

FYLDE TRANSPORT TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1197287

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-12-23

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORY OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT BY MEANS OF THE ACQUISITION OF VEHICLES OF HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND THE RESTORATION OF SUCH VEHICLES TO OPERATIONAL CONDITION SO THAT THE PUBLIC MAY EXPERIENCE TRAVEL ON TRANSPORT OF YESTERYEAR.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-10-31 | £42,496 | £47,769 | - | - |
| 2023-10-31 | £9,019 | £6,000 | - | - |
| 2022-10-31 | £5,500 | £5,000 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|--------------------|-------|------------|
| Peter Watts | Chair | 2021-12-23 |
| Paul George Wigan | | 2021-12-23 |
| Paul Robert Turner | | 2025-08-01 |
| Philip Karl Higgs | | 2021-12-23 |

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Trustee's Annual Report

Period: 1st November 2023 – 31st October 2024

During this period, no changes to the Trustees were made.

The Trust continues to receive regular donations, and during this period a significant bequest was made from the estate of Derek Hare who passed away in 2023.

Tram collection

With regards to the Trust's tram collection, due to the ongoing situation with the closure of Rigby Road depot in Blackpool by Blackpool Transport, no access to the trams for restoration work is permitted.

Due to this restriction, Brush tram 634 was moved from Rigby Road depot to the East Anglia Transport Museum on a five year loan. As part of this loan agreement, EATM made the necessary work to bring 634 back to operational condition.

Tram 281 is currently on loan to North West Museum of Road Transport in St. Helens as part of their display on electric transport throughout the ages.

Bus collection

On the bus collection side, highlights are:

- Fylde 77 was repainted back into the FBT "mustard band" livery
- Blackpool 346 was repainted back into green and cream
- Ribble 272 has joined the FTT collection on a long term loan from its current owner
- Blackpool 570 has undergone major gearbox and fuel repairs following its failure in 2023
- Blackpool Swift 554 was acquired by the FTT for continued preservation
- Ribble 2687 restoration work on the wooden frame body was completed by our contractor in the Isle of Man, and should be brought back to Lancashire at some point.

Several buses are away from base, these include Blackpool 334, 519 and the Lytham Lion which are at the NWMoRT in St. Helens.

Notable contributions during this period are:

- Sponsorship of commissioning work on various vehicles by 'Replica Blinds by PWC' and 'Coastliner Buses'.

Aims for the next period:

- Move forward on tram restoration, specifically Standard tram 143 & EE 279
- Continue the preventative maintenance of the bus collection
- Identify future preservation candidates which could be of interest to the FTT



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Fylde Transport Trust

1197287

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

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|---------------------|-----------|----|-----------|
| For the period from | 01-Nov-23 | To | 31-Oct-24 |
|---------------------|-----------|----|-----------|

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 | | | | | |
| Donations | 3,126 | - | - | 3,126 | - |
| Bequest | 39,325 | - | - | 39,325 | - |
| Interest | 45 | - | - | 45 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 42,496 | - | - | 42,496 | - |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 42,496 | - | - | 42,496 | - |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Restorations | 41,468 | - | - | 41,468 | - |
| Rent and insurance | 6,085 | - | - | 6,085 | - |
| Miscellaneous | 216 | - | - | 216 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 47,769 | - | - | 47,769 | - |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 47,769 | - | - | 47,769 | - |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 5,273 | - | - | - 5,273 | - |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 15,182 | - | - | 15,182 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 9,909 | - | - | 9,909 | - |

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 | Cash at bank | 9,909 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 9,909 | - | - |
| (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | | | | |


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

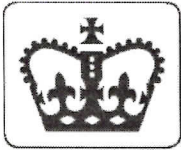
| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |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

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

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

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

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
|  | Paul George Wigan | 25-Aug-25 |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
Fylde Transport Trust

On accounts for the year ended

31 October 2024

Charity no (if any)

1197287

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31.10.2024.

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").

Independent examiner's statement

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.

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 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:

M J. Yates

Date:

26-8-25

Name:

MARTIN JOHN YATES

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

Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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Trustee's Annual Report

Period: 1st November 2022 – 31st October 2023

Following from the conversion to CIO, the Trust's goals and ambitions have remained the same as previously. During this period, some changes to the Trustees have been made. A change to the Trustees has seen Matt Lodge has come on board as a new Trustee from the 15th November 2022. The previous chairman of the trust, Mr; Eric Berry, sadly passed away during this period after a long illness. This has left somewhat of a large hole in the Trust, as M. Berry was one of the founding members and was the leading role in moving the Trust forward. The role of Chair has now been taken on permanently by Mr. Peter Watts

The previous issue of restricted access to the Trust's bank account following Mr. Berry's passing has now been resolved, with two of the Trustees now having joint access to the accounts.

For the tram collection, points to note:

- Work on recommissioning Coronation Tram 304 continued to the point of it moving under its own power in the Rigby Road depot complex
- Brush 621 is still available for operation with Blackpool Heritage Tram Tours
- Brush 634 needs further work for recommissioning. The Trust is in discussions with East Anglia Transport Museum with a view to have the remaining work carried out there and let the tram be used on a short-term loan, probably 5 years.
- Balloon 703 was scheduled to be put through the workshops at Rigby Road for a return to service, but due to the closure of the aforementioned workshops by the ORR, this work was postponed.
- The closure of Rigby Road paint, body and fitting shops by the ORR has considerably impacted our work on the Trust's tram collection.

On the bus collection side, highlights are:

- Fylde 77 was overhauled at Reliance Bus Works and now once more has a voluntary class V MOT
- Blackpool 334 & Ribble 1805 are on loan to St. Helens Transport Museum and are on public display

Notable contributions during this period are:

- Sponsorship of commissioning work on 304 by Fylde Traway Society, Replica Blinds by PWC and Coastliner Buses.

Aims for the next period:

- Resolve the issues regarding access and work at Rigby Road depot
- Carry out further preventative maintenance and voluntary class V MOTs on some of our bus collection.

| | Community account 060 | Community account 543 | Business Prem acct | BHT account | Journal | Total |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | | | |
| Opening balance | 3,518.01 | 616.93 | 5,003.15 | 3,025.10 | | 12,163.19 |
| Donations | 6,476.50 | 827.00 | | 1,680.00 | | 8,983.50 |
| Interest received | | | 35.53 | | | 35.53 |
| Rent | | | | | | - |
| Just Giving subscription | | | | | | - |
| Air Products | | | | | | - |
| Transfer | 3,750.00 | | | | - 3,750.00 | - |
| | <u>13,744.51</u> | <u>1,443.93</u> | <u>5,038.68</u> | <u>4,705.10</u> | <u>- 3,750.00</u> | <u>21,182.22</u> |

Payments

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Donations | | | | | | - |
| Interest received | | | | | | - |
| Rent | 5,160.00 | | | | | 5,160.00 |
| Just Giving subscription | 216.00 | | | | | 216.00 |
| Air Products | 623.95 | | | | | 623.95 |
| Transfer | | | | 3,750.00 | - 3,750.00 | - |
| Closing balance | 7,744.56 | 1,443.93 | 5,038.68 | 955.10 | | 15,182.27 |
| | <u>13,744.51</u> | <u>1,443.93</u> | <u>5,038.68</u> | <u>4,705.10</u> | <u>- 3,750.00</u> | <u>21,182.22</u> |

Summary

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|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Opening balance | 12,163.19 | |
| Donations | 8,983.50 | |
| Interest received | 35.53 | |
| Rent | | 5,160.00 |
| Just Giving subscription | | 216.00 |
| Air Products | | 623.95 |
| Closing balance | | 15,182.27 |
| | <u>21,182.22</u> | <u>21,182.22</u> |

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Trustee's Annual Report

Period: 1st November 2021 – 31st October 2022

This particular period has seen several challenges to the Trust. The decision was made to transfer the original FTT Charity registration to a new CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) which is better suited to the Trust's aims and allows the Trust to enter directly into agreements rather than through individual Trustees.

During this period, some changes to the Trustees have been made. James Millington resigned from the Trust in October 2022, and Matt Lodge has come on board as a new Trustee. Unfortunately, our Chair, Eric Berry, was taken seriously ill in March 2022 and for the moment his tasks are being jointly managed by Philip Higgs & Peter Watts.

This had the unfortunate consequence of restricting access to the Trust's bank accounts, as Eric Berry was just in the process of moving our banking affairs to online when he was hospitalised, resulting in the temporary loss of access (which is partly the reason for the delay in our Annual Report).

Another unfortunate issue which is still causing issues is that the new improved web page went active, but the web designer we were using passed away just a matter of weeks later and before the access codes had been handed over. Again this is causing us to be temporarily locked out of any changes to the web page, and the hosting site is not being helpful to resolve the situation. The web page contains references to our previous Charities Commission registration, but as this is linked in the CC database to the new CIO registration, this is inconvenience but still valid information.

With regards to the bus collection, the Trust has acquired ex Ribble Bristol LHS 272 FBV272W on long term loan from Paul Emery. This will be restored to its "Betty's Bus" livery when new. Fylde Borough Transport 7 (TKU469K) has been completed and is now operational.

For the tram collection, the highlights are as follows:

- Railcoach 279 which was being restored at Brinwell Road bus garage has moved back to Rigby Road for completion over the next years.
- Tram 671 was moved to North West Museum of Road Transport in St. Helens and was repainted in the original cream livery. It will be on public display and used for educational visits by schools.
- Balloon 715 has been identified as required some significant work, and was withdrawn from active service. One further farewell tour will be run in

November 2022. It will then remain a static exhibit at the Tramtown museum at Rigby Road

- Centenary 645 was donated to Blackpool Heritage as a source of spare parts for their Centenary trams 642 & 648
- Standard 143 is still undergoing rectification work on the failed motor. This is the responsibility of Blackpool Transport who are making the required repairs to the failed motor. As Standard 147 also has a failed motor, BTS made the decision to remove the serviceable motor from 147 and fit this to 143 in order to continue with the rectification and commissioning of 143
- Brush 621 is still in full Heritage operation
- BTS announced that all FTT trams have space at Rigby Road with the exception of Brush 625 and Balloon 726 which must be removed from Rigby Road within the next 5 years. As these trams are duplicates to others in our collection, the decision was made to donate both of these trams to the East Anglia Transport Museum (more on this in the next reporting period)
- Coronation 304 has been undergoing a major modification to the control system which basically allows an emergency stop to be made and activate the track brakes and take traction current away from the motors. This is required as our electrical contractor had identified a situation where the VAMBAC control system could “stick” in a power on situation with no way of removing power. In addition, 304 has had all its seats recovered and will have a partial repaint in the next year. The planned launch into Heritage service was delayed from 2022 to 2023
- The Fylde Tramway Society have made a substantial financial contribution to the work on 304

On the bus collection side, highlights are:

- FBV272W acquired on long term loan for restoration
- Fylde 47 was partially overhauled at Reliance Bus Works and although driveable, still has a few mechanical issues
- Blackpool 334 & Ribble 1805 are on loan to St. Helens Transport Museum and are on public display

Financial details for the period in question are as follows:

- Average aggregate balance of all bank accounts is £8600
- Income to the FTT (standing orders, donations) was £5500
 - Fylde Tramway Society donated £1000 for seat retrim of tram 304
 - Fylde Tramway Society donated £3468.34 for electrical work on tram 304