## The NTA's preserved fleet of trolleybuses

HASTINGS 45 is a fascinating survivor. This Guy BTX with Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies bodywork dates from 1929 and was fitted with BTH electrical equipment. When withdrawn from service it was converted to a waiting room in Hastings bus station rather than being scrapped. It is currently in secure under-cover accommodation waiting its turn in the restoration queue.

BELFAST 168 is a Guy BTX with locally-built Harkness body and GEC electrical equipment dating from 1949. It was withdrawn from service in 1968 and later presented to the NTA by the Corporation. 168 is currently being restored and will be launched at one of the UK's trolleybus-operating museums when completed. Thank you to all who have made donations to this worthy cause; they are truly appreciated.

BOURNEMOUTH 202 entered service in 1935 as a standard double-decker but was later converted to its open-top form in 1958. This Sunbeam MS2 with Park Royal bodywork and BTH electrical equipment was purchased by the NTA in 1965 and took part in the Bournemouth closure procession in 1969. 202 has been a resident at Carlton Colville, home of the East Anglia Transport Museum, for many years now and is as popular as ever in the summer months.

HUDDERSFIELD 541 is a Karrier MS2 with Park Royal bodywork and MetroVick electrical equipment, dating from 1947. It was the first privately preserved trolleybus in the UK to tour another system, when it visited Wolverhampton in 1966. On the last day of trolleybus operation in Huddersfield in 1968, 541 was the only preserved vehicle to undertake a tour of what was left of the system. This vehicle can currently be seen at the Trolleybus Museum at Sandtoft.

WOLVERHAMPTON 654 is a 1950-built Guy BT with Park Royal bodywork and BTH electrical equipment. This was the last trolleybus to be built by Guy Motors of Wolverhampton. When 168's restoration is complete, it will be 654's turn and an appeal will be launched to help with the massive costs involved.



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We celebrated our 50th anniversary in 2013 with an event at the East Anglia Transport Museum in which two of our fleet, Bournemouth 202 and Huddersfield 541, were stars of the show.We are currently restoring Belfast 168 and are looking forward to the day when this can also be seen at one of the UK's trolleybus-operating museums.



The NTA publishes its 36-page, full-colour journal, *Trolleybus Magazine (TM)*, six times a year which contains a variety of articles about the latest developments around the world and also historical features, accompanied by a large number of photographs and system maps. Each edition also includes the latest book reviews, details of our monthly meetings in London and our sales department's current offerings.

The NTA archive contains thousands of trolleybus images which are included in various books for others to enjoy.

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