

## Projects

Leeds horse tram No.107, bought by Leeds City Tramways in 1898, ran in service for just three years whilst the system was electrified and was then used as a static mess van until the 1920's. It was sold to an employee who used it as a summer house in east Leeds.

Discovered by a member of the LTHS, the car was acquired by the Society and stored for several years in a garage until restoration could be carried out.

Work started in earnest in 2005 and in 2013 the restored car made its debut at a Middleton Railway gala. The tram is currently exhibited at the National Tramway Museum at Crich.

The restoration of No.107 was paid for by the LTHS through fund raising and donations and further projects will be undertaken as opportunities arise.



## Monthly Meetings & Visits

The Society meets on the second Monday of each month September through to June (No meetings July & August) with varied subjects including illustrated talks on all topics of transport such as buses, trams and railways.

Meetings are held at the **Middleton Railway's Engine House, Moor Road, Hunslet, Leeds, LS10 2JQ**, meeting at 19:15 for a 19:30 start, in the Conference Room, and finishing by 22:00, September to June inclusive, with a short refreshment interval. Non-members are welcome. Occasional visits to places of transport interest are also organised.



## Publications

In 1985 the Society took the decision to publish a detailed history of public road transport in Leeds. These would be high quality hard back books based on extensive detailed research and featuring appropriate illustrations.

Volume 1, covering the period up to 1902, was published that same year and a further four volumes continued the story up to bus deregulation in 1986. Other books have also been published since, and all are available through our website [www.lths.co.uk](http://www.lths.co.uk).

All of our books have been compiled by the LTHS archivist and historian, the late Jim Soper, in collaboration with other members of the Society with contributions from many eminent transport photographers.

### Leeds Transport – Volume 1 - 1830 – 1902

This covers the beginnings of public road transport in Leeds including the horse buses, the early horse and steam tramways and the early electric tramways including the pioneering Roundhay Electric Tramway.

### Leeds Transport – Volume 2 - 1902 – 1931

Continuing the story of public road transport in Leeds, this volume covers the end of the steam trams, the expansion of the tramway system, the introduction of both private and municipal motor buses and the short-lived trolleybuses.

### Leeds Transport – Volume 3 – 1931 – 1953

This volume is further extension of the public road transport story, detailing the final expansion of the tramway system, including reserved track lines, as well as the schemes that did not get built and the first stages of tramway abandonment. The impact of World War II is covered along with the further development of bus

### Leeds Transport – Volume 4 – 1953 – 1974

This book continues the story of public road transport in Leeds, including the final run-down and abandonment of the tramways and the closing years of Leeds City Transport as a municipal concern. Other private operators that worked into Leeds, such as Samuel Ledgard, Kippax & District, Farsley Omnibus Company and West Yorkshire Road Car Company are also covered.

### Leeds Transport – Volume 5 - 1974 – 1986

The final volume in the set covers the formation of the West Yorkshire PTE and Metro and runs up to privatisation. It also covers the various trolleybus proposals (prior to NGT) and has a chapter detailing the various preserved Leeds trams and buses as well as other preservation attempts.

An appendix gives a comprehensive account of the development of turnpikes around Leeds in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

### Leeds Transport on Postcards

Containing reproductions of 248 postcards that feature various forms of transport in or related to Leeds, this book features both images in sepia and 30 original coloured photographs. (Available in soft and hard back)

### Leeds Transport in Colour 1880 to 1952

This book that was published in 2017. In this book Jim has digitally coloured black and white photographs, this has the effect of bringing the pictures to life.

### Leeds Pubs and Cinemas by Tram

Pubs and Cinemas provided a communal focal point and were a valuable part of the social and architectural history of Leeds. Using tram and bus photographs from the 1950's, over 95% of which have not been published previously, this book features 139 pubs and 25 of the cinemas which were visible from the tram. It includes detailed captions and two maps showing locations and their proximity to the contemporary tram routes.

### Possible Future Publication

Leeds Transport in Colour Volume 2

### Sales Stand

This is operated at various Events throughout the Year, selling books, photographs, DVDs etc. The profits from the Sales Stand and books helps us fund the Society's projects.

# Leeds Transport Historical Society

(CIO No 1160446)

## Membership Application Form.

To: Membership Secretary: Mr Andrew Gill,  
18 Tinshill Drive, Leeds, LS16 7DH.

I wish to become a member of the Society and enclose  
a remittance of **£12.00** payable to;

**Leeds Transport Historical Society**

Or

**Pay Direct to our Bank**

Sort Code 05-01-06 Account 10212802

Using first 6 characters of your surname as reference.

The subscription is for twelve months or part thereof,  
from 1<sup>st</sup> September each year.

Full Name.....

Address.....

Post Code.....

Tel No.....

Email Address- (Please print in capitals)

I would like my Newsletter as a pdf file to my email  
address above YES / NO (please select)

Signature.....

Date.....

*Note: If you attend meetings, £20.00 covers membership  
and refreshments at 10 meetings saving £2.00 over the year,  
paid in advance in September.*



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## News Sheet

We have a regular News Sheet which is e-mailed  
or posted out to Members which includes; Future Dates,  
News, Reports, Regular Columns, and photo Quizzes.

## Membership

Yearly membership is currently £12.00. which is  
payable from 1<sup>st</sup> September each year. As a Member you  
benefit with free attendance at our meetings, (£1.00  
charge for refreshments) organised trips and discounts  
on LTHS produced books.



Leeds Tram 345 at Crich

For further General Information visit our  
Web Site at **www.lths.co.uk** or use  
your smart phone on the QR Code



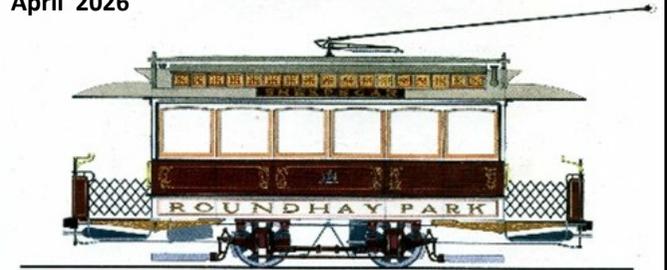
Contact the Secretary on **07801 813815**

# LEEDS TRANSPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation  
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The Leeds Tramway Historical Society (as it  
was initially known) was formed in 1956 with the  
aim of preserving something of the Leeds City  
Tramway system before it closed down. The group  
of tramway enthusiasts who formed it tried without  
success to preserve a Middleton bogie tramcar from  
Leeds City Transport.

As a result, three Leeds tramcars were  
acquired in the 1959-61 period and all are now to be  
found at the National Tramway Museum at Crich in  
Derbyshire, with which our society has always  
closely worked.

Eventually, interests broadened and our  
name was changed in **1967** to The Leeds Transport  
Historical Society; in **1972**, it became a Charitable  
Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in **2014**.