



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	10	2023		30	09	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name The Teesside 500 Group

Other names charity is known by The 500 Group

Registered charity number (if any) 1175569

Charity's principal address

61 Birchwood Road,
Marton-In-Cleveland,
Middlesbrough,
Postcode TS7 8DD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	William Woodward	Chair		
2	Christopher Hall	Secretary		
3	Mark Wilson	Treasurer		
4	Michael Dowling			
5	Adrian Beadnell			
6	John Atkin		1/10/2023 – 27/2/2024	
7	Adam Nicholson			
8	Elizabeth Hall			
9	Andrew Rasmussen		19/12/2023 – 30/9/2024	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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

The objects of the CIO are to advance the education of the public in the history of public transport vehicles particularly but not exclusively from the Teesside Area by:

1. establishing and preserving for posterity a collection of public transport vehicles; and
2. by such other means as the Trustees may determine

Transport Events Attended by the Teesside 500 Group's Vehicles

Despite operational problems with one of our three active buses (Bristol VR RDC106R) we were still able to offer members a full and varied rally programme. A full list of our attendances is detailed below:

- Sunday 8th October 2023: Yorkshire Dales Running Day at Skipton.
- Saturday 28th October 2023: Northern National Restoration Group Open Day at Philadelphia.
- Sunday 31st March 2024: Kirkby Stephen & Brough Classic Commercial Vehicle Rally.
- Sunday 5th May 2024: North East Bus Preservation Trust Metrocentre Bus and Coach Show.
- Sunday 26th May 2024: Northern National Restoration Group Open Day at Philadelphia.
- Tuesday 25th June 2024: evening tour on preserved OK Motor Services Leyland Tiger to Redcar and Saltburn.
- Sunday 21st July 2024: South Yorkshire Transport Trust Eastwood (Rotherham) Open Day.
- Tuesday 30th July 2024: Evening tour to the Transporter Bridge and Hartlepool.
- Saturday 17th August 2024: Aycliffe Bus Museum, Running Day and Display.
- Sunday 18th August 2024: Scottish Vintage Bus Museum, Lathalmond
- Monday 26th August 2024: North East Bus Preservation Trust historic vehicle event at Seaburn.
- Tuesday 27th August 2024: Evening tour to The Eden Bus Services, Shildon, Co. Durham.
- Sunday 22nd September 2024: Dewsbury Bus Museum, Autumn Open Day.

We also participated in other community and heritage events as follows:

- Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th October 2023: on both days Dennis Loline JDC599 provided free transport around the tram / trolleybus circuit at Beamish Museum as part of the Museum's autumn transport festival
- Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th June 2024: Dennis Loline JDC599 was on show at Beamish Museum's Public Transport Weekend.
- Saturday 15th June 2024: Rotary Club Stokesley Classics on Show
- Sunday 11th August 2024: Stagecoach Stockton Open Day commemorating 50 years of Cleveland Transit and 30 years of Stagecoach on Teesside
- Thursday 24th September 2024: Great North Air Ambulance Classic Bike and Car evening.

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)

Vehicle accommodation, repair, maintenance and restoration

As reported in our 2023 Annual Report, Volvo Olympian R833OVN was sold to a commercial bus operator in October 2023.

Of our six retained vehicles, three (M223SVN, JDC599 and RDC106R) operated in the year with current MOTs. We spent a total of £22,025 in the accommodation, repair, maintenance and restoration of our vehicles.

Cleveland Transit 1995 Volvo Olympian M223SVN

A total of £6,643 was spent during the year on restoration and general maintenance including replacement fuel tanks, front step replacement, replacement fuel injectors, replacement air bags and plates, window replacement, together with the purchase of a range of spare parts.

Middlesbrough Corporation Transport 1958 Dennis Loline JDC599

A total of £7,489 was spent on the maintenance and repair of JDC599. During the winter of 2023/24 a full overhaul was undertaken on the steering box and radiator. The bus was ready in time for the spring and summer season of events and performed throughout the season with no material issues arising.

Cleveland Transit 1977 Bristol VR RDC106R

A total of £2,437 was incurred during the year on repairs to the bus. Following the serious engine fault suffered in April 2023, the bus remained out of action until the completion of its engine rebuild in July 2024. The bus was used for the Seaburn event on Monday 26th August 2024 but on the day it developed further problems with its cylinder head gaskets. It was retired for the rest of the season with a view to it being repaired during the winter (these repairs were successfully completed by March 2025).

Teesside Municipal Transport 1972 Daimler Fleetline JDC544L

JDC544L was sent to an external repairer in 2018 from remedial work to its chassis. With further corrosion to the chassis having been uncovered during 2022 we had to revise our expectations regarding the project's likely completion date. Gradual progress continues to be made but we cannot yet predict when the work will be completed.

Tees-side Railless Traction Board 1967 Leyland PD2 JVN40E

Given our other vehicles' demands upon our team of volunteers, only limited further progress has been made on the restoration of JVN40E.

Stagecoach on Teesside 2004 MAN 18.220 NK54BFE

Since being purchased in October 2020, NK54BFE has been safely stored undercover. During the year, minimal work was undertaken on the bus, although planned repairs to the wheel arches were completed.

Accommodation

Towards the end of the reporting period, we secured the use of new undercover accommodation for our vehicles. Located on a farm in the Stockton-on-Tees area, this provides us with the facility to undertake a wider range of maintenance and restoration work than had been possible at their existing accommodation at the Stagecoach Depot in Stockton.

The process to relocate five of our vehicles (JDC599, JVN40E, RDC106R, M223SVN and NK54BFE) was undertaken between October 2024 and May 2025. We wish to give thanks to Stagecoach for accommodating our buses over many years and also for their support and assistance during the relocation process.

As described above, our sixth bus JDC544L remains at the South Yorkshire Transport Trust's Museum in Rotherham where it is undergoing a long-term project to repair its chassis.

Activities for the Membership

Monthly meetings are held for members at which the Trustees provide updates on vehicles and events before a main presentation on a transport-related theme either by one of the members or by a guest speaker. Meetings are usually attended by approximately thirty members and friends.

We continue to seek to maintain our members' interest and engagement by the use of social media and our bi-monthly Newsletter. In addition to up-to-date news, our Newsletter contains a wide range of articles of an historic nature.

Our main Facebook page continues to carry our news to a wider audience. Our Teesside 500 Group website also keeps members and the general public informed of our activities.

Historic Archive

We have continued to develop our archive of historic transport-related materials including photographs, timetables, fare tables and maps. There is an ongoing process to record these digitally in order to assist with current and future historic research and also in conjunction with our activities to educate the public about the history of bus operations.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Contribution Made by Volunteers

The Teesside 500 Group's activities are wholly dependent upon the input of volunteers – including the Trustees, members and colleagues from other bus preservation groups.

There is a core pool of approximately 7-8 drivers who share the task of driving the buses to and from the many events attended over the course of the year.

There is also a core team of volunteers to undertake the general repairs and maintenance of the vehicles.

Even when work has to be commercially outsourced, our preference, all other considerations being equal, is to deal with suppliers who specialise in working with or supporting the Heritage Sector.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We undertook a wide and varied programme of events, attending eleven historic vehicle rallies during the year together with providing three evening outings on historic buses for our members.

We have continued to develop links with local museums and other local transport history charities for the purpose of developing an archive of historic material. In particular we have strengthened our relationship with Beamish Museum in order to support the museum's development of new exhibits themed upon life in the 1950s. Our 1958 Dennis Loline JDC599 was made available to Beamish Museum for four days during the year.

We were heavily involved in the planning, coordination and management of Stagecoach North East's very successful Open Day which was held at its Stockton Depot on Sunday 11th August 2024 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the creation of the Cleveland Transit undertaking and the thirtieth anniversary of Stagecoach's acquisition of the Cleveland Transit Limited. We produced a programme for the event, providing visitors with a brief history of municipal transport on Teesside, together with details of the Stagecoach Group's involvement in local public transport over the last 30 years. The family-oriented event attracted many hundreds of visitors, receiving much positive feedback.

In conjunction with the Cleveland Transit anniversary commemorations, we produced a ten-page article which was published in *Classic Bus* magazine.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As at 30th September 2024, a total cash reserve of £8,555 was held, a reduction of £3,919 against the balance held at 30th September 2023.

Of this reserve a sum of £2,400 has been allocated for the remedial chassis work being undertaken on Daimler Fleetline JDC544L.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

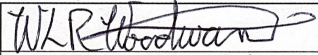
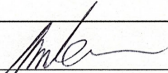
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	WILLIAM LESLIE RANSON WOODWARD	MARK WILSON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIRMAN	TREASURER

Date 17 JULY 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
The Teesside 500 Group	1175569

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/10/2023		30/09/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Sales and related income	7,269	-	-	7,269	3,592
Membership Subscriptions	1,879	-	-	1,879	1,703
Donations (Members)	9,658	-	-	9,658	9,585
Donations (External)	1,243	-	-	1,243	699
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,049	-	-	20,049	15,579
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Proceeds from sale of shares	-	-	-	-	756
Sale of Olympian R833OVN	1,338	-	-	1,338	-
Sub total	1,338	-	-	1,338	756
Total receipts	21,387	-	-	21,387	16,335
A3 Payments					
Cost of Sales	1,689	-	-	1,689	758
Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance	17,099	-	-	17,099	10,926
Fuel	2,278	-	-	2,278	2,497
Road fund duty and Insurance	1,918	-	-	1,918	1,833
Breakdown Cover	430	-	-	430	362
Members' Newsletter Production	1,350	-	-	1,350	1,434
Premises	300	-	-	300	-
Financial Transactions	57	-	-	57	-
Sundry	185	-	-	185	32
Payment of Creditors	-	-	-	-	28
Sub total	25,306	-	-	25,306	17,870
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Volvo Olympian M223SVN	-	-	-	-	2,000
Sub total	-	-	-	-	2,000
Total payments	25,306	-	-	25,306	19,870
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,919	-	-	3,919	3,535
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,474	-	-	12,474	16,009
Cash funds this year end	8,555	-	-	8,555	12,474

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Deposit Account	7,932	-	-
	Current Account	-	-	-
	Cash in Hand	623	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,555	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

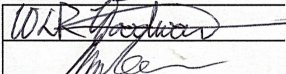
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Daimler Fleetline JDC544L	Unrestricted	1,350	-
	Dennis Loline JDC599	Unrestricted	6,032	-
	Leyland PD2 JVN40E	Unrestricted	1,240	-
	Bristol VR RDC106R	Unrestricted	18,204	-
	Volvo Olympian M223SVN	Unrestricted	10,668	-
	MAN NK54BFE	Unrestricted	1,440	-
	Stock	Unrestricted	1,500	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Members' Bonds	Unrestricted	671	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	WLR WOODWARD MARK WILSON	17/07/25 17/7/25