

# BRISTOL VINTAGE BUS GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1083056

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2000-10-27

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC BY INCREASING KNOWLEDGE AND INTEREST IN ALL ASPECTS OF TRANSPORT HERITAGE AND PARTICULARLY IN HISTORIC BUSES OF THE BRISTOL AREA.

**Activities:** Advancing the education of the public by increasing knowledge and interest in all aspects of transport heritage and particularly in historic buses of the Bristol area. The charity has a collection of buses which it preserves, restores and maintains and uses for rallies and events to promote the transport heritage of the area.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BRISTOL AREA.
- Bath And North East Somerset
- Bristol City
- North Somerset
- South Gloucestershire

## Finances

| Period end | Income  | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-10-31 | £27,114 | £34,948     | -      | -         |
| 2024-10-31 | £27,970 | £10,790     | -      | -         |
| 2023-10-31 | £19,606 | £28,643     | -      | -         |
| 2022-10-31 | £25,548 | £20,016     | -      | -         |
| 2021-10-31 | £12,158 | £20,522     | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                           | Role  | Appointed  |
|--------------------------------|-------|------------|
| <b>Ricky Long</b>              | Chair | 2021-04-11 |
| Aled Jonathan Rees             |       | 2022-01-30 |
| DAVID LESLIE WITHERS           |       |            |
| Dayley Patrick Gerald Lawrence |       | 2012-02-07 |
| Frank Joseph Sims              |       | 2026-03-22 |
| John Antony Hitchings          |       | 2026-03-22 |
| Joshua Andrew John Hughes      |       | 2019-04-14 |
| LIONEL TANCOCK                 |       |            |
| PAUL VINCENT TOVEY             |       | 2011-07-20 |
| Richard Maurice Avery          |       | 2014-03-24 |

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# Accounts

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# Bristol Vintage Bus Group

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Work in progress ...

## ANNUAL REPORT

# 2024 / 25

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2024/5**

### **Chairman's Report**

#### **Outreach**

Some school involvement was again possible this year, although headteachers are generally not happy for us to provide rides owing to their safety concerns, our vehicles lacking seat belts. These are available on hired coaches, but aren't fitted to service buses – so presumably the children are never taken on these either? We did manage to pay visits to two primary schools in the area this year to show the pupils what public transport looked like years ago.

Under the auspices of the respective Parent Teacher Associations, we were able to provide free rides for the Year 6 (eleven-year-olds) pupils of two local schools as part of the children's Prom celebrations.

We have also been fostering a link with the Museum Service's working exhibits, based at L Shed on the harbourside. Our involvement with them is listed in the Events piece below and we hope to continue to develop this in 2025/6.

#### **Getting Out and About**

##### STALL

The stall made appearances at the bus rallies at Barry, Bournemouth, Cotswold Barn, Stroud and Yatton. It was also in attendance at the harbourside bus displays that we organized, although for these events we were mostly selling clothing items emblazoned with the Bristol scroll. These proved popular not just with locals but also visitors to the city who just happened to find us whilst exploring the harbourside. as well as, of course, our own mini running days in April and October. We also had a particularly profitable time at our big event at the Brislington Park & Ride site in July.

Card payments are an increasing feature.

##### BUS RALLIES and EVENTS

Firstly, in November 2024 there was a repeat of the Twilight Run through the city centre, finishing up at Cribbs Causeway Bus Station.

The 2025 rally season attendances were as follows:

In March we held our season-opening event at Flowers Hill.

The popular Stroud Vintage Bus Rally was attended by us in June.

July saw our regular Bus Show event at Brislington Park & Ride site. We are extremely grateful to Alan Peters and Mike Walker for their continued sponsorships of this event. This proved extremely popular with the general public, the weather generally behaving itself – certainly from mid-morning onward.

The first weekend in August was the Gloucestershire Vintage & Country Extravaganza at South Cerney. Another very enjoyable (and profitable) weekend. Congratulations to the crew who stay with the vehicles across the three days. The month also saw our participation in the celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Bristol tram, our buses at a Yatton Railway Station rally, Richard Avery's MW bus attending the Victory Park Summer Picnic in Brislington and attendance at the Cotswold Bus Rally near Moreton-in-Marsh.

In October we ran a free shuttle bus service along Cumberland Road to link Museum Square with Underfall Yard for Bristol's Historic Harbour weekend. As usual, we held a season-closing event at the end of that month. Due to the decreasing availability of free space to display buses at Flowers Hill, we moved the event to the Aerospace Bristol Museum site at Filton. Some aspects of this did not work as well as hoped, but the Museum is keen to foster a working relationship with the Group and it is planned to run our March and October events there in 2026.

Lionel Tancock and his coach were in attendance for a weekend on the Isle of Wight in May, the three-day Royal Blue Run in June, a gathering of classic coaches in Cheltenham in July, along with our Brislington Bus Show and the '76" bus event in Kingsbridge in September.

## Vehicles

Concerning the Group's own vehicles:

The issues with the Mercedes' brakes were resolved

The step-Dart needed a replacement diesel pump and new wiper arms

The VR, on long term loan from the Aerospace Museum, overheated on a members' lunch trip and was subsequently found to have a badly obstructed radiator. Several flushings of the cooling system and replacement hoses would appear to have resolved the issue.

Much work has been carried out on the open-top FLF acquired last year. A scrap FLF was acquired to be a donor for various body parts and external providers have refurbished much of her drive train and supplied replacement springs. Her internal fittings as an exhibition bus have been removed. It is hoped to bring her back to life in 2026.

Work on members' vehicles continued apace, including:

Continued bodywork repairs to David Withers' Leyland PD1

The dynamo on Richard Avery's MW coach sent off for a rewind

Aled Rees' open-top VR received a new floor and a repaint into Guide Friday livery off site and had her interior refurbished.

Aled's double decker Volvo B5 received a repaint into First Bus livery; convincing enough for would be passengers to stick out an arm when she appears!

Alongside all of this, regular servicing and ad-hoc repairs have been carried out to a growing number of vehicles in order to keep the show on the road.

## Premises

Various issues have been addressed. There is a regular need to keep roof gulleys clear and drains free flowing. There are still issues with water ingress in both units, which are receiving attention. We are aware of the need for work on the electrical installations, in particular that of Unit H, and quotes are being obtained.

## Governance

At the Annual General meeting in March 2025 David Withers stood down as Chairman for health reasons. The meeting readily agreed to make David our Honorary Life President in recognition of his years of dedicated service. Ricky Long was elected as his successor in the Chair, Aled Rees as Secretary and Richard Avery as Treasurer after Dayley Lawrence had stepped down owing to pressure of work. Josh Hughes was re-elected as Young Members' representative. Dayley and Nick Sommer were elected and Lionel Tancock and Paul Tovey re-elected to seats on the committee.

## Ricky Long

## Treasurer's Report

The Group continues to enjoy a healthy financial position.

The Annual Accounts (see separate sheet) show a deficit for the year:

**Income: £27,114; Expenditure: £34,948.**

This is entirely attributable to the money spent on the open-top FLF. She will be a valuable addition to the fleet, as open-top vehicles earn good amounts of donation money, and the Group has lacked its own since the Bristol K left us.

Our weekend attendances at Museum Square have been both popular with the public and a good way of raising funds. Clothing items embroidered with the Bristol scroll sell well to locals and visitors to the city alike. The museum has welcomed our attendances, as seeing the buses on the quayside encourages the public on the other side of the harbour to investigate what is going on. This may well then cause increased footfall in the M Shed museum and the sale of tickets to whichever working exhibit is operating. Further such weekend attendances are planned for 2026.

Surplus funds have been put on deposit to generate some interest income. Some further refinement to our banking arrangements is being prepared.

The accounts have been approved by the Independent Examiner.

## Richard Avery

Bristol Vintage Bus Group  
Registered Charity number 1083056  
**Income and Expenditure Account**  
Year ended 31 October 2025

|                                         | 2025          | 2024          |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                           |               |               |
| (1) Rally and Event sales               | 11,104        | 5,238         |
| Other stock sales                       | 1,200         | 862           |
| (2) Other sales                         | 0             | 10,040        |
| Storage charges                         | 6,000         | 5,900         |
| (3) Donations                           | 5,566         | 2,165         |
| Miscellaneous income                    | 630           | 2,575         |
| (4) Membership subscriptions            | 1,975         | 1,190         |
| Bank interest                           | 639           | 0             |
| Total income                            | <u>27,114</u> | <u>27,970</u> |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>                      |               |               |
| (5) Stock purchases                     | 3,473         | 240           |
| (6) Rally expenses                      | 4,849         | 930           |
| (7) Vehicle expenses                    | 13,312        | 7,717         |
| (8) Property expenses                   | 12,979        | 7,463         |
| Sundry expenses                         | 211           | 412           |
| Administration expenses                 | 124           | 418           |
| Total expenditure                       | <u>34,948</u> | <u>17,180</u> |
| Surplus (Deficit) for the year          | <u>-7,834</u> | <u>10,790</u> |
| <b>Balances at end of year:</b>         |               |               |
| Current account                         | 71            | 52,766        |
| Business Reserve account                | 2,701         | 0             |
| Liquidity Manager 35-day notice account | 12,619        | 0             |
| Liquidity Manager 95-day notice account | 30,520        | 0             |
| PayPal account                          | 0             | 589           |
| Cash floats                             | 100           | 0             |
| Total                                   | <u>46,011</u> | <u>53,355</u> |

**Notes:**

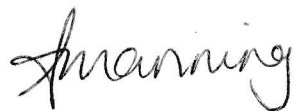
- (1) Regular attendance at the Harbourside in 2025 and our big July rally at Brislington saw good business on the stall
- (2) The late John Grigg left the Group his Bristol LS coach, sold in 2024 for £10k.
- (3) Donations and misc income have been split differently this year.
- (4) The membership fee was increased this year; membership is flat.
- (5) New clothing lines are being stocked and sold, very profitably, on the stall. There was just over £2k of clothing stock as at 31 October 2025.
- (6) More of our costs have been properly associated with attendance at rallies and events.
- (7) Work on the open-top FLF bus has cost £7.5k this year.
- (8) There was a £2.2k electricity refund for 2023 in 2024. NNDR, utilities and insurance costs all increased in 2025.

Richard Avery  
Treasurer

**BRISTOL VINTAGE BUS GROUP ACCOUNTS 1/11/24-31/10/25**

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Anita Manning

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16 Jan 2026

Anita Manning (Mrs)

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## ANNUAL REPORT

2023 / 24

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

The Executive Committee is pleased to report on another very successful year for the Group and presents this report to members.

### Outreach

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### Getting Out and About

#### STALL

The stall made appearances at the bus rallies at Alton, Barry, Cotswold Barn, Stroud and Yatton. It was also in attendance at the two harbourside bus displays that we organized as well as, of course, our own mini running days in April and October. We also had a particularly profitable time at our big event at the Brislington Park & Ride site in July.

We have successfully introduced card payments to the list of skills acquired by the salesforce.

#### BUS RALLIES and EVENTS

Firstly, at the end of November 2023, there was a repeat of the previous year's Twilight Run through the city centre, finishing up at the Cribbs Causeway mall. There was some confusion about the route, which led to the small convoy breaking into two parts twice and originally terminating in two different parking places at Cribbs but, overall, a thoroughly enjoyable experience. We shall definitely be repeating it in 2025, hopefully minus any misunderstandings.

The 2024 rally season attendances were as follows:

On 1 April we held our season-opening event at Flowers Hill. One week later than usual because of the early Easter holiday. Another small, but successful event, in spite of the growing problem of other parked vehicles on the trading estate.

May saw us mount a Sunday display of buses outside the M Shed museum on the Bristol harbourside, the Ryde Bus Museum weekend event was attended by Lionel Tancock's Bristol L coach and the Group supported a bus rally at Yatton railway station.

June featured attendances at the Barry Festival of Transport, a display of buses at the Aerospace Museum at Filton, the Royal Blue Run entered by Lionel Tancock with his coach, and our stall and a bus at the Stroud Vintage Bus Show.

July had us at a Classic Coach Gathering in Cheltenham, with Lionel Tancock's and Richard Avery's coaches and a bus at the Alton Bus Rally. The 28<sup>th</sup> was the date of our Bus Show at the Brislington Park & Ride site. Once again there was a good turn-out of buses and coaches for the event, we managed to offer a good number of free rides, Julie Tancock's refreshments team did brisk business (thanks to them for all their hard work during the year) and both exhibitors and visitors seemed happy with the day. Thanks are also due to the marshals and others who made the whole thing possible. We were also once again extremely grateful to Alan Peters and Mike Walker for their sponsorships.

The first weekend in August was the Gloucestershire Vintage & Country Extravaganza at South Cerney. Another very enjoyable (and profitable) weekend. Congratulations to the crew who stay with the vehicles across the three days. The month also saw Richard Avery's MW bus attend the Victory Park Summer Picnic in Brislington and we attended the Cotswold Bus Rally with a bus and our stall.

September saw attending the Cricklade & Swindon Railway for the first running of a restored AC Railbus, travel there being by MW bus. There was a second buses display of the year outside M Shed, this time on a Saturday to judge any difference in footfall. Lionel Tancock's coach attended the Kingsbridge '76" event and we had a bus on display at Museum Square and some free shuttle runs along Cumberland Road to link Museum Square with Underfall Yard on Historic Harbour weekend at the end of the month.

## Vehicles

Concerning the Group's own vehicles, at the start of our reporting year:

- the RE was finally back on the road.
- The Mercedes sat idle for a significant part of the year owing to issues with her rear brakes. Replacement cylinders were not easy to obtain but the work did eventually get done – only for her to need replacement cables for the parking brake by year end.
- The step Dart repeatedly reminds us of her presence. The fuel pump needed attention after leaking on a trip to get an MOT test – turned away - and the injector pipework was replaced. New front tyres were fitted and the windscreens and destination box glass removed and refitted with new rubbers. The fuel pump subsequently failed on the second trip to get an MOT test carried out! The lengthy job of replacing it was started in the current year.

The VR on extended loan from the Aerospace Museum had a leaking radiator, which the volunteers at Aerospace were happy to mend. This turned out to be a protracted business and in the meantime the Group acquired another second-hand to get her back on the road. The original is now back with us. Some attention was paid to the indicator wiring so that she could be (successfully) presented for an MOT test.

There was a bus added to the collection when Culina advised that they were disposing of a Bristol-engined Bristol Omnibus FLF. She was open topped when disposed of by BOC and had subsequently been converted into an event hospitality vehicle, with catering facilities in the

lower saloon and the top deck used as an open viewing platform, with raisable plastic cover. Work was commenced on stripping her out and removing the awning fixed to her nearside. The intention is to re-equip her with seats on both decks and to return her to the road as an open-top bus. She definitely needs a replacement clutch and some refurbishment of other parts of her running gear is going to be necessary.

A photograph of the bus in 'as delivered' state is shown on the front cover of this report.

Work on members' vehicles continued apace:

- a full oil change on the 'J' type seems to have cured the strange noise that the engine was making.
- GHT 154, the Bristol Tramways K5G, needed repairs to her radiator. This ultimately got sent away for professional attention, including fitting a modern core.
- the Western National K6A is another bus in need of a new clutch.
- bodywork repairs were virtually completed on the Leyland PD1. This has left a lot of filling and sanding to be done before a repaint. Her rear springs were sent away for refurbishment and subsequently refitted, as were a new set of tyres.

Towards the end of the year, it was decided that we needed to move on the LS coach formerly owned by the late John Grigg. Mechanical work had been carried out on her by John and body panels replaced before a repaint. She had been completely stripped out internally, however, and with all the other work involved with the fleet there was no way we saw her being restored under our ownership in a reasonable timescale. Having advertised her for sale we were very pleased that she was bought by a well-known preservationist, Roger Burdett, who is in the process of completing her restoration.

## Premises

Various work has been carried out on the Flowers Hill buildings including the regular chore of cleaning out the valley gutters. We were contacted by Avon Fire & Rescue as they needed to carry out an inspection of our premises. This threw up a number of issues, most of which we were aware of, but some of which need attention sooner rather than later! This has meant that major work on the electrical installation in Unit H has been put on hold whilst the more pressing issues are addressed.

## Media

Josh Hughes has done a sterling job enhancing our social media presence, monitoring the situation for any problematic material. We have a presence on X, Facebook and Instagram.

## Finance

Members will note from the Annual Accounts that we had another satisfactory year.

## Governance

At the Annual General meeting in March 2024 Richard Avery stepped down as Secretary and this role was subsequently taken up by Aled Rees. Nick Sommer was co-opted by the committee to fill the vacancy and subsequently took on responsibility for the minutes.

Bristol Vintage Bus Group  
Income and Expenditure Account  
Year ended 31 October 2024

|                                | 2024          | 2023          |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>                  |               |               |
| Rally sales                    | 5,238         | 3,860         |
| Stock sales                    | 862           | 404           |
| (1) Other sales                | 10,040        | 1,437         |
| (2) Storage charges            | 5,900         | 7,616         |
| Donations                      | 2,165         | 3,453         |
| Miscellaneous income           | 2,575         | 1,260         |
| (3) Membership subscriptions   | 1,190         | 1,576         |
| Total income                   | <u>27,970</u> | <u>19,606</u> |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>             |               |               |
| Stock                          | 240           | 1,092         |
| Rally expenses                 | 930           | 857           |
| (4) Vehicle expenses           | 7,717         | 12,844        |
| (5) Property expenses          | 7,463         | 12,650        |
| Sundry expenses                | 412           | 814           |
| Administration expenses        | 418           | 386           |
| Total expenditure              | <u>17,180</u> | <u>28,643</u> |
| Surplus (Deficit) for the year | <u>10,790</u> | <u>-9,037</u> |
| Balances at end of year:       |               |               |
| Current account                | 52,766        | 41,897        |
| PayPal account                 | 589           | 331           |
| Total                          | 53,355        | 42,228        |

Notes:

- (1) The late John Grigg left the Group his Bristol LS coach. As there was no prospect of our having the time to restore her, she was sold on to a well-known preservationist for £10k.
- (2) John's death meant that the Group lost £100/month of storage income, so despite charges rising a year ago, less money was raised. The space is now being paid for again.
- (3) The proportion of Life memberships grows as the total membership decreases. There may be a need for a recruitment campaign.
- (4) The previous year's exceptional items have not been repeated.
- (5) An overcharge of £2.5k for electricity in the previous reporting year was refunded in this and we continue to find ways to reduce utility cost, eg: fitting LED lighting.

Dayley Lawrence  
Treasurer  
9 March 2025

Bristol Vintage Bus Group

**Annual Accounts 2023/24**

Independent Examiner's Report

I confirm that, with the information provided to me by the Bristol Vintage Bus Group, these Accounts are a true and fair representation of the financial situation of the Group.

*A Manning*

Anita Manning (Mrs)  
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24 August 2025

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# Bristol Vintage Bus Group

*Registered Charity number 1083056*



*Photo: Ken Jones*

## ANNUAL REPORT

### 2021 / 22

Bristol Vintage Bus Group  
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**ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22**

This was an interesting year with some notable achievements. The 50-year milestone was celebrated and, after a six-year enforced break, we made it back to the Park & Ride site for our main event. Following the pandemic, the rallying season had largely returned to something approaching normal, although one or two of our 'traditional' attendances would appear to have disappeared from the scene, at least for the foreseeable future. It is clear that the cost of fuel has had an impact on both our hobby and the heritage railways that often feature wider transport events in their calendar. The future may be challenging.

It was good to note that, following the AGM in January, the average age of the Executive Committee reduced somewhat.

## **Outreach**

Some school involvement was again possible this year, although they are generally not happy for us to provide rides owing to their safety concerns because our vehicles lack seat belts. Although these are available on hired coaches, they aren't fitted to service buses – so presumably the children are never taken on these either. We did manage to pay visits to three primary schools in the area during the year.

There was some social services involvement during the year, resulting in two adults and one child, all with learning difficulties, paying visits to Flowers Hill because of an interest in buses.

There were three visits other than on rally days from family groups from further afield who had discovered us via the internet. This including someone who had driven FTT after she had been sold on by Western National to a private operator. He was surprised and delighted to find her in preservation and relived former glories sitting behind the wheel.

In March we took a long-term member, now confined to a nursing home, on a nostalgic trip aboard the RE, which he declared to be his favourite bus – and which had terminated outside his house in service when he lived in Frenchay. He and the staff member who accompanied him thoroughly enjoyed the day.

## **Rallies and Events**

### **STALL**

With bus rallies getting back into the swing of things again, the stall made appearances at the regular ones we attend, as well as our own mini running days in March and October. We also had a particularly profitable time at our reintroduced rally at the Brislington Park & Ride site in July, more about which later in this report. We had hoped to take the Mercedes to a new rally at Stow-on-the-Wold, but on the day she refused to start!

Donations of books and models came our way following the sad deaths of some members and these were gratefully added to our stocks.

### **EVENTS**

First off, at the end of November 2021, was a Twilight Run through the city centre up to Durham Downs. This evening entertainment was spoiled in a major way by the fact that the VR chose to sit down in the middle of the road next to the Cenotaph and

refuse to engage gear. Several members then had to spend the rest of the evening waiting for recovery back to Flowers Hill.

Next up came the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in early March. Members will be familiar with the fact that this marked the event in 1972 when three young men purchased the Leyland PD1, the acorn from which the present mighty oak (?) of BVBG was born. An excellent time was had by all who attended.

We also ran a shuttle bus between Warmley signal box and Bitton station in June, in which month we also attended a Mini Action Day at Castle Combe Racing Circuit.

August saw us at South Cerney for the annual Friday to Sunday Gloucestershire & Country Extravaganza, a regular favourite. The open top rides this year featured the Lodekka and Aled Rees' Olympian - and a substantial amount was collected in donations. Thanks to those intrepid members who chose to spend the three days there camping out! The Mercedes and stall also made an appearance on the Sunday.

One Saturday in October we joined with other Bristol buses in providing a free shuttle service between a car park at The Mall, Cribbs Causeway and the Aerospace Bristol museum to mark that organisation's anniversary.

There was unfortunately only one Members' Event in the year, a trip to the Basingstoke Festival of Transport in May, courtesy of Aled Rees' Leyland Lynx. The Secretary opted for too late a start, but we just about made the cut-off time for entry to the site ... It had been hoped to attend one of the Commercial Transport in Preservation's runs, but this did not come to pass.

### BUS RALLIES

The rally highlight of our year had to be the return to the Brislington Park & Ride site at the end of July. There had been some administrative difficulties in securing this along the way, but it came good in the end. The day started rather wet, a dampener on proceedings in more ways than one, but by mid-morning sunshine was in evidence and the day continued fine. There was a good turn-out of bus and coaches, we managed to offer a decent number of free rides, Julie Tancock's refreshments team did brisk business (thanks to them for their hard work), and both exhibitors and visitors seemed happy with the way the event turned out. We were extremely grateful to Alan Peters and Mike Walker for their sponsorships. Thanks are also due to all those members and others who drove, conducted, marshalled and generally assisted in running the event.

Our mini running days in March and October were well attended, but there is a growing issue of parked vehicles on the Flowers Hill site, making it more difficult to entertain visiting buses. There is a definite place for these events as a social get-together for the wider bus preservation community and the committee will continue to monitor the situation.

Buses went to rallies in Stroud in June, Bournemouth in July and Alton, later that month, the latter with Aled's Lynx and Josh Hughes' Marshall Dart. The Dart also made an appearance at the WHOTT rally in Dorchester in August.

We had hoped to send FTT to Wythall in April but that proved not to be possible.

Lionel Tancock's Wilts & Dorset coach featured three times in the year at Victoria Coach Station, including for the Royal Blue Run in June, and additionally went to Penzance, the Isle of Wight, Wythall, Showbus and the Kingsbridge 7'6" event, the latter in September.

## OTHER EVENTS

There were some special occasions that featured our vehicles in the year. Families and friends of members celebrated weddings on three occasions for which we provided some free transport and a party of well-wishers from Portishead were taken to Wells in October when a Group member from the town was ordained at that city's cathedral.

## Maintenance

### PREMISES

Various work has been carried out on the Flowers Hill buildings including:

- Upgrading the external lighting at Unit H to PIR-activated
- Fitting new locks so that all doors and gates use the same key
- Installing CCTV at Unit H
- Fitting lighting along the right hand wall of unit G to make vehicle parking easier and upgrading lighting on the opposite side
- Cleaning guttering on both units
- Repairing the rear corner of Unit H after it was struck by a scaffolder's lorry
- Disposing of a quantity of scrap metal and worm-eaten timber.

Both units have benefitted from a big tidy-up during the year and some essential equipment purchased, as well as useful donated items courtesy of a member.

### VEHICLES

Routine servicing continued to be undertaken as well as specific work such as:

- Replacing the gollies on the J type's Robertson advert
- Repairs to GHT 154's radiator
- Extensive refurbishment of the Leyland's radiator by a specialist company
- Repairs to the RE's alternator
- Replacement of the foam in the MW bus' seats
- Repairs to the Marshall Dart to fix starting and door issues
- Replacement of seals to stop transmission oil leaks on the VR
- Fixing the Mercedes' starting issue

During routine servicing worn rear bearings were identified on the RE, work on which was ongoing at the end of the year.

## Finance

Members will note from the Annual Accounts that we had a successful year. Your committee has not yet committed any of the Covid-19 grant monies to any specific project.

### Bristol Vintage Bus Group

#### **Income and Expenditure Account**

Year ended 31 October 2022

|                 | 2022  | 2021  |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| INCOME          |       |       |
| (1) Rally sales | 3,100 | 1,578 |

|                                |               |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Stock sales                    | 404           | 390           |
| (2) Other sales                | 2,881         | 249           |
| Rents received                 | 7,339         | 6,903         |
| (3) Donations                  | 8,885         | 1,680         |
| Miscellaneous income           | 1,614         | 148           |
| Membership subscriptions       | 1,325         | 1,210         |
| <b>Total income</b>            | <b>25,548</b> | <b>12,159</b> |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>             |               |               |
| Stock                          | 318           | 130           |
| (4) Rally expenses             | 2,386         | 298           |
| Vehicle expenses               | 4,740         | 7,961         |
| (5) Property expenses          | 9,906         | 11,908        |
| (5) Sundry expenses            | 2,454         | 71            |
| Administration expenses        | 212           | 154           |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>       | <b>20,016</b> | <b>20,523</b> |
| Surplus (Deficit) for the year | <b>5,532</b>  | <b>-8,364</b> |
| Balances at end of year:       |               |               |
| Current account                | 50,127        | 45,608        |
| PayPal account                 | 1,613         | 600           |

Notes:

(1) More business last summer, especially the re-introduced Bus Show at the Park & Ride

(2) £700 in programme sales at the July event. £1k unidentified income.

(3) First Group made a £5k donation in respect of GHT 127; both Alan Peters and Mike Walker donated £400 each towards the cost of our July rally

(4) An attempt has been made this year to identify costs, particularly fuel, of attendance at events rather than include it in vehicle expenses

(5) Expenses for one-off premises purchases eg: CCTV, have been split off from the routine expenditure on NNDR, rent, insurance and utility costs

Dayley Lawrence

Treasurer

January 2023

Independent Examiner's Report

I confirm that with the information provided to me by the Bristol Vintage Bus Group the accounts are a true and fair representation of the financial situation of the Group.

Accounts 2021/2022

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30 April 2023

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