



CORNWALL BUS PRESERVATION SOCIETY

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

1ST APRIL 2024 - 31ST MARCH 2025

CHARITY NO : 1210208

TRUSTEES

Mr. Melvyl Williams – Chairman

Mr. Lee Shephard – Secretary

Mr. Arron Kelly – Treasurer

Mr. Steven Cocks

Mr. Graham Martin

Mr. Derek Beck

Mr. Paul Crate

All of the above Trustees were in post for the duration of the reporting period.

Accounts have been prepared and independently verified as a true and accurate statement of the financial standing of the Society during this reporting period.

Our aim

To promote for the benefit of the public the acquisition, conservation, preservation and operation of heritage buses and coaches and associated artefacts and to advance the education of the public in the said vehicles for the benefit of the culture and heritage of Cornwall in particular.

Activities during the reporting period

The Society has continued to progress well over the last 12 months.

The regular working days – continue fortnightly – has given the members opportunities to get hands on with the vehicles and artifacts, allowing them to also learn from our Engineering team in basic maintenance and refurbishment. 10 to 15 volunteers attend on a regular basis contributing some 1700 volunteer hours per year.

We also have also continued the Monthly Bus Club meetings in Four Lanes, Redruth. All members are invited to attend for a meal or drink and catch up on all things Cornwall Bus related. Some of our senior members will discuss historically significant events and topics and help to plan future events. These are attended by 10 members on average adding 20hrs volunteering on each session.

Other activities

At all of the below events there is publicity stalls or members present to speak to visitors at length about our organisation in order to educate the interested members of the public and preserve Cornwall bus history.

Penzance Vintage Bus Running Day – April 2024 – our major event run in association with the Thames Valley and Great Western Omnibus Trust (TVAGWOT) saw some 6500 plus free bus journeys delivered with heritage vehicles across the West of Cornwall, to educate and show historically significant vehicles and memorabilia to the people of West Cornwall. We supplied 10 vehicles and 25 or so volunteer drivers, conductors and support staff on the ground to ensure the day ran smoothly. This contributed some 700 volunteer hours.

Trevithick Day 2024 – supporting this important heritage day in Camborne, 4 vehicles and supporting volunteers ran the Park & Ride service for the organisers developing stronger links with the local community and heritage organisations. Extra 60 volunteer hours

Rame Beer and Buses Event 2024 – moving into East Cornwall to support our members who help to organise this event. 5 buses and supporting volunteers attended – additional 100 volunteer hours.

Isle of Wight Rydabus event May 2024 – a visit for 25 members and 1 vehicle to the Isle of Wight to help support the IOW Bus Museum. Continuing to forge links with other Preservation and Heritage organisations strengthens our Society for parts, expertise and knowledge. Additional 300 volunteer hours

Taunton Vintage Bus Running Day – June 2024 – OTA632G (1460) coach attended this resurrected event. A very fun day had by all, supporting our friends at the Thames Valley and Great Western Omnibus Trust (TVAGWOT). 2 members attended with 20hrs volunteering.

Royal Blue Run 2024 – June 2024 – Oxford – Eastbourne – Basingstoke. Saw OTA632G (1460) coach back out again for this annual gathering celebrating Royal Blue Coaching Services across the South of England. 4 members attended the 3 day event totalling 120hrs.

Kernow Old Vehicle Club event July 2024 – saw 3 vehicles attend the rally weekend to again provide a point of interest with local enthusiasts and the general public. Totalling 75 volunteer hours

St.Buryan Vintage Rally Weekend August 2024 – 9 vehicles and 15 support staff attended over the weekend. Additional 150 volunteer hours

Kingsbridge Running Day 2024 – in support of the Thames Valley and Great Western Omnibus Trust (TVAGWOT) 4 vehicles and 8 support staff attended to help conduct services on this day. Additional 120 volunteer hours

Isle of Wight WightRider event October 2024 – a visit for 20 members and 1 vehicle to the Isle of Wight to help support the IOW Bus Museum. Continuing to forge links with other Preservation and Heritage organisations strengthens our Society for parts, expertise and knowledge. Additional 300 volunteer hours.

Total Volunteering hours - 3855hrs

Notable events of 2024-25

The return to the road of XHK228X (38928) which was acquired by our member Mr D Jory and through grit and determination managed with group assistance and expertise to get the vehicle back on the road in April 2024. Another Bristol VR vehicle within the Society will join a long list of member and society owned vehicles in authentic Western National livery soon. We were also privileged to have a free ride out with the owner of the vehicle for a group event in May 2024.

Acquisition of former Western National, Bristol LHS, FDV 787V from our colleagues at Go Ahead South West. We have been custodian of the vehicle for a period of time prior to the gifting of the vehicle to the Society in early 2025. She joins the list of Bristol's which worked most of their service careers in Cornwall and Devon.

Engine rebuild and recommission of Bristol VR – VDV121S (1121) after an engine failure at the last Penzance Running Day funds for a replacement engine and associated costs were covered and the vehicle attended Chepstow Classic Buses in Winkleigh for replacement and testing. This important vehicle in the collection is now performing well and should last us the next 20 years!

Engine rebuilds and recommissioning of Bedford YRQ Willowbrook, TUJ921J progressed after an engine failure. Parts availability is potential issue in this vehicle returning to the road and these are being sourced by the member / owner.

Other member acquisitions for this reporting period included Bristol VR 1128 XDV608S which the group have assisted in repairs and maintenance.

Finally, some of our younger and more technically minded members have been cataloguing our stores and archives to ensure that we can manage our resources and can assist other groups who may need spares which we have and can supply to keep more heritage buses on the road for the future.

Looking into 2025 – 2026 the Committee and Trustees are positive that the group can continue to manage the existing fleet of vehicles and can maintain our emphasis on educating the public in the Cornwall bus heritage to everyone's benefit.

Arron Kelly

Written on behalf of the Trustees of Cornwall Bus Preservation Society.

27/10/2025



CORNWALL BUS PRESERVATION SOCIETY

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025

STARTING BALANCE AS OF 01/04/2024	£4,911.37
END BALANCE AT 31/03/2025	£7,136.47

INCOME

DONATIONS & LEGACIES	£19,831.00
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	£6,746.96
OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	£0.00
INVESTMENTS	£0.00

TOTAL INCOME FOR FINANCIAL PERIOD	£26,577.96
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EXPENDITURE

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	£23,710.48
OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	£0.00
OTHER EXPENDITURE	£642.38

TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR FINANCIAL PERIOD	£24,352.86
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SURPLUS / DEFICIT	£2,225.10
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Independent examiners report to the members of the committee (trustees) of

the **CORNWALL BUS PRESERVATION SOCIETY** 01/04/2024 - 31/03/2025

Respective responsibilities of committee and examiner

The charity's Committee is responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

It is the independent examiner's responsibility to:

- a) examine the accounts,
- b) to confirm they agree with the Committee records, and
- c) to state whether particular matters have come to his/her attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and the comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the committee concerning any such matters.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*):

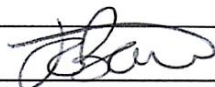
- a. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records and / or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements have not been met; or
- b. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.
Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems (use a separate sheet as necessary)

Nothing to report

Signed



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7/5/25

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Notes:

1. An independent examiner is an independent person who is reasonably believed by the Committee (trustees of the account) to have the requisite ability and practical experience to carry out a competent examination of the accounts.
2. This person must be someone other than a signatory of the Chairman's, Secretary's or Treasurer's certificate and must have no direct role in the direction of the fund.