gearbox bus and the home market. For the years between 1964 and was wholly comprised of this type of bus. This bus the marque had been withdrawn from service and seats were also re-upholstered. No.267 continued withdrawn and entered preservation in October then over £20,000 has been spent on restoration and

**No. 197 – DNH 197 Daimler CVG6 with Park Royal Roe H31/25R body** 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 stripe and they did not have a side destination. It is easy to see how 197 shares its graceful lines with the famous Park Royal bodied London RT bus.



**No. 654 – H654 VVV Leyland Olympian with Alexander RL H51/36F body** was the last of 5 buses (Nos 650-654) delivered in October 1990 in Stagecoach ‘stripes’ livery with United Counties fleetnames. 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 and is made available to NTH as an associate vehicle.



**No. 311 – NBD 311F Bristol RELL6G with ECW B53F body** was new to United Counties Omnibus Company in October 1967 as their fleet number 311 the bus was one of a batch of 8 similar vehicles (Nos. 306-13). The Bristol/ECW combination was the standard vehicle specification for buses supplied to the Tilling Group companies – later to become part of the National Bus Company. The bus spent several years operating from Huntingdon garage and later at Stony Stratford garage – hence the green and black fleet number plate it now carries – before ending its service with United Counties at Luton in December 1985. It was transferred to the newly formed Luton and District Transport in January 1986 where it had the distinction of being the only Bristol RE to receive their red and cream livery. It remained in service until March 1988 and then entered preservation and became a staff restoration project. The bus went to a private preservationist in 1996 but, unfortunately, was derelict by 1999. In June 2009 the bus changed hands and was acquired by a Gloucestershire preservationist and underwent a virtual rebuild before being painted in the Tilling Green livery it carried when new. In mid-2013 the bus moved back to Northamptonshire when a local enthusiast bought the vehicle and it was purchased by the current owner for ongoing preservation in July 2017. 311 is also kindly made available to NTH as an associate vehicle by a member.



# Join us – Become a member!



I wish to become a member of Northampton Transport Heritage.

Name: .....

Address 1: .....

Address 2: .....

Town: ..... County ..... Postcode: .....

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

E-mail: .....

Areas of Special Interest: .....

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

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Restoration & Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> | Archive work | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Research work             | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fundraising  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Regular Donations         | <input type="checkbox"/> | Events       | <input type="checkbox"/> |

The annual membership fees are:

Single £15.00  Family £25.00  Under 18 years £5.00

Additional Voluntary Donation: £.....

Date of Birth if Under 18 Years.....

Signed ..... Date .....

Parent/Guardian Signature if under 16 years old .....

NTH welcomes applications from all people regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, disability, faith or religion and our **Equal Opportunities Statement** is available on request. We want you to get the maximum enjoyment from your membership. If you have any **disabilities** that restrict your participation in events and we are able to make any adjustments to accommodate your needs, please let us know. Unfortunately, the buses themselves, given their age are not likely to be 'easy access'.

### Data Protection Statement

The information which you give when completing your Membership Application and updating your details thereafter will be used in conjunction with the General Data Protection Regulations act 2018 and for the following purposes: to create an electronic and paper record of your application; to enable the application to be processed; to enable NTH to contact you by post or email about aspects of your membership. The information will be kept securely and will be retained no longer than is necessary and will not be shared nor sold to any third party.

**Please make cheques payable to 'Northampton Transport Heritage' and return your completed application form and payment to, and for other payment method Northampton Transport Heritage, Membership Secretary, 94 Reynard Way, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, NN2 8QY**

For Office use /Allocated membership number: