

# Join Now!

I wish to join the Ribble Vehicle Preservation Group

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Details of vehicles owned / licence held \_\_\_\_\_

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# Members' Benefits

## Quarterly Magazine



Members receive a magazine four times a year containing stories and articles about Ribble and associated companies.

## Regular gatherings / Rallies



We participate in many rallies & transport gatherings throughout the year. See our website for latest information. Members can travel on our vehicles to most of the events attended and we also hold several social gatherings throughout the area.

# If you're interested in these...



You need to be a member of

# RVPG

**RIBBLE VEHICLE PRESERVATION GROUP**

# RVPT

The Ribble Vehicle Preservation Trust is a charitable trust dedicated to preserving the heritage of the Ribble Motor Services Group which was one of the UK's largest and most popular bus companies from its formation in 1919.

Our collection contains Ribble Group buses from the early 1930s to the early 1980s as well as many artefacts including photographs, timetables & publicity material etc.

## A Brief History of the RVPT

Originally formed in the early 1970s as an informal group of friends intent on preserving a handful of Ribble buses the group was transformed in the late 1990s when established as a charitable trust. During this period the group also purchased a substantial building in the Fylde area of Lancashire to allow the collection to be safely housed. This purchase was supported by a grant from the HLF. Owing the building outright meant the Trust was now in a position to plan for the long term with confidence.

## Aims & Objectives

Our aim is to preserve the heritage of Ribble Motor Services which operated bus services over a wide area from Carlisle in the north to Liverpool and Manchester in the south. Our principal activity is the preservation, restoration and operation of former Ribble Group vehicles.



It has always been our conviction that the best way to enjoy old buses is to ride on them and experience the sound and feel of them on the road.

Therefore the RVPT is not a museum where static exhibits can be viewed. We have chosen a different approach which we think of as a mobile museum, taking the buses to the public.

We attend many events each year and also organise some ourselves. Some are specifically for transport enthusiasts but others are more general such as village fetes and support to other heritage groups.

We are also keen to record the full range of Ribble's history and we now have a purpose built archive room for our collection of smaller items and we are building up a sound archive which records the memories of former employees. If you have any material which you would like to offer to the Trust or you are a former employee who would like to share your memories through our sound archive please contact us.



## Vehicles

Our collection of buses aims to record the evolution of Ribble buses over the years. We have a small number of pre-war buses and even a war time utility bus although this is unrestored.

Our post war collection includes notable Ribble icons such as a Gay Hostess double deck coach and a couple of the famous Harrington Cavalier coaches of the 1960s. The National Bus Company era is also represented with Leyland National, Atlantean and Olympian buses.

## Membership

The RVPT operates a membership scheme (RVPG) open to anyone with an interest in our activities. For a very modest fee members receive four newsletters a year and have access to the members area of our website. Members can participate in restoration activity, visit our depot subject to prior arrangement and participate on outings. You can apply for membership by filling in the attached form and you can also contact us via our website.

[www.rvpt.org](http://www.rvpt.org)

From this..



via this



...to this



and this....



## Our Depot

We are now housed in modern, well equipped premises which we own outright and we have a strong group of supporters to help us achieve our objectives. We will continue our work to preserve the memories and traditions of Ribble and anyone wishing to know more is invited to email us.