

UNITED COUNTIES PRESERVATION GROUP CIO - Registered charity No 1203262

Address: 186 Charlton Road, Keynsham, Bristol, BS31 2LG

ANNUAL RETURN & ACCOUNTS - Year End 31st March 2025.

The Organisation:

The charity was incorporated on the 25th May 2023 as a Community Interest Organisation.

Trustees: John Lawrence Hammond (Chair)
Martin Timothy Roberts
Nicholas Stephen Doolan
John Stewart Robertson

The Aims & Objectives The charity aims and objectives are to advance the education of the public in general by providing information in all aspects of the transport heritage, vehicles and artefacts relating to bus and coach operation by the former United Counties Bus Company and other bus or coach operators in the Great Ouse Valley area.

Income Statement for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Donations	7,453.00	Parking	(2,881.20)
Sales	1,106.08	Fuel	(324.28)
Gift-Aid	1,297.24	Vehicle Insurance	(771.91)
		Maintenance	(1,854.00)
Total Income	9,856.32	Total Expenditure	(5,837.39)
Surplus	4,018.93		

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

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Fixed Assets - Historic Vehicles	65,000.00
Current Assets - Cash in the Bank	7,245.58
Non Current Liabilities - Loans falling due after more than 1 year	(65,000.00)
Net Assets	7,245.58
Reserves (Surplus) B/F	3,226.65
Reserves (Surplus) Y/E 31/03/2025	4,018.93
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Charity Activity

During the period, the supporters program was unsuccessful, and attracted no further supporters. However the UCPG joined the Gift-Aid scheme and benefitted from the tax relief on donations received during the financial year.

The UCPG attended a number of events between during the period, displaying our collection of vehicles to the public in general in line with our charitable aims and objectives. Once again a bus running day event was held in Biggleswade during October 2024, and was supported by a number of visiting vehicles. Free bus services were operated which provided links to local attractions including The Shuttleworth Collection and Jordans Mill. It was well supported by members of the public who took trips out on the buses. The event was supported by Biggleswade Town Council and attended by over 250 members of the public.

The availability of vehicles was an issue at times, with issues preventing some vehicles being used during the year. These were repaired but took longer than expected. In addition storage costs have increased from the previous year. This has been offset by increased donations received from attending events and public support. Sales of transport related collectables increased bringing in additional income.