

# Leeds Transport Historical Society

(CIO No 1160446)

## Membership Application Form.

To: Hon. Treasurer. Mr A.Cowell,  
3 Rydal Avenue, Garforth, Leeds, LS25 1JG.

I wish to become a member of the Society and enclose a remittance of £10.00 payable to;

### *Leeds Transport Historical Society.*

The subscription is for twelve months or part thereof, from 1<sup>st</sup> September each year.

**I permit you to contact me using the following means #.**  
(# please tick all boxes that are applicable)

Phone / Text  Post  Email

I would\* / would not\* (\* delete as appropriate)  
like to **Gift Aid** my payment to the LTHS.

Full Name.....

Address.....

Post Code.....

Tel No.....

Email Address.....

Signature.....

Date.....

### **Gift Aid**

**Because we are a Charitable Incorporated Organisation we can claim back a further 25% on all Membership Fees and Donations from the UK Government. This means we can gain an extra £2.50 from your Membership fee.**

*Gift Aid can only be obtained by the LTHS provided you pay tax to the UK Government and you have paid enough tax to cover the 25% of your membership / Donation.*



## News Sheet

We have a regular News Sheet which is e-mailed or posted out to Members which includes; Future Dates, News, Reports, Regular Columns, and photo Quizzes.

## Membership

Yearly membership is currently £10.00. which is payable from 1<sup>st</sup> September each year. As a Member you benefit with free attendance at our meetings, organised trips and discounts on LTHS produced books.



For further General Information visit our Web Site at [www.lths.co.uk](http://www.lths.co.uk) or use your smart phone



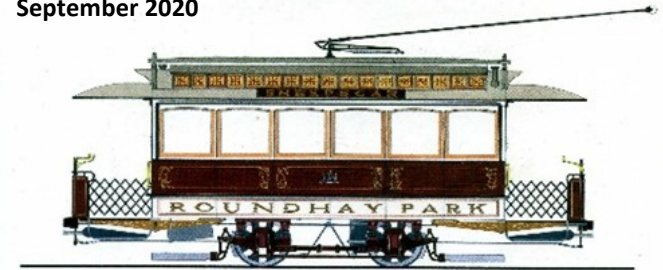
Contact the Secretary on **0113 258 0767**

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The Leeds Tramway Historical Society (as it was initially known) was formed in 1956 with the aim of preserving something of the Leeds City Tramway system before it closed down. The group of tramway enthusiasts who formed it tried without success to preserve a Middleton bogie tramcar from a scrap yard.

As a result, three Leeds tramcars were acquired in the 1959-61 period and all are now to be found at the National Tramway Museum at Crich in Derbyshire, with which our society has always closely worked.

Eventually, interests broadened and our name was changed in **1967** to The Leeds Transport Historical Society; in **1972**, it became a registered charity and a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in **2014**.

## Projects

Leeds horse tram No.107, bought by Leeds City Tramways in 1898, ran in service for just three years whilst the system was electrified and was then used as a static mess van until the 1920's. It was sold to an employee who used it as a summer house in east Leeds.

Discovered by a member of the LTHS, the car was acquired by the Society and stored for several years in a garage until restoration could be carried out.

Work started in earnest in 2005 and in 2013 the restored car made its debut at a Middleton Railway gala. The tram is currently exhibited at the National Tramway Museum at Crich.

The restoration of No.107 was paid for by the LTHS through fund raising and donations and further projects will be undertaken as opportunities arise.



## Meetings & Visits

The Society meets on the second Monday evening of each month between September and June with varied subjects including illustrated talks on all topics of transport such as buses, trams and railways.

Meetings are held at the Leeds Postal Sports Association Club, Beecroft St., Kirkstall, Leeds, LS5 3AS, meeting at 1915 for a 1930 start and finishing by 2200, with a short interval. Non-members are welcome.

Occasional visits to places of transport interest are also organised.



## Publications

In 1985 the Society took the decision to publish a detailed history of public road transport in Leeds. These would be high quality hard back books based on extensive detailed research and featuring appropriate illustrations.

Volume 1, covering the period up to 1902, was published that same year and a further four volumes continued the story up to bus deregulation in 1986. Other books have also been published since, and all are available through our website [www.lths.co.uk](http://www.lths.co.uk).

All of our books have been compiled by the LTHS archivist and historian, Jim Soper, in collaboration with other members of the Society and with contributions from many eminent transport photographers.

### Leeds Transport – Volume 1 - 1830 – 1902

This covers the beginnings of public road transport in Leeds including the horse buses, the early horse and steam tramways and the early electric tramways including the pioneering Roundhay Electric Tramway.

### Leeds Transport – Volume 2 - 1902 – 1931

Continuing the story of public road transport in Leeds, this volume covers the end of the steam trams, the expansion of the tramway system, the introduction of both private and municipal motor buses and the short-lived trolleybuses.

### Leeds Transport – Volume 3 – 1931 – 1953

This volume is further extension of the public road transport story, detailing the final expansion of the tramway system, including reserved track lines, as well as the schemes that did not get built and the first stages of tramway abandonment. The impact of World War II is covered along with the further development of bus services, both private and municipal.

### Leeds Transport – Volume 4 – 1953 – 1974

This book continues the story of public road transport in Leeds, including the final run-down and abandonment of the tramways and the closing years of Leeds City Transport as a municipal concern. Other private operators that worked into Leeds, such as Samuel Ledgard, Kippax & District, Farsley Omnibus Company and West Yorkshire Road Car Company are also covered.

### Leeds Transport – Volume 5 - 1974 – 1986

The final volume in the set covers the formation of the West Yorkshire PTE and Metro and runs up to privatisation. It also covers the various trolleybus proposals (prior to NGT) and has a chapter detailing the various preserved Leeds trams and buses as well as other preservation attempts. An appendix gives a comprehensive account of the development of turnpikes around Leeds in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

### Leeds Transport on Postcards

Containing reproductions of 248 postcards that feature various forms of transport in or related to Leeds, this book features both images in sepia and 30 original coloured photographs. (Available in soft and hard back)

### Leeds Transport in Colour 1880 to 1952

This book by that was published in 2017. In this book Jim has digitally coloured black and white photographs, this has the effect of bringing the pictures to life.

### Leeds Pubs and Cinemas by Tram

Pubs and Cinemas provided a communal focal point and were a valuable part of the social and architectural history of Leeds. Using tram and bus photographs from the 1950's, over 95% of which have not been published previously, this book features 139 pubs and 25 of the cinemas which were visible from the tram. It includes detailed captions and two maps showing locations and their proximity to the contemporary tram routes.

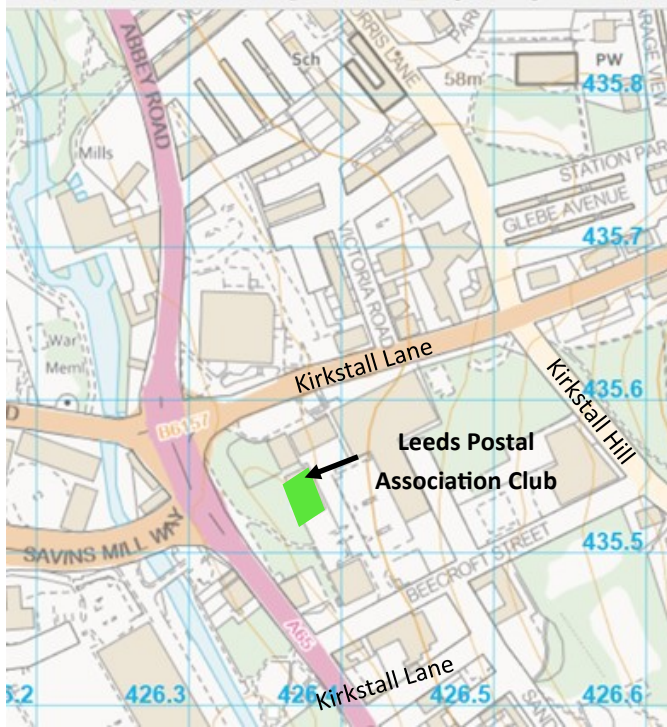
### Possible Future Publications

Leeds Transport- Volume 6 - 1986 — 2018  
Leeds Transport in Colour Volume 2

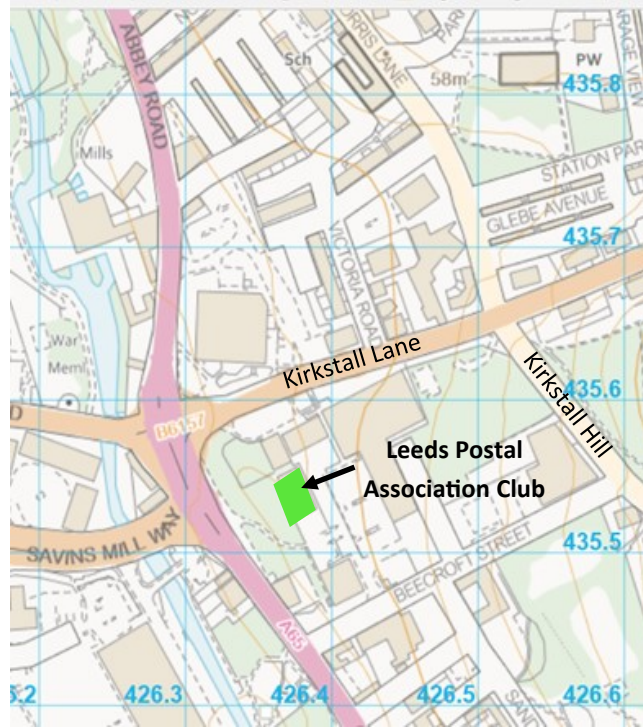
### Sales Stand

This is operated at various Events throughout the Year, selling books, photographs, DVDs etc. The profits from the Sales Stand and books helps us fund the Society's projects.

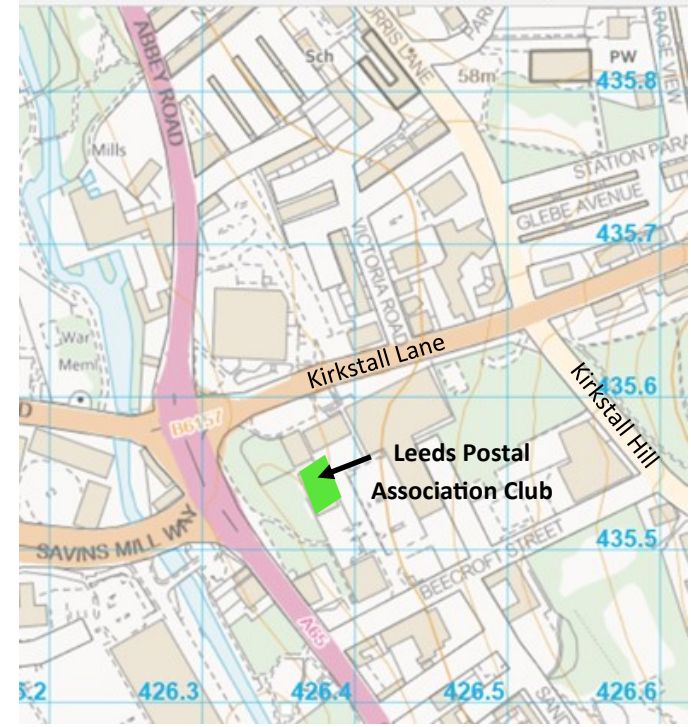
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