

BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY



What is a trolleybus?

A tram without rails or a bus driven by electricity collected from overhead wires, depending on your point of view.

Originating in the tramway era as a cheaper option for lightly trafficked routes Britain had 50 operators between 1911 and 1972 running in many large towns & London suburbs.

Modern trolleybuses still operate in many cities around the world and are an environmentally friendly solution to urban transport problems.

Who are we?

The BTS emerged in 1971 from the former Reading Transport Society, which had collected trolleybuses from all over Britain through the 1960's.

We exist to preserve these vehicles and to educate the public about trolleybuses at home & abroad.

The organisation is run entirely by volunteers.

We are a Registered Charity No. 1033666

What do we do?

We restore & maintain a historic & unique fleet of trolleybuses. (See fleet list on the next page)

We contribute to the management & operation of the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft which houses the largest collection of preserved trolleybuses in the world.

We produce a monthly magazine, 'Trolleybus', & local bus newsletters for Reading (Bus Fare) & W. Yorkshire (Wheels). We run monthly meetings in London, Reading, Bradford & Wolverhampton.

We are partners in the publication of 'Trolleybooks', which cover historic current systems in the UK & abroad.

A free copy of 'Trolleybus' is available to prospective Members on application to the Secretary at

2 Josephine Court, Southcote Road, Reading, RG30 2DG



BTS FLEETLIST

* indicates serviceable at Sandtoft.

- **Bournemouth 99** - a classic 1935 Sunbeam MS2 with a Park Royal body.
- **Cardiff 203** - a 1942 AEC 664T with Northern Counties body. Our next restoration project!
- **Glasgow TB78 *** - a BUT 9613T with Crossley body built in 1958.
- **Huddersfield 631 *** - a 1959 Sunbeam S7A with East Lancs. body.
- **London 1812 *** - one of the famous Q1's built between 1948-52 sold to Spain in 1960 and returned in 1977.
- **Mexborough & Swinton 34** - a 1927 Garrett O-type with centre entrance body. A long term project.
- **Reading 113 *** - a 1939 AEC 661T with Park Royal body.
- **South Shields 204 *** - a 1937 Karrier E4 with Weymann body.
- **Walsall 342** - a 1951 Sunbeam F4 with Brush body, extensively rebuilt in 1965. Currently in store.
- **Walsall 872** - a 1956 Sunbeam F4A. On loan to Aston Manor Museum.
- **Aachen 22** - a massive 1956 three-axle Henschel 562E one and a half decker.
- **Reading 47** - a 1935 AEC Regent with Park Royal body. Our only motorbus!
- **'William'** - a 1902 horse drawn tower wagon from Reading.

More detailed information about all these vehicles is available on the BTS website: www.britishtrolley.org.uk or from the secretary at 2 Josephine Court, Southcote Road, Reading RG30 2DG

Membership Rates

UK	One Year	Two Year
Resident Adult	£24.00	£47.00
Junior (under 16)	£12.00	£23.00
Senior (over 60)	£20.00	£39.00
Family	£36.00	£70.00
Life	£420.00	
Bus Fare only	£18.00	£35.00

Overseas

Adult (air-mail - Europe)	£32.00	£63.00
Adult (air-mail – Rest Of The World)	£39.00	£77.00
Adult (surface)	£28.00	£55.00

Optional Extras

Bus Fare magazine	£10.00	£19.00
Wheels magazine	£7.00	£13.00
Sandtoft membership	£12.00	£24.00

Cheques & Postal Orders should be payable to 'British Trolleybus Society' and must be in £ sterling

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Membership application form

PLEASE PRINT

Name

Address

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Post Code Telephone

Email

Date of birth

Signature

(Junior members need a parent or guardian to sign)

I apply for (type of membership - see Membership Page).

I enclose a cheque/P.O. for £..... (Additional donations are always welcome).

I may be able to help by (see list on Membership Page):

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Receipts and membership cards will be sent out with the next mailing of our journal *Trolleybus* unless you enclose an S.A.E. with your payment.

Please Print off and send this form with your payment to:

The Secretary,
British Trolleybus Society,
2 Josephine Court,
Southcote Road,
Reading RD30 2DG

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Gift Aid Declaration

PLEASE PRINT

If you are a UK taxpayer and you wish to support the British Trolleybus Society, please fill in the Form below (BLOCK CAPITALS please)

I
(Title) (Forenames) (Surname)

of (address)
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Postcode.....

want the British Trolleybus Society to treat all donations (including membership subscriptions) I have made since 6th April 2000 and all donations I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid Donations.

Signed _____ Date _____

Notes:

1. If your declaration covers donations that you make in the future:
Please notify the British Trolleybus Society of any change in your name or address while the declaration is in force. You can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying the British Trolleybus Society – it will then not apply to donations you make on or after that date of cancellation or such later date as you specify.
2. You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax that the British Trolleybus Society reclaims on your donations in the tax year.
3. If, in the future, your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income and/or capital gains equal to the tax that the British Trolleybus Society reclaims, you should cancel your declaration. (see note 1).
4. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief on your self assessment tax return.
5. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, you can ask your local tax office for the leaflet IR 113 Gift Aid.

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