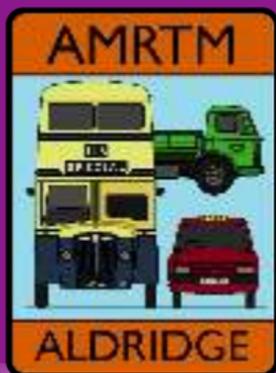


ALDRIDGE
TRANSPORT MUSEUM



2018

A Celebration

of 40
Years

displaying and
developing the Aston
Manor Road Transport
Museum collection



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A bit of History

The West Midlands Vintage Vehicle Society was set up in 1978 and, after discussion with the City Council in the late 1980s, it was able to establish itself in the Witton Tram Shed as the Aston Manor Road Transport Museum.

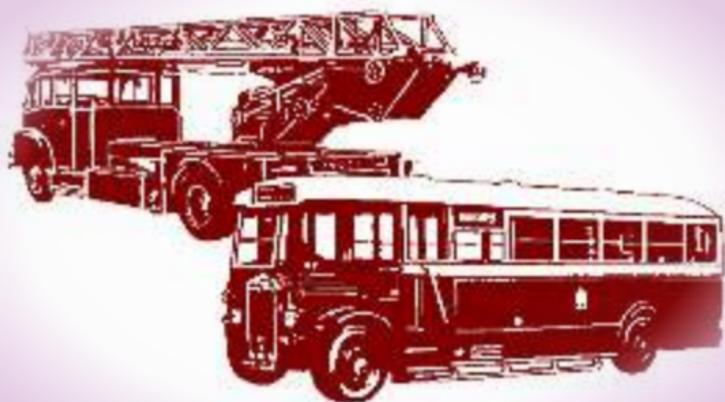


**Borough of
Aston Manor
Tramways
Depot in its
heyday**

The 'Shed' was built in the 1880s in what was the Borough of Aston Manor. Initially used to house passenger cars for steam trams which were housed next door, in 1911 it passed to the City Corporation. By then trams were all electrically powered and ran from the shed right up until 1950. From 1950-1953 the shed was used for breaking the trams up in their final years and it was then left to deteriorate.

A Manpower Services Training Scheme in the late 80s eventually enabled the building to be refurbished to be used as the home for the newly formed Museum.

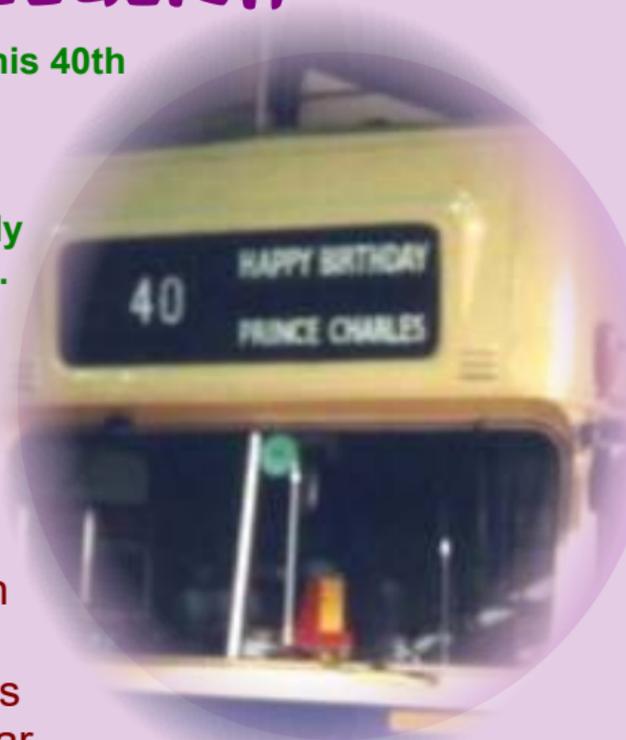
**The
original
AMRTM
logo used
from 1992**



- and a special occasion

Prince Charles had his 40th birthday party at the Witton Tram Shed in November 1988. At that event he formally opened the Museum.

A few years elapsed before the Museum was finally able to open its doors to the public during which time it established itself and built up its collection. A regular events programme was run for many years and gradually more vehicles were acquired. In 2011 it became apparent that the Museum could no longer remain at the shed and a new venue was eventually found at Aldridge.



A Message from Wendy Morton MP



The Aldridge Transport Museum is a valuable community asset which for the last 40-years has allowed us to preserve the legacy of road transport vehicles from across the West Midlands. The effort of the Museum's volunteers and their hard work throughout the last four decades is to be congratulated as part of these anniversary celebrations and I wish everyone at the Museum every success for the future.

How to move a Museum

The transfer to Aldridge was a complicated and time consuming process. Some of the vehicles are very rarely run and others had to be transported along with all the other artefacts and stores.



A delicate operation with Tram 107 on the low loader.

AEC Regal also had to be given a ride.



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- and display its contents



An empty shell



Displays to prepare



The start of the shops -



- and how they finished up

You can't move these without a forklift !



Some of the Oldies



This horse-drawn Baker's Cart is thought to have been built in around 1905.

This 'Mechanical Horse' from 1937 was typical of those used on many railway stations.



The 1931 Ford Model B Pick-up was used from that date by a boat builder in Stourport.

Luxury travel in 1931 would be provided by this splendid AEC Regal.



- and an original

100 years ago you would have seen Tramcars galore on the streets of Birmingham. The shell you see below is in desperate need of an expensive restoration which may happen one day. One other restored version can be seen in Birmingham at the Millennium Centre.

Tramcar No 107 was built in 1906 and retired in 1939. It spent many years as a summer house and lost its top during that time.



For their support since our move to Aldridge, the Museum wishes to thank

Aldridge and District Lions Club

Rotary Club of Aldridge

Aldridge Community Centre



**ALDRIDGE
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

What's On

Saturday 17th February Buses by Night

A nostalgic opportunity for free rides with a chance to take photographs of your favourite old buses with their lights on.



Sunday 25th March Models in the Museum

A variety of static and working models from local enthusiasts to enthral you. Buses, Railways, Ships - and maybe more.



Sunday 22nd April Spring Running Day

Another opportunity to enjoy rides on the Museum's historic buses and those of our friends.



The Museum is always pleased to arrange visits for groups

Artists

School groups

Clubs

Poets

Photographers

Vehicle societies

etc.

Please contact us to make arrangements

- in 2018 -

**Sunday 8th July
Annual Running Day**

The main event of the year with our own and visiting vehicles on display. Free services, and sales stands.



**Sunday 21st October
Autumn Leaves Running Day**

Our final running day of the year with our buses and guest buses running free services plus sales stands and all of the usual Museum displays.



**Sunday 25th November
Annual Collectors Fair**

Transport memorabilia, with a vast selection of models, books and DVDs from a range of sellers. Free bus services to and from Walsall.



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Bus Stuff

The Museum has over 20 buses and coaches some of which are stored off site and some of which are still undergoing renovation,

Built by Midland Red in 1940 for Trent Motor Traction this vehicle was rediscovered and renovated by Trent in the late 70s.



This Daimler CLG5 from 1954 was exhibited twice at the Commercial Motor Show.



The special livery on this 1976 Bristol VR was to commemorate South Staffordsire Tramways.



This 1964 D9 was Midland Red's first double-decker built to the new length of 30 feet.

In 1984 a number of buses were built by MCW for the new but short-lived *Tracline 65* guided busway route.



- and the number 11

From its very early days up to the mid 90s the Museum promoted the popular Outer Circle Rally which was a regular event celebrating the No 11 route. Many buses gathered at Cannon Hill Park and travelled in convoy around the famous route sometimes even with a police escort. Our main summer gathering still attracts many vehicles.



Bring the Kids

Accompanied children are always welcome at the Museum. Access is available to explore on a number of buses.



You can also select one of our **Discovery Sheets** to guide your investigations

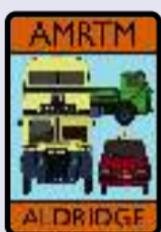
Running a Museum



The museum is entirely run by volunteers and is supported by members, visitors fees and grants when they can be obtained.



There is always room for more help. We need drivers, engineers, guides, archivists, marketing experts, cleaners, tea makers, fund raisers - and can make use of almost any skill you may have.



40 Years of Support

Many organisations and individuals have contributed to our exhibits and our operation.

Bus operators, both local and far away
Initially Birmingham and now Walsall Council
Many private companies

Now you have given us a new way forward, by buying Lottery Tickets and contributing to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Your contribution is gratefully acknowledged.



- and some current projects



Guy Ambulance
Restoration
completed at the
Museum in 2014

Austin A40 Ice Cream Van

Restoration completed at
the Museum in 2016



Morris J2 Camper Van

Restoration is well
under way and
hopefully finishing in
2018



Guy Victory

Brought back from
Belgium in 2017 and
restoration already
progressing well



Bedford S Type
Fire Engine

Still awaiting a
well deserved
restoration



Routemaster

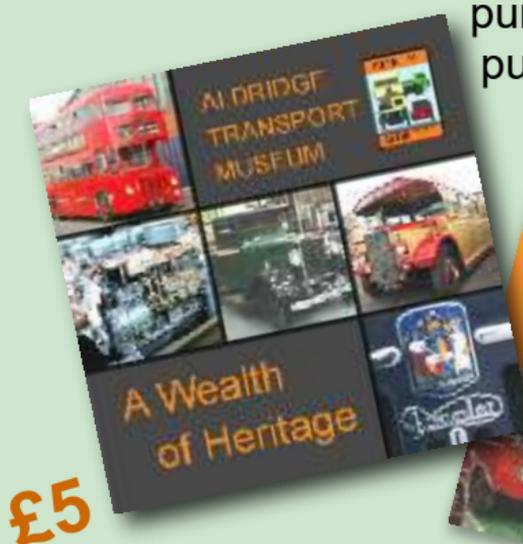


Back in 1988 this Routemaster was donated to the Aston Manor Road Transport Collection in the rather sorry state seen here.

RM 506 was built in 1960 and purchased from London Transport in 1984 by the West Midlands Probation Service who used it for several years before passing it to the Museum. Much restoration would be needed to restore it and this was undertaken by volunteers at the Museum.

Want More Information?

You can find out more by purchasing one of our publications from the Museum Shop



- a renovation success story



The vandalised bus needed almost complete re-panelling with new windows all round, a full repaint and re-trimming of the interior and some mechanical work. It was completed in time to go to the Routemaster Bus 50th Anniversary at Finsbury Park in July 2004.

The Routemaster's iconic reputation makes this one of the Museum's most regularly used buses.



Visit Us

The museum is open every Tuesday,
Saturday and Sunday throughout the year
and on Bank Holiday Mondays

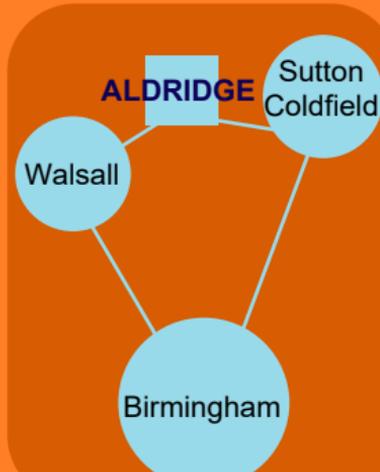
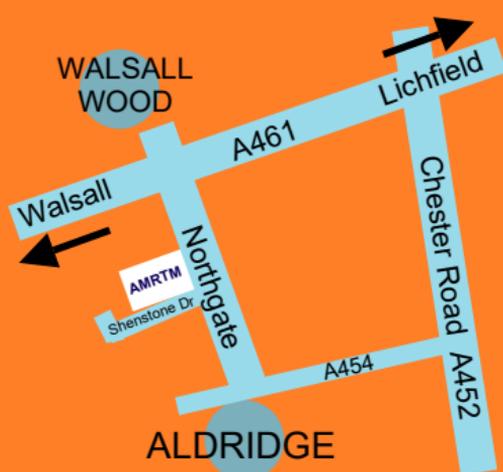
There is a small admission charge
to the museum with special rates on Event Days

Opening hours 10.30 am to 4.00 pm

On-site parking is normally available
with a free Park and Ride service on Event Days

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From Lichfield - 35

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