

BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1033666

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1994-02-24

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AT LARGE AS TO THE OPERATION AND HISTORICAL INTEREST OF PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES BUT MORE PARTICULARLY THE TROLLEYBUS

Activities: Educating the public at large as to the operation and historic interest of the trolleybus by(a) Maintaining and restoring the Society's historic trolleybus collection(b) Supporting the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft(c) Publishing a monthly journal about the Society and trolleybuses(d) Publishing books about the trolleybus

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £98,373 | £49,072 | - | - |
| 2024-03-31 | £60,656 | £88,409 | - | - |
| 2023-03-31 | £151,577 | £68,544 | - | - |
| 2022-03-31 | £57,673 | £47,915 | - | - |
| 2021-03-31 | £106,394 | £36,630 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|------------------------------|-------|------------|
| DAVE CHICK | Chair | |
| ANDREW JOHN BARTON | | |
| BOB ROWE | | |
| David Andrew Hall | | 2020-10-10 |
| David Turner Beach | | 1994-02-20 |
| Francis Roland Whitehead | | |
| Graham Paul Bilbe | | |
| Helen Elizabeth Cross | | 2020-10-10 |
| John Clift Savage BTech CEng | | 2022-01-07 |
| Paul Christopher Dicken | | 2020-10-10 |
| Paul David Weal | | 2016-10-08 |
| Prof Francis Terry MA FCILT | | 1994-02-24 |

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name **British Trolleybus Society**

Registered charity number **103666**

Charity's correspondence address:

8 Glan Llyn
Ffordd Caergybi
Llanfairpwllgwyngyll
LL61 5YX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Executive Committee:

| Trustee name | Office |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| David Chick | Chairman |
| Helen Cross | Deputy Chair |
| Paul Dicken | Secretary |
| Francis Whitehead | Treasurer |
| Andrew Barton | |
| Graham Bilbé | |
| Simon Guppy | <i>Co-opted 6 January 2025</i> |
| David Hall | |
| Paul Weal | |

Custodian Trustees:

David Beach
Professor Francis Terry
Robert Rowe
John Savage

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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|---------------------------------|---|
| Type of governing document: | 1 Constitution (dated 5/10/2013) 2. Trust deed (under which the Charity's assets are vested in custodian trustees) |
| How the charity is constituted: | Unincorporated association |
| Trustee selection methods: | Elected by rotation at Annual General Meeting (or other general meeting) |

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document:

The British Trolleybus Society (BTS), originally formed in 1961 as the Reading Transport Society (RTS), was registered as a Charity by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 24 February 1994. Its primary charitable object is to educate the public about the operation and historical interest of public service vehicles, particularly the trolleybus.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

- (a) To maintain its vehicles and restore them to their original or to an authentic condition, in order to display and operate them at the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft in North Lincolnshire
- (b) To assist in the progress and maintenance of the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft
- (c) To publish a journal of the affairs of the Society
- (d) To promote general interest in the preservation of passenger transport vehicles, but particularly to encourage the restoration, maintenance and general well-being of preserved trolleybuses and trolleybus equipment
- (e) To encourage the writing and publication of history of trolleybuses, their operating systems and their technical equipment
- (f) To collect and maintain a library of such publications and other archival material that is relevant to trolleybuses

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

AGM The sixty-third Annual General Meeting of the Society, which considered the activities of the Society from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, was held in Weybridge on 7 October 2024

Finance: The end-of-year accounts are presented separately from this report.

Sales Thanks are due to our Sales Officer, Paul Weal, for heading up sales for the Society. In the last financial year, sales contributed over £5,000 to revenue. BTS Sales now participates in the running of the Trolleyshop at Sandtoft, making our sales stock available on all operating days there.

Calendar: The Society's 2025 Calendar made around £700 profit for the BTS. Our thanks to Tony Belton for providing the photos and captions and for funding the printing. Another calendar has been produced for 2026.

Monthly Prize Draw The Monthly Prize Draw provides funds for vehicle restoration. The proceeds from the 2024 Draw will be devoted to the restoration of Glasgow trolleybus TB78.

The Committee and the organiser Andrew Barton are grateful to the participants for making this valuable contribution towards vehicle restoration.

Publications The Society's magazines, *Trolleybus* and *Bus Fare*, are published monthly and we wish to thank the editorial and production teams (Dave Chick, Jody White, Bruce Lake, Peter Braybrooke and James Cusworth) as well as everyone who supplies news, articles and photos, and Derek Pearson, who packs and posts our journals and inserts every month, turning them round very quickly after receiving them. The Society's *News & Events* monthly newsletter is produced by Publicity Officer Paul Dicken: it is now also produced on behalf of the Bradford Trolleybus Association and the Doncaster Omnibus and Light Railway Society as well as jointly with Sandtoft Transport Centre Limited.

Membership: BTS Membership has remained consistent with the only losses being members who have died; we have had a small number of new members. We work hard to ensure a personal feel to all our correspondence and written interactions. Fortunately, we have email addresses for all but a handful of members. We have identified those who have no computer. This has led to a substantial saving in postage costs.

Website and Social Media: The BTS website continues to play an important role in keeping members and others interested in trolleybuses well informed. Our Facebook page continues to be popular. The Executive Committee is grateful to Rhys Morris, who created a new and updated website, prior to Simon Guppy taking over responsibility for the site as Webmaster.

Trolleybooks (the joint publication panel of the British Trolleybus Society and the National Trolleybus Association): Bob Rowe, David Mulvey and Dave Chick are the BTS Trolleybooks representatives and BTS member Roger Clark is the Trolleybooks treasurer. One title was published during the year (London Trolleybus Operation Volume 1) and several more are in preparation.

Meetings: Meetings have been held in London and Reading throughout the year.

The Society's Collection of Historic Vehicles:

Several of the Society's vehicle collection were 're-certified' for use at Sandtoft during the year, including Huddersfield 619 and 631, Manchester 1344, London 1812 and South Shields 204, all of which had performed well.

Further attention was given to a malfunctioning air-brake valve on Reading 113. 113's annual test was completed apart from the brake valve issue which had not been satisfactorily resolved, meaning that 113 could not return to use.

Work resumed on Walsall 872, when issues with the rear brakes were discovered, including the nearside linings being worn to the rivets. After some considerable difficulty, including having to dismantle the special geared hub unit, the errant brake shoes were eventually removed for re-lining. Further work was carried out to investigate and resolve the 'running-on' problem encountered when 872 last operated.

Glasgow TB78 has received further attention to its saloon ceilings, and new 3-D printed plastic air vents have been sourced to replace the very distorted originals, another step towards restoring this vehicle to service.

The defective resistance bank from Bournemouth 99 has been delivered to a specialist contractor in West Bromwich for rebuilding. Further assessment of the vehicle has been undertaken with a view to a full restoration prior to a major Bournemouth trolleybus anniversary in 2029.

Away from Sandtoft, considerable refurbishment work has continued on Bournemouth 301, including replacement of the window-mounting rubbers, to prevent ugly black streaking on the bright yellow paintwork. It is expected that 301 will return to Sandtoft sometime in the 2025 season.

Kept in the Reading area, the Society's only motorbus, Reading 47, attended the Reading Buses open day in June and in the autumn was used for a short commemorative trip to mark the diamond wedding of David and Jenny Embery, (David had been a founder member and was Chairman of the Society back in the 1960s). The bus outing was much appreciated by all present.

Our other vehicles, Mexborough 34, Cardiff 203, Walsall 342, Aachen 22 and the Reading horse-drawn tower wagon remain in store pending further attention, although fundraising has continued particularly with reference to the extensive works required on 22 and 34.

Events

The Society organised one of the open weekends at the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft and this year's Members' Day was a visit to London Bus Museum, following the 2024 AGM.

The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft (TM@S)

The BTS has continued to work closely with the Board of Sandtoft Transport Centre Limited, as one of the Museum's three Contributing Societies.

The Society has been working on a project with TM@S to vastly improve exhibition interpretation at the Museum, particularly the interpretation for the trolleybuses and trolleybus overhead. However, the team members are all heavily committed to the delivery of the Museum's open day programme, causing work to be paused.

The Joint Working Group in which the Society cooperated with STCL and latterly also the other Contributing Societies (BTA and DO&LRS) delivered a development plan which was adopted by the Society and the Museum in 2021. During the delivery phase the JWG has been less active.

Burntwood

Remedial work on the bungalow's plumbing has been completed and a group has been formed to make recommendations to the committee regarding the maintenance of the property. Our thanks to David Hanchett for his redecorating work following the plumbing and for maintaining and improving the garden areas.

BTS Archives

The Society's archives and in particular the extensive photographic archive continue to be maintained by Dave Hall and are a useful source for authors of new works about trolleybuses. Gradually all historic material is being transferred to the central archive at Sandtoft. More space for the archive is needed.

The Future

The Society will continue to plan and undertake work to maintain and restore its collection of historic

vehicles. During the next review year it is expected that a fully restored Bournemouth 301 will be used in service at Sandtoft for the first time. We are working with STCL to provide a restoration workshop and we anticipate that work will commence on Aachen 22 when the new facility is available. Restoration plans are also being developed for other members of the collection, including Bournemouth 99, which has had its funds boosted by a generous donation from Chris and Elaine Williams, and which will receive the profits from the 2025 Monthly Prize Draw.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

British Trolleybus Society Policy Concerning its Financial Reserves:

1. The Society is positively maintained as a going concern, adopting robust management methods to ensure that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.
2. The Executive Committee regularly reviews the level of the Society's financial reserves.
3. Over and above the requirement to meet in full the Society's spending commitments, the Executive Committee's policy is to maintain sufficient reserves to:
 - (a) Where appropriate, bridge any gap between the spending of funds and the receiving of income
 - (b) cover emergency repairs and other unplanned expenditure on the Society's charitable assets and freehold property
 - (c) satisfy the requirements of all the donors to the Society's restricted funds, and those of the providers of grants and the like

There are no funds that are materially in deficit.

The Executive Committee considers that there are sufficient funds at year-end, in total amounting to £265,784 including the restricted funds which total £122,979, to provide adequately for planned expenditure and these contingencies.

The Executive Committee is of the view that the BTS, is a going concern and has a reasonable expectation that adequate resources are available for it to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures

Full names

David George Chick

Paul Christopher Dicken

Position

Chairman

Secretary

Date

BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY
Registered Charity Number **1033666**
Trustees' Annual Report for the period
1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Appendix

Receipts and Payments Accounts (2024-25) and Independent Examiner's Report
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British Trolleybus Society

Registered Charity No. 1033666

Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025


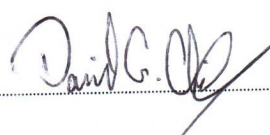
| Receipts and Payments | | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Year to 31 March 2025 | | | | | |
| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Year to 31 March 2024 to the nearest £ |
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Membership subscriptions | 9,436 | - | - | 9,436 | 6,116 |
| Donations: Burntwood costs/ improvements | - | - | - | - | 13,043 |
| Donations: Vehicle sponsorship (Sponsortrolley) | - | 10,704 | - | 10,704 | 11,334 |
| Donations: Vehicles (non-Sponsortrolley) | 160 | 16,141 | - | 16,301 | 3,109 |
| Donations: Meetings | 809 | - | - | 809 | 598 |
| Donations: Other | 2,234 | - | - | 2,234 | 1,716 |
| Gift Aid: Tax reclaims from HMRC | 23,569 | - | - | 23,569 | - |
| Legacies | 16,436 | - | - | 16,436 | 13,571 |
| Sales takings | 6,593 | - | - | 6,593 | 3,643 |
| Trolleybooks: BTS share of profit payments | 2,500 | - | - | 2,500 | 500 |
| Payments from STCL for trolleybus usage | 1,425 | - | - | 1,425 | 752 |
| Monthly Prize Draw Subscriptions | - | 3,218 | - | 3,218 | 3,130 |
| STCL subscriptions collected by BTS | - | 1,444 | - | 1,444 | 1,307 |
| Bank interest | 3,529 | - | - | 3,529 | 1,836 |
| Miscellaneous income | 177 | - | - | 177 | - |
| Sub total | 66,867 | 31,506 | - | 98,373 | 60,655 |
| Asset and investment sales | | | | | |
| None | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 66,867 | 31,506 | - | 98,373 | 60,655 |
| Payments | | | | | |
| Magazines, postage & other membership costs | 9,343 | - | - | 9,343 | 9,311 |
| Legal, audit, general meetings | 96 | - | - | 96 | 216 |
| Publicity and website | 360 | - | - | 360 | 153 |
| Burntwood: Council tax, utilities & maintenance | 1,878 | - | - | 1,878 | 8,771 |
| Burntwood: Improvements | - | 20,415 | - | 20,415 | 45,407 |
| Vehicles: Accommodation - STCL | 1,553 | 5,648 | - | 7,200 | 7,200 |
| Vehicles: Accommodation - other | 574 | 1,416 | - | 1,990 | 1,155 |
| Vehicles: Towing costs | - | - | - | - | - |
| Vehicles: Restoration and maintenance costs | - | 1,465 | - | 1,465 | 1,420 |
| Library and archive costs | 8 | - | - | 8 | 15 |
| Exhibitions | - | - | - | - | 1,350 |
| Reading area meetings | 649 | - | - | 649 | 374 |
| Sales stock and associated costs | 2,052 | - | - | 2,052 | 7,654 |
| Trolleybooks production | 1,600 | - | - | 1,600 | - |
| Ukraine Calendar (LRTA) | - | - | - | - | 861 |
| Monthly Prize Draw: Expenses | - | - | - | - | - |
| Monthly Prize Draw: Prizes | - | 1,595 | - | 1,595 | 1,435 |
| STCL subscriptions forwarded to STCL | - | - | - | - | 2,691 |
| Bank, PayPal and credit card charges | 140 | - | - | 140 | 125 |
| Miscellaneous expenditure | 280 | - | - | 280 | 271 |
| Sub total | 18,534 | 30,538 | - | 49,072 | 88,409 |
| Asset and investment | | | | | |
| None | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 18,534 | 30,538 | - | 49,072 | 88,409 |
| Year Surplus/ Deficit | 48,333 | 968 | - | 49,301 | -27,754 |
| Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cash funds last year end | 93,891 | 122,592 | - | 216,483 | 234,479 |
| Cash funds this year end | 142,224 | 123,560 | - | 265,784 | 206,725 |

Analysis and Statement of Restricted Funds as at 31 March 2025

| | Balance as at 01-Apr-24 to nearest £ | Receipts to nearest £ | Payments to nearest £ | Transfer Between Restricted Funds to nearest £ | Balance as at 31-Mar-25 to nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| Vehicles: | | | | | |
| Reading Horse-drawn Tower Wagon | 153 | 0 | 0 | | 153 |
| Mexborough & Swinton 34 | 45,830 | 742 | 29 | | 46,543 |
| Reading 47 | 298 | 799 | 1,454 | | -357 |
| Bournemouth 99 | 4,343 | 10,969 | 513 | | 14,800 |
| South Shields 204 | 356 | 638 | 848 | | 146 |
| Reading 113 | 429 | 375 | 825 | | -21 |
| Cardiff 203 | -17 | 630 | 650 | | -37 |
| London 1812 | 2,229 | 970 | 0 | | 3,199 |
| Walsall 342 | -526 | 697 | 600 | | -429 |
| Manchester 1344 | 1,572 | 808 | 0 | | 2,380 |
| Walsall 872 | 718 | 846 | 731 | | 832 |
| Aachen 22 | 32,572 | 912 | 0 | | 33,484 |
| Glasgow TB78 | -25 | 1,401 | 1,479 | 1,597 | 1,494 |
| Huddersfield 631 | 1,099 | 5,420 | 600 | | 5,919 |
| Bournemouth 301 | 3,930 | 858 | 801 | | 3,987 |
| Huddersfield 619 | 1,938 | 780 | 0 | | 2,718 |
| Sub Total (Vehicle-specific funds) | 100,795 | 26,845 | 8,529 | 1,597 | 120,708 |
| Other Restricted Funds: | | | | | |
| STCL membership subscriptions | 0 | 1,444 | 0 | | 1,444 |
| Residual NHLF Grant (Poles Down Project) | 1,725 | 0 | 0 | | 1,725 |
| Donations for Nominated Projects | 5,000 | 0 | 0 | | 5,000 |
| LRTA Ukraine Calendar (for DEC) | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| Burntwood | -11,864 | 0 | 20,415 | | -32,279 |
| Exhibitions | 8,650 | 0 | 0 | | 8,650 |
| Development at TM@S | 20,135 | 0 | 0 | | 20,135 |
| Monthly Prize Draw (2024) | 2,396 | 436 | 1,235 | -1,597 | 0 |
| Monthly Prize Draw (2025) | 0 | 2,782 | 360 | | 2,422 |
| Total | 115,677 | 31,506 | 30,538 | 0 | 127,804 |

Approval and Signatures

Approved and signed by authorised trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
|  | FRANCIS WHITEHEAD | 18-Oct-25 |
|  | DAVID CHICK | 18-Oct-25 |

BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY

Registered Charity No 1033666

Independent Examiner's Report on Accounts

Report to the Trustees / Members of - **BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY**

On Accounts for the year ending - **31st March 2025**

Set out on Pages - **1, 2 and 3**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025

Responsibilities and basis of the report.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 10 of the Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed : A D Butler



Date : 25th November 2025

Name : Alan D Butler

Relevant professional qualifications or body : N/A

Address : 62 St Michaels Road, Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire. RG30 4RX

BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY

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Accounts



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Executive Trustees

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Francis Whitehead

Graham Bilbé
Helen Cross

David Hall
Paul Weal

Office

Chairman & Portfolio Leader - Publications
Secretary & Portfolio Leader - Membership

Secretary, Portfolio Leader - Membership &
Portfolio Leader - Education

Treasurer, Portfolio Leader - Finance & Portfolio
Leader - Vehicles

Portfolio Leader - Engineering

Deputy Chair & Portfolio Leader - Policies,
Development & Administration

Portfolio Leader Library, Archive & Website

Portfolio Leader - Sales

Resigned positions
21 October 2023

Appointed Secretary
& Membership
Portfolio Leader w.e.f.
22 October 2023

Custodian Trustees

David Beach
Robert Rowe
John Savage
Professor Francis
Terry

Structure, governance and management

Governing documents

1. Constitution (dated 5 October 2013)
2. Trust Deed (under which the Charity's assets are vested in the Custodian Trustees)

How the Charity is constituted

Unincorporated association

Trustee selection method

Elected by rotation at Annual General Meetings (or, if appropriate, at an Extraordinary General Meeting)

Objectives and activities

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|---|--|
| Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document | <p>The British Trolleybus Society (BTS), originally formed in 1961 as the Reading Transport Society (RTS), was registered as a Charity by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 24 February 1994.</p> <p>Its primary charitable object is to educate the public about the operation and historical interest of public service vehicles, particularly the trolleybus.</p> |
| Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects | <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) To maintain its vehicles and restore them to their original or an authentic condition, in order to display and operate them at the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft in North Lincolnshire(b) To assist in the progress and maintenance of the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft(c) To publish a journal of the affairs of the Society(d) To promote general interest in the preservation of passenger transport vehicles, but particularly to encourage the restoration, maintenance and general well-being of preserved trolleybuses and trolleybus equipment(e) To encourage the writing and publication of histories on trolleybuses, their operating systems, and their technical equipment(f) To collect and maintain a library of such publications and other archival material that is relevant to trolleybuses |

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit

Achievements and performance

Note: *The Society's financial year runs from 1 April to 31 March. This report on the activities of the Society covers the twelve months to 31 March 2024. As has been the practice in previous years, for continuity this report also covers those planned events that have taken place since 31 March 2024.*

AGM The sixty-second Annual General Meeting of the Society, which considered the activities of the Society from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022, was held in Manchester on 21 October 2023.

Finance: A formal review of the Society's finances is set out below this section, with the end of year accounts presented separately as an appendix to this report.

Subscriptions increased in February 2024. Subscriptions need to cover the cost of servicing membership (i.e. the costs of printing and distributing the Society's magazines and the Society's administration costs); in addition, they make a contribution towards accommodating and maintaining its historic vehicle collection. The advance purchase of a large supply of stamps has cushioned the effect of a postal cost increase on magazine distribution since the end of the year under review. However, it will be necessary to increase subscriptions from February 2025.

The Society's Sponsortrolley scheme continues to make a substantial contribution to accommodating our historic vehicle collection and helps to build funds for restoration. Most Sponsortrolley donations also qualify for Gift Aid, making the scheme even more valuable to the Society. The Executive Committee is grateful to these generous supporters and to David Beach, who continues to administer the scheme.

Sales: BTS Sales now participates in the running of, and stocking, the Trolleyshop at the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft, making our sales stock available on all operating days there irrespective of whether BTS volunteers are available: the BTS stock in the Trolleyshop is automatically managed using the Trolleyshop's computer system.

Thanks are due to our Sales Officer, Paul Weal, for managing our overall sales activities, all of which raises

significant sums of money for the Society.

Calendar: An important element of our sales activities, the Society's 2024 calendar made around £600 profit for the BTS. Our thanks to Tony Belton for providing the photos and captions and for funding the printing. Another calendar has been produced for 2025.

Monthly Prize Draw: The Monthly Prize Draw provides funds for vehicle restoration. The proceeds from the 2023 Draw have been allocated to Bournemouth trolleybus no.301 and those from the 2024 Draw will be devoted to the restoration of Glasgow trolleybus TB78.

The organiser, Andrew Barton, is grateful to the participants for making this valuable contribution towards vehicle restoration.

Publications: The Society's magazines, *Trolleybus* and *Bus Fare*, are published monthly and we wish to thank the editorial and production teams (Dave Chick, Jody White, Bruce Lake, Peter Braybrooke and James Cusworth) as well as everyone who supplies news, articles and photographs, and Derek Pearson, who envelopes and posts our journals plus inserts every month, turning them round very quickly after receiving them from the printers. The Society's online *News & Events* monthly newsletter which is produced by Publicity Officer Paul Dicken is now also produced on behalf of the Bradford Trolleybus Association and the Doncaster Omnibus and Light Railway Society as well as jointly with Sandtoft Transport Centre Limited. Our thanks to Paul for this much-appreciated initiative.

Membership: We continue to support members and are actively canvassing lapsed members to rejoin. We have worked hard to get email addresses from all members and now only approximately 25% are not accessible by email. All emails now carry a personal salutation.

Website and social media: The BTS website continues to play an important role in keeping members and others interested in trolleybuses informed. Our Facebook page continues to be popular. The Executive Committee is grateful to Peter Short, who was our Webmaster until his death this year. We are grateful to Paul Dicken, who has devoted considerable time and effort to improving the website, initially in liaison with Peter Short. We are also grateful to Dave Hall and Simon Guppy who maintain the content. The decision has been taken to move the website and the member database to modern software which is easier to use for administration and members who join or renew subscriptions online.

Trolleybooks (the joint publication panel of the British Trolleybus Society and the National Trolleybus Association): Bob Rowe, David Mulvey and Dave Chick are the BTS Trolleybooks representatives and BTS member Roger Clark is the Trolleybooks treasurer. The next title, *London Trolleybus Operation*, was prepared for publication during 2023 and 2024 and other books are being prepared.

Meetings: Meetings have been held in London and Reading throughout the year.

The Society's Collection of Historic Vehicles: During the 2023 visitor season at the Trolleybus Museum, Reading 113, London 1812 and Huddersfield nos. 619 and 631 operated in service, with no.631 also popular at the Museum as a training vehicle for new trolleybus drivers.

Apart from operating these four trolleybuses and the associated routine maintenance and testing of them for fitness to operate, ongoing inspections reveal a range of conditional problems across different examples within the collection - a consequence of it being an ageing collection of well-used vehicles. Planning for and progress with renovations and longer-term projects has been undertaken during the year under review.

Thanks go to Graham Bilbé and Francis Whitehead for their continuing leadership of this aspect of the Society's work, to all the good BTS (and Trolleybus Museum) volunteers who spend so much time and effort cleaning the operational and static display vehicles, and the very generous members who support the Sponsortrolley scheme that enables the collection to be accommodated under-cover.

The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft (TM@S): The BTS is one of the Museum's three supporting societies and has continued to work closely with the Board of Sandtoft Transport Centre Limited.

BTS and STCL also have a Joint Working Group (JWG) to plan the Museum's expansion and development. Following the adoption of the JWG's development plan, JWG membership now includes the Bradford Trolleybus Association and Doncaster Omnibus & Light Railway Society. Considerable progress has been made with constructing the Sandtoft District Railway and the JWG recommendations for increasing the number of open days has resulted in very successful weekday opening during selected weeks in school holiday times.

Outside the scope of the JWG, the Society is now working on a project with TM@S to vastly improve exhibition interpretation at the Museum, particularly the interpretation for the trolleybuses

and trolleybus overhead.

Burntwood: There have been two major pieces of work carried out at *Burntwood* during the period under review:

- (a) The planned entrance upgrade: the weather couldn't have been much worse for the majority of this work. Following various delays by our contractor, work eventually started in November 2023 and from the start, ground conditions rapidly deteriorated because of continual rain. Opportunities to be able to work had to be selected to not compromise the quality of the construction, so the contract over-ran. The work was completed in July 2024. Not directly related, because of the contractor's financial status, the finishing works had to be undertaken by a different company, albeit at much the same rates. The end result very much looks the part and when the new TM@S car park is constructed, should make a fine entrance to the Trolleybus Museum.
- (b) Bungalow plumbing works: these were unplanned and became necessary following a series of frost-related burst pipes. The entire central heating radiator installation (out of use because the oil-fired boiler had previously been condemned) was removed and the water supply pipes to the various rooms were upgraded and are fully insulated; a new hot water tank with immersion heaters was also installed and a frost-damaged electric shower unit was replaced.

These two projects have been overseen by Francis Whitehead.

The Executive Committee are grateful to David Hanchett, who continues to manage the volunteer accommodation arrangements at *Burntwood* and who has redecorated the parts of the property that were affected by the plumbing alterations. Our thanks also go to Stewart David, who regularly checked the property until standing down this year, and to James Race, who has succeeded Stewart.

BTS Archives: The Society's archives, and in particular the extensive photographic archive, continue to be maintained by Dave Hall and are a useful source for authors of new works about trolleybuses.

The Future

We look forward to the continuing support of the membership in our endeavours.

Financial review

Policy Concerning Financial Reserves

1. The Society is positively maintained as a going concern, adopting robust management methods to ensure that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.
2. The Executive Committee regularly reviews the level of the Society's financial reserves.
3. Over and above the requirement to meet in full the Society's spending commitments, the Executive Committee's policy is to maintain sufficient reserves to:
 - (a) Where appropriate, bridge any gap between the spending of funds and the receiving of income
 - (b) Cover emergency repairs and other unplanned expenditure on the Society's charitable assets and freehold property
 - (c) Satisfy the requirements of all the donors to the Society's restricted funds, and those of the providers of grants and the like

The Executive Committee considers that there are sufficient funds at year-end, in total amounting to £215,754 including the restricted funds which total £133,024, to provide adequately for planned expenditure and these contingencies.

The Executive Committee is of the view that the BTS, a charity, is a going concern and has a reasonable expectation that adequate resources are available for it to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures -----

Full Names

Paul C. Dicken

David George Chick

Position

Secretary

Chairman

Date: -----

7 October 2024

The following are appended to this report:

Appendix 1 - Financial Summary for 2023-24

Appendix 2 – Summary of Status of the Society's Collection of Historic Vehicles

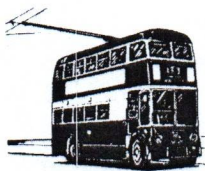
BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY

Registered Charity Number **1033666**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period
1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Appendix 1

Receipts and Payments Accounts (2023-24) and Independent Examiner's Report
(Total of 4 pages)



British Trolleybus Society

Registered Charity No. 1033666

Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

| Receipts and Payments | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Year to 31 March 2024 | | | | Year to |
| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | 31 March 2023 |
| | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Membership subscriptions | 6,116 | | - | 6,116 | 7,652 |
| Donations: Burntwood costs/ improvements | - | 13,042 | - | 13,042 | 10,120 |
| Donations: Vehicle sponsorship (SponsorTrolley) | - | 11,334 | - | 11,334 | 10,410 |
| Donations: Vehicle restoration | - | 3,109 | - | 3,109 | 24,168 |
| Donations: Meetings | 598 | - | - | 598 | 654 |
| Donations: Other | 1,716 | - | - | 1,716 | 38,014 |
| Gift Aid: Tax reclaims from HMRC | - | - | - | - | - |
| Legacies | 13,571 | - | - | 13,571 | 46,203 |
| Sales takings | 3,007 | 636 | - | 3,643 | 6,107 |
| Trolleybooks: BTS share of profit payments | 500 | - | - | 500 | 2,002 |
| LRTA Ukraine Calendar (for DEC) | - | - | - | - | 861 |
| Payments from STCL for trolleybus usage | 752 | - | - | 752 | 771 |
| Monthly Prize Draw Subscriptions | - | 3,130 | - | 3,130 | 3,196 |
| STCL subscriptions collected by BTS | - | 1,307 | - | 1,307 | 1,385 |
| Bank interest | 1,838 | - | - | 1,838 | 34 |
| Miscellaneous income | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 28,098 | 32,558 | - | 60,656 | 151,577 |
| Asset and investment sales | | | | | |
| None | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 28,098 | 32,558 | - | 60,656 | 151,577 |
| Payments | | | | | |
| Magazine production and postage | 9,311 | - | - | 9,311 | 9,380 |
| Publicity | 153 | - | - | 153 | 476 |
| Legal, audit and general meeting costs | 216 | - | - | 216 | - |
| Burntwood: Council tax, utilities & maintenance | 8,771 | - | - | 8,771 | 948 |
| Burntwood: Improvements | - | 45,407 | - | 45,407 | - |
| Vehicles: Accommodation - STCL | - | 7,200 | - | 7,200 | 19,200 |
| Vehicles: Accommodation - other | - | 1,155 | - | 1,155 | 1,882 |
| Vehicles: Towing costs | - | - | - | - | 1,440 |
| Vehicles: Restoration costs | - | 1,420 | - | 1,420 | 25,593 |
| Library and archive costs | 15 | - | - | 15 | 29 |
| Exhibitions | - | 1,350 | - | 1,350 | - |
| Reading area meetings | 374 | - | - | 374 | 608 |
| Sales stock & associated costs (incl. insurance) | 7,154 | 500 | - | 7,654 | 2,653 |
| Trolleybooks (New Titles Costs) | - | - | - | - | 2,500 |
| LRTA Ukraine Calendar (for DEC) | - | 861 | - | 861 | - |
| Monthly Prize Draw: Expenses | - | - | - | - | - |
| Monthly Prize Draw: Prizes | - | 1,435 | - | 1,435 | 1,710 |
| STCL subscriptions forwarded to STCL | - | 2,691 | - | 2,691 | - |
| Bank, PayPal and credit card charges | 125 | - | - | 125 | 125 |
| Miscellaneous expenditure | 271 | - | - | 271 | - |
| Sub total | 26,390 | 62,019 | - | 88,409 | 66,544 |
| Asset and investment | | | | | |
| None | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 26,390 | 62,019 | - | 88,409 | 66,544 |
| Year Surplus/ Deficit | 1,708 | -29,461 | - | -27,753 | 85,033 |
| Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cash funds last year end | 92,183 | 152,053 | - | 244,236 | 149,446 |
| Cash funds this year end | 93,891 | 122,592 | - | 216,483 | 234,479 |

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2024

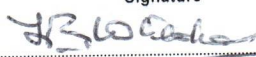
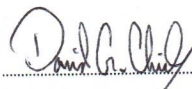
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <u>Cash funds</u> | | | | |
| | Lloyds cheque account (funds at 31-Mar-23) | 10,452 | - | - |
| | Lloyds savings account | 74,134 | 41,452 | - |
| | Nationwide savings account | - | 86,574 | - |
| | PayPal account | 7,345 | - | - |
| | Cash held by Society officers | 35 | - | - |
| | Sub total | 91,966 | 128,026 | - |
| | Less: Lloyds cheque account (unpresented cheques at 31-Mar-23) | -316 | -3,774 | - |
| | Total cash funds | 91,650 | 124,252 | - |
| <u>Other monetary assets</u> | None | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| <u>Investment assets</u> | None | | Fund to which asset belongs | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| <u>Assets retained for the Society's use</u> | | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | 16 Historic trolleybuses/ historic vehicles | Restricted | 14,100 | - |
| | Trolleybus overhead & equipment | Unrestricted | 2,781 | - |
| | Freehold land & property - Burntwood | Unrestricted | 425,000 | - |
| | Postage stamps | Unrestricted | 3,577 | - |
| | Sales stock | Unrestricted | 2,670 | - |
| | Lino (for restoration projects) | Restricted | 5,821 | - |
| | | | 453,949 | - |
| | | | 453,949 | - |
| <u>Liabilities</u> | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| | None | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

Analysis and Statement of Restricted Funds as at 31 March 2024

| | Balance as at 01-Apr-23 to nearest £ | Receipts to nearest £ | Payments to nearest £ | Transfer Between Restricted Funds to nearest £ | Balance as at 31-Mar-24 to nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| Vehicles: | | | | | |
| Reading Horse-drawn Tower Wagon | 153 | 0 | 0 | | 153 |
| Mexborough & Swinton 34 | 43,599 | 2,176 | 0 | 55 | 45,830 |
| Reading 47 | -435 | 1,888 | 1,155 | | 298 |
| Bournemouth 99 | 4,441 | 802 | 900 | | 4,343 |
| South Shields 204 | 790 | 678 | 1,052 | -60 | 356 |
| Reading 113 | 649 | 680 | 900 | | 429 |
| Cardiff 203 | 263 | 620 | 900 | | -17 |
| London 1812 | 809 | 1,270 | 0 | 150 | 2,229 |
| Walsall 342 | -226 | 600 | 900 | | -526 |
| Manchester 1344 | 592 | 980 | 0 | | 1,572 |
| Walsall 872 | 970 | 648 | 900 | | 718 |
| Aachen 22 | 31,804 | 858 | 0 | -90 | 32,572 |
| Glasgow TB78 | 377 | 890 | 1,291 | | -25 |
| Huddersfield 631 | 1,459 | 480 | 900 | 60 | 1,099 |
| Bournemouth 301 | 2,772 | 1,072 | 0 | 86 | 3,930 |
| Huddersfield 619 | 2,214 | 600 | 876 | | 1,938 |
| Sub Total (Vehicle-specific funds) | 100,795 | 14,242 | 9,774 | 201 | 105,463 |
| Other Restricted Funds: | | | | | |
| STCL membership subscriptions | 1,385 | 1,307 | 2,691 | | 0 |
| Residual NHLF Grant (Poles Down Project) | 1,725 | 0 | 0 | | 1,725 |
| Donations for Nominated Projects | 5,000 | 0 | 0 | | 5,000 |
| LRTA Ukraine Calendar (for DEC) | 861 | 0 | 861 | | 0 |
| Burntwood | 20,500 | 13,043 | 45,407 | | -11,864 |
| Exhibitions | 10,000 | 0 | 1,350 | | 8,650 |
| Development at TM@S | 20,000 | 636 | 500 | | 20,135 |
| Monthly Prize Draw (2024) | 0 | 2,756 | 360 | | 2,396 |
| Monthly Prize Draw (2023) | 2,320 | 440 | 1,075 | -66 | 1,619 |
| Total | 115,677 | 32,423 | 62,019 | 135 | 133,124 |

Approval and Signatures

Approved and signed by authorised trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
|  | FRANCIS WHITEHEAD | 16-SEP-2024 |
|  | DAVID CHICK | 4 OCTOBER 2024 |

BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY

Registered Charity No 1033666

Independent Examiner's Report on Accounts

Report to the Trustees / Members of - **BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY**

On Accounts for the year ending - **31st March 2024**

Set out on Pages - **1, 2 and 3**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024

Responsibilities and basis of the report.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 10 of the Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed : A D Butler

Date : 24th October 2024

Name : Alan D Butler

Relevant professional qualifications or body : N/A

Address : 62 St Michaels Road, Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire. RG30 4RX

BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY

Registered Charity Number **1033666**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period
1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Appendix 2

Status of the Society's Collection of Historic Vehicles (as at 31-Mar-24)
(Total of 2 pages)

APPENDIX 2

The Society's Collection of Historic Vehicles Report:

During the 2023 visitor season at the Trolleybus Museum, Reading 113, London 1812 and Huddersfield nos. 619 and 631 operated in service, with no.631 also popular at the Museum as a training vehicle for new trolleybus drivers.

Apart from operating these four trolleybuses and the associated routine maintenance and testing of them for fitness to operate, ongoing inspections reveal a range of conditional problems across different examples within the collection – a consequence of it being an ageing collection of well-used vehicles. Planning for and progress with renovations and longer-term projects during the year under review included:

- Bournemouth 99: Although considered since the year under review, the Executive Committee has agreed in principle to embark on further renovation of no.99 and to that end, the proceeds of the 2025 Monthly Prize Draw will be devoted to no.99. Investigatory work to understand the extent of the suspected bodywork structural defect under the trolley gantry is to be carried out in the coming months and a detailed work plan is to be devised, costed and resourced, with fundraising needs and opportunities followed-up.
- South Shields 204: The near-side rear wheel oil seal has had to be renewed: this work was undertaken in May 2024 and, with some remedial work also carried out to tidy up some badly-flaking window surround paintwork, no.204 subsequently passed its fitness test, to return to service in mid-June 2024. It has continued to be a reliable and popular service trolleybus.
Several bodywork problems have been identified, however, including leaks in some parts of the matchboard and canvas roof and within the front destination screen box area, a deteriorating catwalk timber and some defective internal finishings.
- Reading 113: An air leak in the vicinity of the compressor continues to be a problem despite concerted rectification attempts: a further endeavour is planned.
- Cardiff 203: Unfortunately, other priorities and time constraints have prevented progress being made to resolve rear brake efficiency problems: it is hoped that no.203 can be prioritised in the coming months, with further investigations also being made into how to repair the suspected overload damage to the rear overhang of the chassis.
- London 1812: Early in the 2024 season, investigation into a HV problem identified the deterioration of one of no.1812's resistance banks as the cause. Whilst a remedial repair was effected, the unit clearly needs to be refurbished and it is hoped this can be carried out over the 2024-25 winter period and the trolleybus made ready for the 2025 season.
- Walsall 342: Despite ongoing requests, STCL has not yet transferred no.342 from its out-stationed storage back to TM@S. During July 2024, a BTS workgroup checked and prepared no.342 for the tow. Once at TM@S, where it has been agreed it will be put into the new depot building and out of general sight, it will be jointly inspected to determine the extent of the damage sustained at the off-site storage and mutually agree how to proceed with repairs and, possibly, continued restoration work.
- Manchester 1344: During Spring 2024, no.1344 was tested and passed as fit for service use at TM@S and has been used during the 2024 season.
A considerable amount of work is required to the two trolley bases and booms to straighten them. It is believed that the damage occurred prior to no.1344 returning to Sandtoft after stints at EATM and BCLM. Whilst the damage does not unduly affect use of the trolleybus, it is unsightly. In liaison with TM@S, a practical way of undertaking the necessary repairs with the least downtime for the trolleybus is to be investigated.
- Walsall 872: During August 2024, the very puzzling driving fault was identified and rectified, but during a road test, a further defect – this time, first notch not engaging, occurred. Separately, work to the back brakes revealed that both near-side brake linings had worn down to the rivets and need to be replaced, quite possibly this emanating from service days in Walsall.
The chassis and mechanical units are very badly rusted and much work will be required to clean this all off and paint. Work to commission no.872 will continue as availability of labour allows.

- Aachen 22: During September 2024, as a result of the recruitment by TM@S of a new volunteer with extensive welding experience, the Executive Continue agreed to investigate acquiring and erecting a temporary workshop building on the *Burntwood* land to facilitate a safe and usable environment for restoration work on no.22. Such a temporary workshop could be quickly provided and by the time funding for further development on *Burntwood* becomes available and construction work commences, the no.22 project could be well advanced and re-located to either the proposed STCL restoration workshop or, if necessary, to a different TM@S or *Burntwood* site for the temporary workshop.
- Glasgow TB78: As reported previously, a batch of 3-D printed replacement vent covers for both decks has been purchased, with those for the upper saloon fitted. In the lower saloon, during the current year a start has been made to prepare and repaint the ceiling and coving prior to fitting these vent covers.

It has been identified that the leather to the seating in both decks is not in good condition. Consultation with a leather refurbishment product company has resulted in the purchase of a supply of products to apply to the leather to rejuvenate it and restore it to usable condition and close to its original dark green colour. The company undertook considerable trials before making recommendations and now, BTS volunteers have made a start on deep cleaning and treating an initial batch of seat cushions. There are a lot of stages to follow and a lot of seats, but hopefully work can continue over the winter period and an outcome of a bus-full of restored seats at a most economical cost will result.

More surfaces, in the cab and the stairs/ platform area, will be suitably prepared and repainted in early 2025 and it will be necessary to renew the window rubbers all round before TB78 is then checked/ tested ready for re-entry into service.

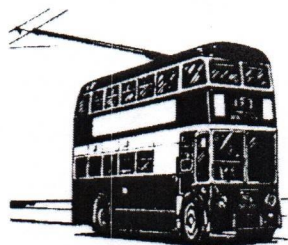
- Huddersfield nos. 619 and 631: the front bulkheads on both decks of both trolleybuses are finished with fluted, red-coloured rubber sheeting. This rubber is now in poor condition and it is planned to replace it with new.
- Bournemouth 301: BTS member Keith Baynton has continued to work on no.301 at Hooton Park, Cheshire. After significant delays because the originally projected contractor withdrew, the window rubbers have now all been renewed. A large amount of internal refurbishment has also been undertaken and transfers (and where necessary, vinyls) have been applied inside and out. Regrettably, no.301 wasn't ready for the BTS-arranged running weekend over the August 2024 bank holiday weekend, but with just an amount of re-chroming work outstanding, its return to Sandtoft can't be far away. Having had an amount of HV equipment refurbishment/ replacement since it last ran under power, no.301 will require much electrical checking/ testing and prolonged road running to ensure it is completely fit to operate.
- Reading 47, the Society's 1935 AEC Regent motorbus remains in roadworthy condition and insured for road use in the local Reading area.

Thanks go to Graham Bilbé and Francis Whitehead for their continuing leadership of this aspect of the Society's work and to all the good BTS volunteers who spend so much time cleaning the operational and static display vehicles.

BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1033666

Accounts



BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY

Registered Charity Number 1033666

Trustees' Annual Report for the period
1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Reference and administration details

Principal address: 2 Josephine Court
Southcote Road
Reading
RG30 2DG

Executive Trustees

David Chick
Andrew Barton
Francis Whitehead

Graham Bilbé
Helen Cross

Paul Dicken
David Hall
Paul Weal

Office

Chairman & Portfolio Leader – Publications
Secretary & Portfolio Leder - Membership
Treasurer, Portfolio Leader - Finance & Portfolio
Leader – Vehicles
Portfolio Leader – Engineering
Deputy Chari & Portfolio Leader – Policies,
Development & Administration
Portfolio Leader – Education
Portfolio Leader – Library, Archive & Website
Portfolio Leader – Sales

Custodian Trustees

David Beach
Professor Francis Terry
Robert Rowe
John Savage

Structure, governance, and management

Governing documents

1. Constitution (dated 5 October 2013)
2. Trust Deed (under which the Charity's assets are vested in the Custodian Trustees)

How the Charity is constituted

Unincorporated association

Trustee selection method

Elected by rotation at Annual General Meetings (or, if appropriate, at an Extraordinary General Meeting)

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The British Trolleybus Society (BTS), originally formed in 1961 as the Reading Transport Society (RTS), was registered as a Charity by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 24 February 1994.

Its primary charitable object is to educate the public about the operation and historical interest of public service vehicles, particularly the trolleybus.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

- (a) To maintain its vehicles and restore them to their original or an authentic condition, in order to display and operate them at the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft in North Lincolnshire
- (b) To assist in the progress and maintenance of the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft
- (c) To publish a journal of the affairs of the Society
- (d) To promote general interest in the preservation of passenger transport vehicles, but particularly to encourage the restoration, maintenance and general well-being of preserved trolleybuses and trolleybus equipment
- (a) To encourage the writing and publication of histories on trolleybuses, their operating systems, and their technical equipment
- (b) To collect and maintain a library of such publications and other archival material that is relevant to trolleybuses

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Annual General Meeting:

The sixty-first Annual General Meeting of the Society, which considered the activities of the Society from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022, was held at the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft on 15 October 2022.

Finance:

The end of year accounts are attached as an appendix to this report.

Subscriptions are intended to pay for all the costs of printing and distributing the Society's magazines and the Society's running costs as well as making a contribution towards the cost of accommodating and maintaining its historic vehicle collection. Increases in postage costs during most of the year under review have been accommodated because stamps had been purchased in advance, but the most recent increases were significant and, combined with anticipated increased printing costs, necessitate subscription rates to be increased with effect from early 2024.

The SponsorTrolley scheme continues to make a substantial contribution to accommodating our historic vehicle collection and helps to build funds for restoration. Most SponsorTrolley donations also qualify for Gift Aid, making the scheme even more valuable to the Society. We are grateful to these generous supporters and to David Beach, who continues to administer the scheme.

Significant donations during the year under review by two members are intended to enable the Society to progress different schemes: one of the donations is for the entrance to the BTS's *Burntwood* property to be upgraded and become the main entrance to the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft, and the other donation is to assist the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft with two much needed projects, improved exhibition interpretation and a vehicle restoration workshop.

Sales:

Thanks are due to our Sales Officer, Paul Weal, for raising significant sums of money for the Society. Commencing in the current year, BTS Sales now participates in the running of the Trolleyshop at Sandtoft, making our sales stock available on all operating days.

Calendar:

The Society's 2023 calendar made around £400 profit for the BTS. Our thanks to Tony Belton for providing the photographs and captions. Another calendar has been produced for 2024.

Monthly Prize Draw:

The Monthly Prize Draw provides funds for vehicle restoration. The proceeds from the 2022 Draw will help to play a part in bringing Mexborough & Swinton 34 back to life; 48 members took part, holding a total of 149 shares, which was a new record. The Draw made £1,788 towards the restoration of no.34.

The proceeds from the 2023 Draw will help bring Bournemouth 301 back into operation. Fewer members than in 2022 are participating, 38 members holding a total of 117 shares (a participant can hold up to 5 shares). The number of prizes in each month, which had been two for many years, was increased to three (with a fourth bonus prize in December). The Draw is expected to make £1,400 towards the work being carried out on no.301.

The organiser, Andrew Barton, is grateful to the participants for making this valuable contribution towards vehicle restoration.

Publications:

The Society's magazines, *Trolleybus* and *Bus Fare*, are published monthly and we wish to thank the Editorial and production teams (Dave Chick, Jody White, Bruce Lake, Peter Braybrooke and James Cusworth) as well as everyone who supplies news, articles and photographs, and Derek Pearson, who envelopes and posts our journals plus inserts every month, turning them round very quickly after receiving them. The Society's *News & Events* monthly newsletter which is produced by Publicity Officer Paul Dicken is now published on behalf of the Bradford Trolleybus Association and the Doncaster Omnibus and Light Railway Society as well as jointly with Sandtoft Transport Centre Limited. Our thanks to Paul for this much-appreciated initiative.

Membership:

Six members joined the Society during the year under review, all but one of them on-line. Sadly five members passed away during the year. Over three quarters of members who receive their journal by post include email addresses in their membership records and thus receive their renewal reminders directly by email (their ability to receive the newsletter is an incentive). This eases the work of the Membership Secretary and distribution officer in their not needing to prepare and send them renewal forms.

Website and Social Media:

The BTS website continues to play an important role in recruiting new members. Our Facebook page now has more than 1,500 followers. The Executive Committee is grateful to Peter Short our Webmaster and to Dave Hall and Simon Guppy who maintain the content.

Trolleybooks (the joint publication panel of the British Trolleybus Society and the National Trolleybus Association)

Bob Rowe, David Mulvey and Dave Chick are the BTS Trolleybooks representatives and BTS member Roger Clark is the Trolleybooks treasurer. No new books were published during the year under review, but the Panel has an exciting schedule of new books in preparation.

Meetings:

Meetings have been held in London and Reading throughout the year.

The Society's Collection of Historic Vehicles:

- London Transport Q1 1812: Following its major mechanical overhaul, no.1812 re-entered service at a BTS-organised event at Sandtoft on 27 August 2022.
- Mexborough & Swinton 34: The fund for the major restoration work required on no.34 continues to grow. A BTS group plans to pay a further visit to the Long Shop Museum, Leiston, Suffolk to view the significant progress that has been made there with the restoration of Ipswich Garrett trolleybus no.26.

- Bournemouth 301: BTS member Keith Baynton has continued to work on no.301 at Hooton Park, Cheshire, where it is having its window rubbers renewed and is being internally refurbished.
- Aachen 22: Funds continue to be built up for the restoration of no.22.
- Glasgow TB78: In the current year, a batch of 3-D printed replacement vent covers for both decks has been purchased; a start has been made to fit these in the upper deck, but before the downstairs saloon is so fitted, the flaking paintwork to the ceiling will need to be stripped and the ceiling repainted. Paintwork in the driver's cab and in the stairs/ platform area also requires attention before TB78 returns to service.
- Walsall 342 remains in storage at Thorpe-in-Balne.
- Reading 47, the Society's 1935 AEC Regent motorbus remains in roadworthy condition and insured for road use in the local Reading area.

Huddersfield 619, Huddersfield 631, Manchester 1344, Reading 113 and South Shields 204, along with London 1812 have all been reliable and regular performers at Sandtoft, helping to keep a high profile at the Museum for the Society.

Thanks go to Graham Bilbé and Francis Whitehead for their continuing leadership of this aspect of the Society's work.

Publicity

The appointment of a Publicity Officer has led to an increase in publicity for the Society, with articles about London 1812 generating donations for the restoration fund.

Events

The Society commemorated the 60th anniversary of the closure of London's trolleybus system at the August 2022 Bank Holiday Trolleydays at Sandtoft and the Members' Day and 2022 AGM was also held at Sandtoft.

The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft (TM@S)

The BTS has continued to work closely with the Board of Sandtoft Transport Centre Limited, as one of the Museum's three supporting societies.

BTS and STCL also have a Joint Working Group (JWG) to plan the Museum's expansion, and this is reported below. Outside the scope of the JWG, the Society is now working on a project with TM@S to vastly improve exhibition interpretation at the Museum, particularly the interpretation for the trolleybuses and trolleybus overhead.

Burntwood

The work needed to widen the *Burntwood* entrance gateway is expected to go ahead in October.

John Stainforth has recently resigned from the role of *Burntwood* Property Manager. The Society is very grateful to John for all the work he did in that capacity in the past five, or so, years. We are also grateful to David Hanchett, who manages the volunteer accommodation.

There have been major problems with the plumbing in recent months, but remedial work should be completed before the AGM. Our thanks to Sandtoft volunteer Geoff Croft for his invaluable assistance.

BTS Archives

The Society's archives and in particular the extensive photographic archive continue to be maintained by Dave Hall and are a useful source for authors of new works about trolleybuses.

The Future

Following the adoption of the Joint Working Group's development plan, JWG membership now includes the Bradford Trolleybus Association and Doncaster Omnibus & Ligh Railway Society. Considerable progress has been made with constructing the Sandtoft District Railway. The JWG recommendations for increasing the number of open days has resulted in very successful weekday opening during school holidays.

We look forward to the continuing support of the membership in our endeavours.

Financial review

Policy Concerning Financial Reserves

1. The Society is positively maintained as a going concern, adopting robust management methods to ensure that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.
2. The Executive Committee regularly reviews the level of the Society's financial reserves.
3. Over and above the requirement to meet in full the Society's spending commitments, the Executive Committee's policy is to maintain sufficient reserves to:
 - (a) Where appropriate, bridge any gap between the spending of funds and the receiving of income
 - (b) Cover emergency repairs and other unplanned expenditure on the Society's charitable assets and freehold property
 - (c) Satisfy the requirements of all the donors to the Society's restricted funds, and those of the providers of grants and the like

There are no funds that are materially in deficit.

The Executive Committee considers that there are sufficient funds at year-end, in total amounting to £243,472 including the restricted funds which total £152,021, to provide adequately for planned expenditure and these contingencies.

The Executive Committee is of the view that the BTS, a charity, is a going concern and has a reasonable expectation that adequate resources are available for it to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures

A. J. Barton

David George Chick

Full Names

Andrew John Barton

David George Chick

Position

Secretary

Chairman

Date:

4 SEPTEMBER 2023

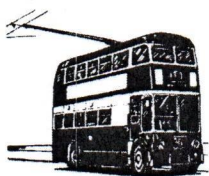
BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY

Registered Charity Number **1033666**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period
1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Appendix

Receipts and Payments Accounts (2022-23) and Independent Examiner's Report
Total of 4 pages)



British Trolleybus Society

Registered Charity No. 1033666

Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

| Receipts and Payments | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Year to 31 March 2023 | | | | | |
| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Year to 31 March 2022 |
| | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Membership subscriptions | 7,652 | | - | 7,652 | 7,079 |
| Burntwood: Covid-19 support grant | - | | - | - | 8,000 |
| Donations: Burntwood costs/ improvements | 120 | 10,000 | - | 10,120 | 10,860 |
| Donations: Vehicle sponsorship (SponsorTrolley) | | 10,410 | - | 10,410 | 10,496 |
| Donations: Vehicle restoration | | 24,168 | - | 24,168 | 8,200 |
| Donations: Meetings | 654 | | - | 654 | 166 |
| Donations: Other | 3,014 | 35,000 | - | 38,014 | 1,546 |
| Gift Aid: Tax reclaims from HMRC | - | - | - | - | - |
| Legacies | 46,203 | | - | 46,203 | 1,000 |
| Sales takings | 4,961 | 1,146 | - | 6,107 | 5,001 |
| Trolleybooks: BTS share of profit payments | 2,002 | | - | 2,002 | - |
| LRTA Ukraine Calendar (for DEC) | | 861 | - | 861 | - |
| Payments from STCL for trolleybus usage | 771 | | - | 771 | 729 |
| Monthly Prize Draw Subscriptions | | 3,196 | - | 3,196 | 3,250 |
| STCL subscriptions collected by BTS | | 1,385 | - | 1,385 | 1,328 |
| Bank interest | 34 | | - | 34 | 18 |
| Miscellaneous income | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 65,411 | 86,166 | - | 151,577 | 57,673 |
| Asset and investment sales | | | | | |
| None | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 65,411 | 86,166 | - | 151,577 | 57,673 |
| Payments | | | | | |
| Magazine production and postage | 9,380 | | - | 9,380 | 7,872 |
| Publicity | 476 | | - | 476 | 41 |
| Legal, audit and general meeting costs | - | | - | - | 300 |
| Burntwood: Council tax, utilities & maintenance | 948 | | - | 948 | 9,850 |
| Vehicles: Accommodation - STCL | 537 | 18,663 | - | 19,200 | 9,000 |
| Vehicles: Accommodation - other | 644 | 1,238 | - | 1,882 | 3,352 |
| Vehicles: Towing costs | - | 1,440 | - | 1,440 | 1,200 |
| Vehicles: Restoration costs | - | 25,593 | - | 25,593 | 10,086 |
| Library and archive costs | 29 | | - | 29 | 277 |
| Reading area meetings | 608 | | - | 608 | 135 |
| Sales stock & associated costs (incl. insurance) | 1,507 | 1,146 | - | 2,653 | 1,293 |
| Trolleybooks (New Titles Costs) | 2,500 | | - | 2,500 | - |
| Monthly Prize Draw: Expenses | | - | - | - | - |
| Monthly Prize Draw: Prizes | | 1,710 | - | 1,710 | 1,680 |
| STCL subscriptions forwarded to STCL | | - | - | - | 1,295 |
| Bank, PayPal and credit card charges | 125 | | - | 125 | 101 |
| Miscellaneous expenditure | - | - | - | - | 1,433 |
| Sub total | 16,754 | 49,790 | - | 66,544 | 47,915 |
| Asset and investment | | | | | |
| None | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 16,754 | 49,790 | - | 66,544 | 47,915 |
| Year Surplus/ Deficit | 48,657 | 36,376 | - | 85,033 | 9,758 |
| Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cash funds last year end | 43,526 | 115,677 | - | 159,203 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 92,183 | 152,053 | - | 244,236 | 9,758 |

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2023

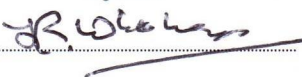
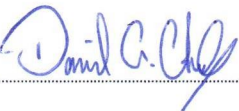
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <u>Cash funds</u> | Lloyds cheque account (funds at 31-Mar-23) | 21,307 | - | - |
| | Lloyds savings account | 76,933 | 91,991 | - |
| | Nationwide savings account | - | 55,020 | - |
| | PayPal account | 1,508 | - | - |
| | Cash held by Society officers | 115 | - | - |
| | Sub total | 99,863 | 147,011 | - |
| | Less: Lloyds cheque account (unpresented cheques at 31-Mar-23) | - | 170 | - |
| | Total cash funds | 96,632 | 146,841 | - |
| | | | | |
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| <u>Other monetary assets</u> | None | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | | | |
| | | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| <u>Investment assets</u> | None | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | | |
| | | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| <u>Assets retained for the Society's use</u> | 16 Historic trolleybuses/ historic vehicles | Restricted | 14,100 | - |
| | Trolleybus overhead & equipment | Unrestricted | 2,781 | - |
| | Freehold land & property - Burntwood | Unrestricted | 425,000 | - |
| | Postage stamps | Unrestricted | 2,463 | - |
| | Sales stock | Unrestricted | 2,670 | - |
| | | | 447,014 | - |
| | | | | |
| | | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| <u>Liabilities</u> | Details | | - | - |
| | None | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

Analysis and Statement of Restricted Funds as at 31 March 2023

| | Balance as at 01-Apr-22 to nearest £ | Receipts to nearest £ | Payments to nearest £ | Transfer Between Restricted Funds to nearest £ | Balance as at 31-Mar-23 to nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| <u>Vehicles:</u> | | | | | |
| Reading Horse-drawn Tower Wagon | 153 | 0 | 0 | | 153 |
| Mexborough & Swinton 34 | 40,807 | 4,151 | 3,150 | 1,791 | 43,599 |
| Reading 47 | -358 | 780 | 857 | | -435 |
| Bournemouth 99 | 4,931 | 410 | 900 | | 4,441 |
| South Shields 204 | 892 | 798 | 900 | | 790 |
| Reading 113 | 829 | 720 | 900 | | 649 |
| Cardiff 203 | 448 | 640 | 825 | | 263 |
| London 1812 | 12,714 | 16,805 | 28,710 | | 809 |
| Walsall 342 | 74 | 600 | 900 | | -226 |
| Manchester 1344 | 502 | 3,240 | 3,150 | | 592 |
| Walsall 872 | 1,213 | 657 | 900 | | 970 |
| Aachen 22 | 31,024 | 780 | 0 | | 31,804 |
| Glasgow TB78 | 590 | 765 | 978 | | 377 |
| Huddersfield 631 | 1,524 | 835 | 900 | | 1,459 |
| Bournemouth 301 | 1,781 | 1,372 | 381 | | 2,772 |
| Huddersfield 619 | 3,672 | 2,025 | 3,482 | | 2,214 |
| Sub Total (Vehicle-specific funds) | 100,795 | 34,578 | 46,934 | 1,791 | 90,230 |
| <u>Other Restricted Funds:</u> | | | | | |
| STCL membership subscriptions | 0 | 1,385 | 0 | | 1,385 |
| Residual NHLF Grant (Poles Down Project) | 1,725 | 0 | 0 | | 1,725 |
| Donations for Nominated Projects | 0 | 5,000 | 0 | | 5,000 |
| LRTA Ukraine Calendar (for DEC) | 0 | 861 | 0 | | 861 |
| Burntwood | 10,500 | 10,000 | 0 | | 20,500 |
| Exhibitions | 0 | 10,000 | 0 | | 10,000 |
| Development at TM@S | 0 | 20,000 | 0 | | 20,000 |
| Monthly Prize Draw (2022) | 2,625 | 546 | 1,380 | -1,791 | 0 |
| Monthly Prize Draw (2023) | 0 | 2,650 | 330 | | 2,320 |
| Total | 115,677 | 85,020 | 48,644 | 0 | 152,021 |

Approval and Signatures

Approved and signed by authorised trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
|  | FRANCIS WHITEHEAD | 4-SEP-2023 |
|  | DAVID CHICK | 4-SEP-2023 |

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2023

Charity no (if any)

1033666

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 20th September 2023

Name:

ALAN BUTLER

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

N/A

Address:

62 St Michaels Road Tilehurst Reading RG30 4RX

Section B

Disclosure

There are no matters of concern that need to be highlighted

BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1033666

Accounts

British Trolleybus Society

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

Reference and administration details

| | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Registered Charity number | 1033666 |
| Principle address | 2 Josephine Court Southcote Road Reading RG30 2DG |

Executive Committee Trustees

| Name | Office | Dates acted (if not for whole year) |
|-------------------|--|---|
| David Chick | Chairman & Portfolio Leader – Publications | |
| Andrew Barton | Secretary & Portfolio Leader – Membership | |
| Roy Fawcett | Treasurer (Portfolio Leader – Finance) | 1-Apr-21 to 16-Oct-21 |
| Graham Bilbé | Portfolio Leader – Engineering | |
| Helen Cross | Deputy Chair & Portfolio Leader – Policy Development/ Administration | |
| Paul Dicken | Portfolio Leader – Education | |
| David Hall | Portfolio Leader – Library/ Archives & Website | |
| Paul Weal | Portfolio Leader – Sales | |
| Francis Whitehead | Portfolio Leader – Vehicles and (from 16-Oct-21) Treasurer (Portfolio Leader – Finance) | |

Custodian Trustees

| Name | Dates acted (if not for whole year) |
|-------------------------|--|
| Robert Rowe | |
| David Beach | |
| Professor Francis Terry | |
| John Savage | From 16-Oct-21 |

Structure, governance and management

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Type of organisation | Unincorporated association |
| Governing documents | 1. Constitution (dated 5 October 2013) 2. Trust Deed (under which the Charity's assets are vested in the Custodian Trustees) |
| Trustee Selection Method | Elected by rotation at Annual General Meeting (or other general meeting) |

The Executive Committee operates a portfolio-based management system that defines activities (including the general management of the organisation as a charity), responsibilities and reporting.

Objectives and activities

- Objectives of the Society** The British Trolleybus Society (BTS), originally formed in 1961 as the Reading Transport Society (RTS), was registered as a charity by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 24 February 1994.
- The Society's primary charitable object is to educate the public about the operation and historical interest of public service vehicles, particularly the trolleybus.
- Main activities of the Society** In setting the objectives and pursuing the following activities, the trustees, via the Executive Committee, have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The objectives are:
- (a) To maintain its historic vehicles and restore them to their original or an authentic condition in order to display and, where possible, operate them at the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft in North Lincolnshire
 - (b) To assist in the progress and maintenance of the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft
 - (c) To publish a journal of the affairs of the Society
 - (d) To promote general interest in the preservation of passenger transport vehicles, but particularly to encourage the restoration, maintenance and general well-being of preserved trolleybuses and trolleybus equipment
 - (e) To encourage the writing and publication of histories on trolleybuses, their operating systems and their technical equipment
 - (f) To collect and maintain a library of such publications and other archival material that is relevant to trolleybuses

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements and the performance of the Society during the year

Note: *The Society's financial year runs from 1 April to 31 March. This report on the activities of the Society covers the twelve months to 31 March 2022. As has been the practice in previous years, for continuity this report also covers those planned events that have taken place since 31 March 2022.*

Annual General Meeting: The sixtieth Annual General Meeting of the Society, which considered the activities of the Society from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, was held at the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft on 16 October 2021. Roy Fawcett did not seek re-election as Treasurer and Francis Whitehead was elected in his place. The Executive Committee is very grateful to Roy for his exceptional service to the Society, having been Treasurer for more than 54 years. The Executive Committee is also grateful to Jim Gallagher, who retired as Independent Examiner.

President: The Executive Committee was delighted that Nicholas Owen accepted its invitation to become the Society's President. Since his appointment, Nicholas has taken a close interest in the Society's activities and was guest of honour at the BTS Anniversary Dinner.

Finance: Since the start of the 2021-22 financial year, Roy Fawcett has gradually transferred the management of the Society's accounts to Francis Whitehead and as reported above, Francis formally became Treasurer following the 2021 AGM in October. The record keeping has been transferred by Francis to a computer-based system from the traditional manual double-book method used since the Society was founded. Monthly financial reports produced from the computer program are provided to the Executive Committee: these have developed over the year and now comprehensively summarise movements and balances for the various budget accounts, the total value of unrestricted and restricted funds, invoices settled and cash at the bank, all allowing regular scrutiny of the financial position. Francis is most grateful to Roy for his invaluable assistance and

patience during the hand-over period, passing on background and information, and answering many questions.

The end of year accounts are attached at the end of this report.

Subscriptions pay for all the costs of printing and distributing the Society's magazines and the Society's running costs as well as making a contribution towards the cost of accommodating and maintaining its historic vehicle collection.

The SponsorTrolley scheme makes a substantial contribution to vehicle accommodation and maintenance costs and helps to build funds for restoration. Most SponsorTrolley donations qualify for Gift Aid, making the SponsorTrolley scheme even more valuable to the Society. The Executive Committee is grateful to the generous SponsorTrolley supporters and to David Beach, who continues to administer the scheme.

Membership: As at 31 March 2022, membership totalled 271, of whom 14 are complimentary members; in addition, 8 subscribe just to *Bus Fare*. Thirteen members, 4 of them from overseas, receive their journals on-line and 10, while having a printed copy of *Trolleybus*, receive *Bus Fare* on-line. A total of 10 members joined the Society during the year under review, all but one of them on-line. Sadly, five members passed away during the year. Of the 254 members receiving their journal by post, 172 have registered their email address and thus receive their renewal reminders automatically via email (their ability to receive the on-line-only newsletter is possibly an incentive): this reduces the workload of the Membership Secretary and Distribution Officer in their not needing to prepare and distribute paper renewal forms.

Members who have not renewed their subscriptions receive a reminder; during the year under review, about half of them have subsequently renewed. Since the end of the last financial year, two more members have joined the Society and one member has re-joined. The membership at the end of August 2022 stood at 270.

Sales: In the year under review, meetings and events have restarted after their enforced Covid-19 suspension and so the sales stand has been active again. Thanks are due to Sales Officer, Paul Weal, for raising significant sums of money for the Society under difficult trading conditions.

BTS Calendar: The Society's 2022 calendar made around £400 profit. The Executive Committee thanks Tony Belton for providing the photographs and captions. Another calendar, again using Tony's photographs, has been produced for 2023.

Monthly Prize Draw: The Monthly Prize Draw operates January to December each calendar year and produces funds for vehicle restoration: prior to inviting members to take part, the Executive Committee selects which vehicle should be supported by that year's Draw.

The proceeds from the 2021 Draw helped to finance the necessary mechanical work to London 1812, so as to be fully serviceable on its return to Sandtoft; 44 members took part, holding a record total of 136 shares (a participant can hold up to 5 shares). The Draw produced a £1,827.00 contribution towards no.1812.

The 2022 Draw will benefit bringing Mexborough & Swinton 34 back to life. The Publicity Officer, Paul Dicken, revamped the Draw application form and this undoubtedly helped to increase the number of participants to a new record of 48 holding a total of 149 shares. The proceeds to be transferred to no.34's fund are scheduled to be £1,788.00.

During 2021 the organiser, Andrew Barton, had to conduct the Draw in isolation at his home due to the Covid-19 suspension of the Reading area meetings. However, with their resumption, the 2022 Draw is taking place at the meetings. Andrew is grateful to the participants for making this valuable contribution towards vehicle restoration.

Gift Aid: Gift Aid provides a substantial enhancement to the Society's income, but in the year under review, no claims have been made to HMRC. Nevertheless, thanks are due to Martin Harvey for his background work in maintaining the gift aid records.

Publications: The Society's magazines, *Trolleybus*, *Bus Fare* and *Wheels*, are published monthly (but see below about *Wheels*) and the Executive Committee wishes to thank the editorial and production teams (Dave Chick, Jody White, Bruce Lake and James Cusworth) as well as everyone who supplies news, articles and photographs, and Derek Pearson who envelopes and posts our

journals plus inserts every month, turning them round very quickly after receiving them from the printers. The Society's monthly electronic *News & Events* newsletter which is produced by Publicity Officer Paul Dicken is now published jointly with the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft. Thanks to Paul for this much-appreciated initiative.

Philip Jenkinson retired from the posts of Production Editor of *Trolleybus* and Editor/ Production Manager of *Wheels* in December 2021 with *Wheels* unfortunately ceasing production then because a new editor could not be found; the Executive Committee is grateful to Peter Braybrooke for ably taking over as *Trolleybus* Production Editor with effect from January 2022.

Philip had resigned because of his terminal illness. We were all greatly saddened by his death in February 2022.

Trolleybooks (joint publication panel of the BTS and NTA): Bob Rowe, David Mulvey and Dave Chick are the BTS Trolleybooks Representatives and Roger Clark is the Trolleybooks Treasurer. No new books were published during the year under review but the Panel has an exciting schedule of new books in preparation.

Meetings: London meetings resumed in September 2021 and Reading meetings in January 2022. During the Covid-19 lockdowns, the NTA and the BTS presented online Zoom meetings as substitutes for these respective meetings. The BTS Zoom meetings were arranged by Graham Bilbé and enabled by Dave Chick to whom thanks are given: these presentations proved popular and allowed members far from Reading (some even from overseas) to attend and participate in a Society activity.

The Society's Collection of Historic Vehicles:

- London Transport Q1 1812 was transferred from storage in Reading to Ian Barrett's workshop near Dorking in February 2022 for its planned major mechanical overhaul. Last overhauled by LT in November 1960, as had been anticipated, a lot of the chassis components needed to receive attention with numerous parts found to be in poor condition and having to be machined (some by specialist contractors) or replaced – often involving the manufacture of new. In the current year the overhaul has been completed and no.1812 returned to Sandtoft to be tested before re re-entering service at a BTS-organised event at Sandtoft on 27 August 2022
- The fund for the major restoration work required on Mexborough & Swinton 34 continues to grow. A BTS group visited the Garrett Long Shop Museum, Leiston, Suffolk in September 2021, where an Ipswich Garrett trolleybus with a similar chassis is being restored, to begin a collaboration which will benefit no. 34
- Bournemouth 301: In the review year, no.301 was transferred from Keighley to Hooton Park, Cheshire, initially to have its window rubbers renewed. Further work, mostly internal, has been identified and is being carried out. Thanks to Keith Baynton for undertaking this work
- Reading 113 received attention prior to operating at the BTS 60th anniversary weekend
- Funds continue to be built up for the restoration of Aachen 22
- Bournemouth 99's defective resistor bank has been removed but not yet taken to be refurbished
- Glasgow TB78: A prototype replacement interior vent cover has been produced using 3-D printing technology; following slight adjustments to the design, arrangements are being made to produce a batch of these vent covers. The rear platform has been rebuilt and recently, replacement oil seals fitted to the rear axle
- Walsall 342 remains in storage at Thorpe-in-Balne but is expected to be removed soon, following completion of the David Croft Depot at Sandtoft
- Walsall 872 still has a hydraulic leak and a defect in its electrical control circuitry
- Cardiff 203's rear brakes remain in need of a complete strip-down and re-assessment
- South Shields 204, Huddersfield 631 and Manchester 1344, along with Reading 113, are all reliable and regular performers at Sandtoft, helping to keep a high profile at the Museum for the Society
- "William", the horse tower wagon, remains in the depot at Sandtoft

- Reading 47, the Society's 1935 AEC Regent motorbus is maintained in roadworthy condition and insured for road use, although use is only occasional, in the local Reading area and passenger loads are restricted to avoid overloading it structurally. No.47 retains a respectable appearance despite its last repaint being many years old now, but the bus is in need of some extensive bodywork renovation.

During the year under review the owners of Huddersfield 619 offered the trolleybus to the Society and a package was negotiated which allowed the BTS to accept the donation without putting the existing historic vehicle collection at risk. No.619 was formally handed over during the present year.

Thanks are go to Graham Bilbé and Francis Whitehead for their continuing leadership of this aspect of the Society's work.

Publicity: The appointment of Paul Dicken as Publicity Officer has led to an increase in publicity for the Society, with (among other things) articles about London 1812 generating donations for the restoration fund.

Website and Social Media: The BTS website is a necessary publicity tool and continues to play an important role in recruiting new members. The Executive Committee is grateful to Ashley Bruce, our Webmaster, and to Dave Hall and Simon Guppy who maintain the content. During the current year the website, under a working group comprising Paul Dicken, Peter Short, Ashley Bruce and Dave Hall, has been revamped and now has a much improved appearance and more logically-grouped content that is also simpler to maintain up-to-date. Thanks are due to all concerned, but particularly Peter Short for his technical input into building the new site, including working with Sales Officer, Paul Weal, in establishing a more attractive on-line shop.

The Society's Facebook page now has more than 1,500 followers: thanks must go to Dave Chick and Dave Hall for so much input into keeping the Facebook page topical.

Events: the Society ran the August 2021 Bank Holiday Trolleydays at Sandtoft, whilst the BTS Members' Day and 2021 AGM was also held at Sandtoft.

In the current year, a tour and dinner celebrated the Society's 60th anniversary, albeit twelve months late, the delay being caused by Covid-19. Thanks are due to Dave Hall for organising these two events, which were enjoyed by many members.

The Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft: The BTS has continued to work closely with the Board of Sandtoft Transport Centre Limited. As the owner of the adjoining *Burntwood* premises and one of the Museum's three supporting societies: BTS and STCL are part of a Joint Working Group to plan the Museum's expansion and this is reported below.

Joint Working Group with STCL: The BTS/ STCL Joint Working Group (JWG) presented its report to the BTS Executive Committee and the Sandtoft Board at a joint meeting on 29 August 2021, when the JWG's recommendations were either accepted or, after discussion/ agreement, amended. The plans for the Sandtoft District Railway were subsequently worked on and during the current year planning permission has been received and groundwork has commenced. The JWG recommendations for increasing the number of open days resulted in a successful trial during August 2022.

Burntwood: The work needed to widen the *Burntwood* entrance gateway is likely to be divided into separate "packages" as it has not proved economical to appoint a single contractor to carry out the work.

In January 2022, the BTS archive at *Burntwood* was moved to a larger room, partly to accommodate the additional items that were received from the John Whitehead and John Zebedee collections. Both sets of items have been sorted and boxed and added to the collection, resulting in the new archive room being nearly full already.

The "engine shed" and a large section of track for the planned Sandtoft District Railway will be located on the *Burntwood* plot; as reported above, planning permission for the railway has recently been granted and initial groundwork started. Meanwhile, the rolling stock and track is stored at *Burntwood*.

A smart electricity meter has been installed and has proved useful in remotely monitoring electricity

usage. The Executive Committee is grateful to John Stainforth for continuing in the role of *Burntwood* Property Manager and to Stewart David who is the local point of contact and regularly checks the property; David Hanchett manages accommodation bookings for BTS members working at the Trolleybus Museum.

BTS Archives: The Society's archives and in particular the extensive photographic archives continue to be maintained by Dave Hall and are a useful source for authors of new works about trolleybuses. Dave has scanned several photographic collections during the year and the archive now comprises more than 50,000 images.

In the current year Dave Hall and Sandtoft Archivist Eric Moy visited Crich Tramway Museum to study that museum's archiving methods and record making.

The Future: The Society looks forward to the continuing support of the membership in its endeavours to keeping knowledge of the trolleybus to the fore.

Financial Review

British Trolleybus Society Policy Concerning its Financial Reserves

1. The Society is positively maintained as a going concern, adopting robust management methods to ensure that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.
2. The Executive Committee regularly reviews the level of the Society's financial reserves.
3. Over and above the requirement to meet in full the Society's spending commitments, the Executive Committee's policy is to maintain sufficient reserves to:
 - (a) Where appropriate, bridge any gap between the spending of funds and the receiving of income
 - (b) cover emergency repairs and other unplanned expenditure on the Society's charitable assets and freehold property
 - (c) satisfy the requirements of all the donors to the Society's restricted funds, and those of the providers of grants and the like

There are no funds that are materially in deficit.

The Executive Committee considers that there are sufficient funds at year-end, in total amounting to £158,463 including the restricted funds which total £122,842, to provide adequately for planned expenditure and these contingencies.

The Executive Committee is of the view that the BTS, a charity, is a going concern and has a reasonable expectation that adequate resources are available for it to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Declaration

The members of the Executive Committee declare that they have approved the trustees' report set out above.

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee



Andrew John Barton

Secretary



David George Chick

Chairman

Date: 28 September 2022

British Trolleybus Society

Registered Charity No. 1033666

Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

Receipts and Payments

Year to 31 March 2022

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Year to 31 March 2021 to the nearest £ |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Membership subscriptions | 7,079 | - | - | 7,079 | 8,209 |
| Burntwood Covid-19 support grant | 8,000 | - | - | 8,000 | 11,218 |
| Burntwood Council tax refund | - | - | - | - | 6,102 |
| Donations: Burntwood costs/ improvements | 360 | 10,500 | - | 10,860 | - |
| Donations: Vehicle sponsorship (SponsorTrolley) | - | 10,496 | - | 10,496 | 10,800 |
| Donations: Vehicle restoration | - | 8,200 | - | 8,200 | 44,652 |
| Donations: Meetings | 166 | - | - | 166 | - |
| Donations: Other | 1,546 | - | - | 1,546 | - |
| Gift Aid: Tax reclaims from HMRC | - | - | - | - | 11,666 |
| Legacies | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 | - |
| Sales takings | 5,001 | - | - | 5,001 | 3,059 |
| Trolleybooks: BTS share of profit payments | - | - | - | - | 6,000 |
| Payments from STCL for trolleybus usage | 729 | - | - | 729 | - |
| Monthly Prize Draw Subscriptions | - | 3,250 | - | 3,250 | 2,914 |
| STCL subscriptions collected by BTS | - | 1,328 | - | 1,328 | 1,615 |
| Bank interest | 18 | - | - | 18 | 102 |
| Miscellaneous income | - | - | - | - | 57 |
| Sub total | 23,900 | 33,773 | - | 57,673 | 106,394 |
| Asset and investment sales | | | | | |
| None | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 23,900 | 33,773 | - | 57,673 | 106,394 |
| Payments | | | | | |
| Magazine production and postage | 7,872 | - | - | 7,872 | 13,557 |
| Legal, audit and general meeting costs | 300 | - | - | 300 | 200 |
| Burntwood Council tax, utilities & maintenance | 9,850 | - | - | 9,850 | 4,726 |
| Vehicles: Accommodation - STCL | - | 9,000 | - | 9,000 | 8,550 |
| Vehicles: Accommodation - other | - | 3,352 | - | 3,352 | 2,667 |
| Vehicles: Towing costs | - | 1,200 | - | 1,200 | - |
| Vehicles: Restoration costs | - | 10,086 | - | 10,086 | 1,550 |
| Library and archive costs | 277 | - | - | 277 | - |
| Reading area meetings | 135 | - | - | 135 | - |
| Sales stock & costs (including insurance) | 1,293 | - | - | 1,293 | 1,861 |
| Monthly Prize Draw: Expenses | - | - | - | - | 8 |
| Monthly Prize Draw: Prizes | - | 1,680 | - | 1,680 | 1,380 |
| STCL subscriptions forwarded to STCL | - | 1,296 | - | 1,296 | 1,615 |
| Bank, PayPal and credit card charges | 101 | - | - | 101 | 143 |
| Miscellaneous expenditure | 1,474 | - | - | 1,474 | 373 |
| Sub total | 21,302 | 26,613 | - | 47,915 | 36,630 |
| Asset and investment | | | | | |
| None | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 21,302 | 26,613 | - | 47,915 | 36,630 |
| Year Surplus/ Deficit | 2,598 | 7,160 | - | 9,757 | 69,764 |
| Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cash funds last year-end | 40,928 | 108,517 | - | 149,445 | 79,682 |
| Cash funds this year-end | 43,526 | 115,677 | 0 | 159,203 | 149,446 |

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 March 2022

| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Cash funds | Lloyds cheque account (funds at 31-Mar- | 16,246 | 7,165 | - |
| | Lloyds savings account | 25,418 | 112,735 | - |
| | Nationwide savings account | - | 2,942 | - |
| | PayPal account | 4,221 | - | - |
| | Cash held by Society officers | 110 | - | - |
| | Sub total | 45,994 | 122,842 | - |
| | Lloyds cheque account (unpresented cheques at 31-Mar-22) | -3,208 | -7,165 | - |
| | Total cash funds | 42,786 | 115,677 | - |
| Other monetary assets | | | | |
| | None | - | - | - |
| Investment assets | | | | |
| | None | - | - | - |
| Assets retained for the Society's own use | | | | |
| | Historic trolleybuses/ historic vehicles | Restricted | 14,100 | - |
| | Trolleybus overhead & equipment | Unrestricted | 2,781 | - |
| | Freehold land and property - Burntwood | Unrestricted | 425,000 | - |
| | Sales stock | Unrestricted | 3,650 | - |
| | TOTAL | | 445,531 | - |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| | None | - | - | - |

Analysis and Statement of Restricted Funds as at 31 March 2022

| | Balance as at 01-Apr-21 to nearest £ | Receipts to nearest £ | Payments to nearest £ | Transfer Between Restricted Funds to nearest £ | Balance as at 31-Mar-22 to nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| <u>Vehicles:</u> | | | | | |
| Reading Horse-drawn Tower Wagon | 201 | 0 | 48 | | 153 |
| Mexborough & Swinton 34 | 40,066 | 1,688 | 947 | | 40,807 |
| Reading 47 | 424 | 610 | 1,392 | | -358 |
| Bournemouth 99 | 5,081 | 750 | 900 | | 4,931 |
| South Shields 204 | 1,009 | 783 | 900 | | 892 |
| Reading 113 | 1,057 | 720 | 948 | | 829 |
| Cardiff 203 | 658 | 690 | 900 | | 448 |
| London 1812 | 14,625 | 4,263 | 7,977 | 1,803 | 12,714 |
| Walsall 342 | 219 | 755 | 900 | | 74 |
| Manchester 1344 | 682 | 720 | 900 | | 502 |
| Walsall 872 | 1,368 | 745 | 900 | | 1,213 |
| Aachen 22 | 30,244 | 780 | 0 | | 31,024 |
| Glasgow TB78 | 830 | 760 | 1,000 | | 590 |
| Huddersfield 631 | 1,434 | 990 | 900 | | 1,524 |
| Bournemouth 301 | 6,036 | 770 | 5,025 | | 1,781 |
| Huddersfield 619 | 0 | 3,672 | 0 | | 3,672 |
| SUB TOTAL (Vehicle-specific funds) | 103,934 | 18,696 | 23,638 | 1,803 | 100,795 |
| <u>Other Restricted Funds:</u> | | | | | |
| STCL membership subscriptions | 0 | 1,328 | 1,296 | | 32 |
| Residual NHLF Grant (Poles Down Project) | 1,725 | 0 | 0 | | 1,725 |
| Burntwood | 0 | 10,500 | 0 | | 10,500 |
| Monthly Prize Draw (2021) | 2,858 | 220 | 1,275 | -1,803 | 0 |
| Monthly Prize Draw (2022) | 0 | 3,030 | 405 | | 2,625 |
| TOTAL | 108,517 | 33,773 | 26,613 | 0 | 115,677 |

Approval and Signatures

Approved and signed by authorised trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
|  | FRANCIS WHITEHEAD | 28-9-2022 |

| | | |
|---|-------------|------------|
|  | DAVID CHICK | 29/09/2022 |
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BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY

Registered Charity No 1033666

Independent Examiner's Report on Accounts

Report to the Trustees / Members of - **BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY**

On Accounts for the year ending - **31st March 2022**

Set out on Pages - **1, 2 and 3**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022

Responsibilities and basis of the report.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiners Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 10 of the Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed : *Alan Butler*

Date : 7th October 2022

Name : Alan Butler

Relevant professional qualifications or body : N/A

Address : 62 St Michaels Road, Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire. RG30 4RX

BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1033666

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

| | | | | | | | |
|------|-------------------|----|------|----|-----------------|----|------|
| | Period start date | | | | Period end date | | |
| From | 01 | 04 | 2020 | To | 31 | 03 | 2021 |

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY**

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) **1033666**

Charity's principal address

| |
|--------------------------|
| 2 Josephine Court |
| Southcote Road |
| Reading |
| RG30 2DG |

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| David Chick | Chairman & Portfolio Leader, Publications | |
| Andrew Barton | Secretary & Portfolio Leader, Membership | |
| Roy Fawcett | Portfolio Leader, Finance | |
| Graham Bilbé | Portfolio Leader, Engineering | |
| Helen Cross | Portfolio Leader, Policy Development/Administration | 10 October 2020 – 1 April 2021 |
| Paul Dicken | | 10 October 2020 – 1 April 2021 |
| David Hall | Portfolio Leader, Library/Archive & Website | 10 October 2020 – 1 April 2021 |
| Maria Teresa Harvey | Committee member | 1 April – 10 October 2020 |
| Martin Harvey | Deputy Chairman & Portfolio Leader, Policy Development/Administration | 1 April – 10 October 2020 |
| John Stainforth | Burntwood Property Manager | 1 April – 10 October 2020 |
| Paul Weal | Portfolio Leader, Sales | |
| Francis Whitehead | Portfolio Leader, Vehicles | |

Custodian trustees for the charity

| | Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Lord Stoddart of Swindon | 1 April – 14 November 2020 |
| 2 | David Beach | |
| 3 | Robert Rowe | |
| 4 | Professor Francis Terry | |

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

| | |
|---|---|
| Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Constitution (dated 5 October 2013) 2. Trust deed (under which the Charity's assets are vested in custodian trustees) |
| How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company) | Unincorporated association |
| Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by) | Elected by members at AGM |

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The British Trolleybus Society (BTS), originally formed in 1961 as the Reading Transport Society (RTS), was registered as a Charity by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 24 February 1994.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Its primary charitable object is to educate the public about the operation and historical interest of public service vehicles, especially the trolleybus.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

- (a) To maintain its vehicles and restore them to their original or an authentic condition, in order to display and operate them at the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft in North Lincolnshire
- (b) To assist in the progress and maintenance of the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft
- (c) To publish a journal of the affairs of the Society
- (d) To promote general interest in the preservation of passenger transport vehicles, but particularly to encourage the restoration, maintenance and general well-being of preserved trolleybuses and trolleybus equipment
- (e) To encourage the writing and publication of histories on trolleybuses, their operating systems and their technical equipment
- (f) To collect and maintain a library of such publications and other archival material that is relevant to trolleybuses

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Note: *The Society's financial year runs from 1 April to 31 March. This report on the activities of the Society covers the twelve months to 31 March 2021. As has been the practice in previous years, for continuity this report also covers those planned events that have taken place since 31 March 2021.*

AGM: The fifty-ninth Annual General Meeting of the Society, which considered the activities of the Society from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, was held as a Zoom videoconference because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Maria Teresa Harvey, Martin Harvey and John Stainforth did not stand for re-election but Martin has continued to administer Gift Aid for the Society and John has continued in the role of Burntwood Property Manager. Thanks are due to Maria Teresa, Martin and John for their years of service on the Committee. Helen Cross, Paul Dicken and Dave Hall were elected to the Committee.

President The Committee was greatly saddened by the death of our President, Lord Stoddart of Swindon, in November. Lord Stoddart had been active in his role of Custodian Trustee and his wise counsel was always most welcome.

Finances: Subscriptions pay for all the costs of printing and distributing the magazines and the Society's running costs and make a contribution towards the cost of storing and maintaining the vehicle fleet.

The SponsorTrolley scheme makes a substantial contribution to vehicle storage and maintenance and helps to build funds for restoration. Most SponsorTrolley donations also qualify for Gift Aid, making the scheme even more valuable to the Society. We are grateful to these generous supporters and to David Beach, who continues to administer the scheme.

The Executive Committee is grateful to Roy Fawcett for his ongoing management of the Society's finances, and to the independent examiner, Jim Gallagher. After more than 55 years, 54 of them as Treasurer, Roy is standing down from the Committee. We wish to thank him for his many years of dedicated service to the Society. Jim Gallagher is also retiring as Independent Examiner

Sales: The national restrictions which were introduced as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic meant that no meetings or events have been held during the year under review, but our online sales have been very successful. In the present year events have restarted but the use of cash has reduced and so BTS Sales now has a card reader for credit and debit card sales. Thanks are due to our Sales Officer, Paul Weal, for raising significant sums of money for the Society.

Calendar: The Society's 2021 calendar made around £300 profit for the BTS. Our thanks to Tony Belton for providing the photos and captions. Another calendar has been produced for 2022.

Monthly Prize Draw The Monthly Prize Draw provides funds for vehicle restoration. The 2020 Draw attracted 33 members, holding a total of 110 shares. The Draw yielded £1,280 towards the completion of the restoration of Bournemouth 99. The Draw normally takes place at the Reading meetings but since their suspension, the organiser has conducted it at home. The proceeds from the 2021 Draw will help to finance the repaint and necessary mechanical work to London 1812, so that it is fully serviceable on its return to Sandtoft; a record number of 44 members are taking part, holding a total of 136 shares. The organiser, Andrew Barton, is grateful to the participants for making this valuable contribution towards vehicle restoration.

Gift Aid: During the year under review the Gift Aid recovered amounted to £11,666. Our thanks to Martin Harvey for his work in recovering the substantial sum involved each year.

Membership: Membership as at 31 March was 271, of whom 13 are complimentary members; in addition 9 subscribe just to *Bus Fare*. Seventeen members, 5 of them overseas, receive their journals on-line. Nine members joined the Society during the year under review, all but one of them on-line. Sadly three members passed away during the year. Of the 254 members receiving their journal by post, 172 include email addresses in their membership records and thus receive their renewal reminders directly by email (their ability to receive the newsletter is an incentive). This eases the work of the membership secretary

and distribution officer in their not needing to prepare and send them renewal forms.

Members who had not renewed their subscriptions received a letter reminding them with their May 2021 issue of *Trolleybus*; about half of them have since renewed.

Since the end of the last financial year 3 members have joined the Society. The membership at the end of July 2021 stands at 270.

Publications: The Society's three magazines (*Trolleybus*, *Bus Fare* and *Wheels*) are all published monthly and we wish to thank the Editorial and production teams (Dave Chick, Jody White, Bruce Lake, James Cusworth and Philip Jenkinson) as well as everyone who supplies news, articles and photos, and Derek Pearson, who envelopes and posts our journals plus inserts every month, turning them round very quickly after receiving them. In addition the Society's Publicity Officer, Paul Dicken, has introduced a News & Events monthly newsletter that has been distributed by email and has been much appreciated by members.

In September 2021 Philip Jenkinson has given notice of his resignation from the post of Production Editor and an appeal for a member to take on the design and layout of *Trolleybus* will appear in the December edition of *Trolleybus*. A new editor is also being sought for *Wheels*.

Website and Social Media: The BTS website continues to play an important role in recruiting new members. Our Facebook page now has more than 1200 followers. The Committee is grateful to Ashley Bruce our Webmaster and to Dave Hall and Simon Guppy who maintain the content.

TROLLEYBOOKS (joint publication panel of the BTS and NTA) "A London Trolleybus Reborn" by Dave Chick was published during the year
Bob Rowe, David Mulvey and Dave Chick are the BTS Trolleybooks Representatives and Roger Clark is the Trolleybooks Treasurer.

These publications significantly contribute to Society funds (£6000 in 2020 – 2021) and the Panel has an exciting schedule of new books in preparation.

MEETINGS Unfortunately no meetings have taken place since March 2020 because of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, well-attended monthly meetings have been held by Zoom videoconference. London meetings are restarting in September 2021 and Reading meetings in January 2022.

VEHICLES

- London Transport Q1 1812 had been on loan to the London Bus Museum since October 2015 and was removed in October 2020 following the end of the loan period. A very successful campaign has raised the funds necessary to have major mechanical work undertaken and this was due to commence before the AGM. It is also intended that 1812 will be repainted before returning to Sandtoft in time for the commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the London closure. Our thanks to the large number of members who have contributed and to Robert Williams for making a storage space available.
- The fund for the major restoration work required on Mexborough & Swinton 34 continues to grow, with a large donation being received from a generous member. A group of volunteers at the Long Shop Museum, Leiston, is preparing to restore Ipswich Garrett 26. A BTS group is visiting this team in September to begin a collaboration which will benefit No. 34.
- Bournemouth 301 moved to Keighley Bus Museum where the electrical work was carried out followed by a full external repaint. In the present year it has been taken to Hooton Park to have its window rubbers renewed.
- Reading 113 received attention prior to operating at the BTS 60th anniversary weekend.
- Funds continue to be built up for the restoration of Aachen 22, including a substantial donation during the review year. Thanks to John Stainforth's persistent efforts, 22 returned to undercover storage following an extended period outside.
- Bournemouth 99's defective resistor bank has been removed but not yet taken to be refurbished.
- Glasgow TB78. A prototype replacement interior vent has been produced using 3D printing. The rear platform has been rebuilt.
- South Shields 204 is available for service at Sandtoft.
- Walsall 342 remains in storage at Thorpe.
- Walsall 872 still has a hydraulic leak and electrical defects.

- Cardiff 203's back brakes need a complete strip-down and re-assessment.
- Huddersfield 631 continues to be a regular performer at Sandtoft.
- Manchester 1344 also sees regular service at Sandtoft.
- Reading 47 The Society's 1935 AEC Regent bus was used for the sad task of carrying mourners for John Whitehead's funeral in December 2020.
- William, the horse tower wagon, remains in the depot at Sandtoft.

Thanks are due to Graham Bilbé and Francis Whitehead for their continuing leadership of this aspect of the Society's work.

PUBLICITY

The appointment of a Publicity Officer has led to an increase in publicity for the Society, with articles about London 1812 generating donations for the restoration fund.

EVENTS

The Covid-19 pandemic prevented the Society from holding a Members' Day in 2020. Other than the August 2021 Trolleydays at Sandtoft planned events to celebrate the Society's 60th anniversary could not be held, there will be events in April 2022.

THE TROLLEYBUS MUSEUM AT SANDTOFT (TM@S)

The BTS has continued to work closely with the Board of Sandtoft Transport Centre Ltd. as one of the Museum's three supporting societies. There is now communication between the BTS Chairman and the Museum's Chief Operating Officer prior to every Board meeting.

BTS and STCL also have a Joint Working Group to plan the Museum's expansion and this is reported below.

BURNTWOOD

The BTS Burntwood Sub-Committee met several times and was wound up after its meeting in February, with its responsibilities transferring to either the BTS Committee or the Joint Working Group, as appropriate. John Stainforth produced a comprehensive handover document. The Sub-Committee comprised Dave Chick, Roy Fawcett, Martin Harvey and John Stainforth. We are grateful to them for their work.

Planning Permission to widen the Burntwood entrance gateway was granted in June 2020. We also received approval from North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) for the change of use of Burntwood to a combination of museum purposes and hostel accommodation. This made us eligible to switch from Council Tax to Business Rates, saving the Society about £2,000 per annum thanks to the charitable relief for which we are now eligible.

Because of the pandemic and the closure of the Museum less use was made of the property for volunteer accommodation, although it was still a very valuable facility.

Mark Boulton has replaced the rotting timberwork on the front of the bungalow and with his wife Jess has planted and cared for 240 shrubs along the fenceline, which was a condition of planning permission.

The Society is grateful to John Stainforth for continuing in the role of Burntwood Property Manager and to Stewart David who is the local point of contact and regularly checks the property.

A smart meter has been installed.

BTS ARCHIVES

The Society's archives and in particular the extensive photo archives continue to be maintained by Dave Hall and are a useful source for authors of new works about trolleybuses.

A consignment of Bradford trolleybus archives has kindly been donated by the family of the late Stanley King. Some archive material has also been received from Brain Deans' executor.

Because of the increase volume of archive material a larger room at Burntwood is to be used from the end of 2021.

THE FUTURE

The BTS/STCL Joint Working Group (JWG) has met several times to coordinate plans for the overall development of the Museum. It had been intended that further study visits would be held but this was not possible during the pandemic. Following presentation of the JWG Report to the BTS Committee and the Sandtoft Board a joint meeting was held on 29 August and the JWG's recommendations were either accepted or amended.

A great deal of hard work will be required but the BTS and the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft stand to benefit enormously from the proposed developments.
Some of the events that were planned for our anniversary year are now scheduled to be held 12 months late.
We look forward to the continuing support of the membership in our endeavours.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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 - (b) cover emergency repairs and other unplanned expenditure on the Society's charitable assets and freehold property
 - (c) satisfy the requirements of all the donors to the Society's restricted funds, and those of the providers of grants

The trustees consider that there are sufficient reserves in total, amounting to £79,682 at year-end, to provide adequately for these contingencies, including the restricted funds which at year end amounted to £58,859.

The trustees are of the view that the charity is a going concern and have a reasonable expectation that it has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

| | | |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Signature(s) | A. Barton | David G. Chick |
| Full name(s) | Andrew John Barton | David George Chick |
| Position | Secretary | Chair |
| Date | 16 OCTOBER 2021 | |



Receipts and payments accounts

| | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|
| For the period from | Period start date 01/04/2020 | To | Period end date 31/03/2021 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|----|-------------------------------|

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Membership subscriptions | 8,209 | | | 8,209 | 8,358 |
| Prize Draw receipts | | 2,914 | | 2,914 | 2,320 |
| Sales income | 3,059 | | | 3,059 | 5,052 |
| HMRC Gift Aid | 5,113 | 6,553 | | 11,666 | 6,033 |
| Donations towards Burntwood costs | | | | | 1,089 |
| Burntwood Council Tax Refund | 6,102 | | | 6,102 | |
| Burntwood Covid Support Grant | 11,218 | | | 11,218 | |
| Other donations and legacies | | | | | 967 |
| Payments from STCL for use of trolleybuses | | | | | 531 |
| Trolleybooks: BTS share of profits | 6,000 | | | 6,000 | 4,500 |
| Reading area meetings/ AGM | | | | | 1,061 |
| Vehicle sponsorship | | 55,453 | | 55,453 | 12,051 |
| Bank account interest | 99 | 3 | | 102 | 60 |
| Miscellaneous income | 57 | | | 57 | 846 |
| STCL subscriptions collected by BTS | 1,615 | | | 1,615 | 1,639 |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 41,471 | 64,923 | | 106,394 | 44,507 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales | | | | | |
| None | | | | | |
| Sub total | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Total receipts | 41,471 | 64,923 | | 106,394 | 44,507 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Magazine production and postage | 13,557 | | | 13,557 | 9,869 |
| Prize Draw prizes | | 1,380 | | 1,380 | 1,198 |
| Prize Draw expenses | | 8 | | 8 | 39 |
| Sales stock | 1,861 | | | 1,861 | 2,655 |
| Burntwood council tax, utilities & repairs | 4,726 | | | 4,726 | 5,877 |
| Vehicle storage - STCL | | 8,550 | | 8,550 | 8,400 |
| Vehicle storage - other | | 2,667 | | 2,667 | 1,960 |
| Vehicle restoration | | 1,550 | | 1,550 | 6,767 |
| Vehicle towing, insurance & other costs | | | | | 1,038 |
| Tow of 144 to Reading and return | | | | | 1,140 |
| Reading area meetings/ AGM | | | | | 780 |
| Miscellaneous expenditure | 716 | | | 716 | 1,351 |
| Repayment of Burntwood purchase loan | | | | | 55,000 |
| STCL subscriptions forwarded to STCL | 1,615 | | | 1,615 | 2,287 |
| Sub total | 22,475 | 14,155 | | 36,630 | 98,361 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases | | | | | |
| None | | | | | |
| Sub total | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Total payments | 22,475 | 14,155 | | 36,630 | 98,361 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 18,996 | 50,768 | | 69,764 | -53,854 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | -5,953 | 5,953 | | 0 | |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 20,822 | 58,859 | | 79,682 | 133,536 |
| Cash funds this year end | 33,865 | 115,580 | | 149,445 | 79,682 |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | TOTAL to nearest £ |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Lloyds TSB 60-day account | 7,798 | 115,580 | 123,378 |
| | Lloyds TSB Current Account | 23,259 | | 23,259 |
| | PayPal Account | 0 | | 0 |
| | Prize Draw account | 2,714 | | 2,714 |
| | Petty cash and floats | 94 | | 94 |
| | Total cash funds | | 33,865 | 115,580 |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | |

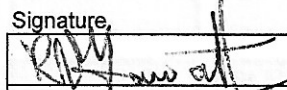

| | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | TOTAL to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |

| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |

| | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|--|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Freehold land and property - Burntwood | Unrestricted | 425,000 | - |
| | Sales stock | Unrestricted | 7,163 | |
| | Historic vehicles | Restricted | 14,100 | |
| | Overhead and trolleybus equipment | Unrestricted | 2,781 | |
| | TOTAL | | | 449,044 |

| | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | TOTAL | | - | |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|-----------------|------------------|
|  | R. V. FAWCETT | 5/10/21 |
|  | T. J. GALLAGHER | |

STATEMENT OF RESTRICTED FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

| | <u>BALANCE AT</u> <u>31/3/20</u> | <u>RECEIPTS</u> | <u>PAYMENTS</u> | <u>TRANSFERS</u> <u>BETWEEN</u> <u>RESTRICTED</u> <u>FUNDS</u> | <u>TRANSFERS</u> <u>FROM</u> <u>UNRESTRICTED</u> <u>FUNDS</u> | <u>BALANCE AT</u> <u>31/3/21</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Bournemouth 99 | 2,659.91 | 1,530.00 | 905.00 | 1,014.83 | 210.00 | 4,509.74 |
| 2. Reading 47 | 451.50 | 815.31 | 1,296.00 | 0.00 | 756.00 | 726.81 |
| 3. Reading 113 | 1,097.63 | 1,080.00 | 2,355.00 | 0.00 | 1,635.00 | 1,457.63 |
| 4. Glasgow TB78 | 598.67 | 1,000.00 | 855.00 | 0.00 | 375.00 | 1,118.67 |
| 5. South Shields 204 | 1,041.38 | 1,037.00 | 855.00 | 0.00 | 97.00 | 1,320.38 |
| 6. Mexborough & Swinton 34 | 16,035.34 | 27,512.50 | 855.00 | 0.00 | 35.00 | 42,727.84 |
| 7. Walsall 342 | 242.86 | 1,018.75 | 855.00 | 0.00 | 165.00 | 571.61 |
| 8. Walsall 872 | 1,394.40 | 1,072.50 | 855.00 | 0.00 | 35.00 | 1,646.90 |
| 9. Cardiff 203 | 697.70 | 1,086.25 | 855.00 | 0.00 | 205.00 | 1,133.95 |
| 10. Huddersfield 631 | 1,468.50 | 838.75 | 855.00 | 0.00 | 435.00 | 1,887.25 |
| 11. London 1812 | 4,726.25 | 8,767.50 | 351.00 | 0.00 | 1,800.00 | 14,942.75 |
| 12. Manchester 1344 | 706.26 | 1,040.00 | 855.00 | 0.00 | 205.00 | 1,096.26 |
| 13. Bournemouth 301 | 6,260.10 | 1,402.50 | 1,020.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,642.60 |
| 14. Aachen 22 | 17,352.82 | 13,805.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 31,157.82 |
| 15. Horse tower wagon | 201.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 201.00 |
| Total vehicle-specific funds | 54,934.32 | 62,006.06 | 12,767.00 | 1,014.83 | 5,953.00 | 111,141.21 |
| Reading 50th Anniversary HLF grant | 1,725.01 | | | | | 1,725.01 |
| Prize Draw fund | 2,200.00 | 2,916.68 | 1,387.85 | -1,014.83 | | 2,714.00 |
| TOTAL | 58,859.33 | 64,922.74 | 14,154.85 | 0.00 | 5,953.00 | 115,580.22 |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

BRITISH TROLLEYBUS SOCIETY

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2021

Charity no 1033666

Set out on pages

1,2 and 3

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

[Date]

Name:

T. J. GALLAGHER

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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