

Rushden Transport Museum

Something for everyone

Rushden Transport Museum is aptly housed in the old Rushden Station. The Victorian station was built in 1893 by Midland Railways as the only stop on the Wellingborough to Higham Ferrers branch line authorised in 1890, in response to pressure by local merchants and manufacturers. If you have an interest in railway lamps and tools, then we have plenty for you to view on your visit.

Our collection is not all about rail, as we are also proud to display a variety of road artefacts, ephemera and memorabilia from the local area that help demonstrate the history of transport within the context of Rushden and its near neighbours.

Our stars include:

- A 1950's ABJ auto cycle lovingly restored by local transport enthusiast, on temporary loan from his family;
- An Ashford Litter from the Rushden Ambulance Corps that we were pleased to give a home;
- Three bicycles from the Lightstrung Cycle Co, a Rushden firm.
- And more...

Our collection policy

Collecting is one of the core areas of work in museums, but due to limitations of space all potential acquisitions are carefully considered, to ensure that they meet the criteria of our [Collecting Policy](#).

Offering an item to the museum

If you are considering offering an item to the museum please see our [Donate to the Rushden Transport Museum Collection](#) page.

Please note the museum will only agree to adding loans to the collection if they are for short term temporary exhibitions, or if the object is of great significance to the collection and the stories the museum is trying to tell.

Collection Storage

As space is limited in the museum we have a store where we keep objects that may be awaiting restoration/conservation. These objects will be considered for future displays as our themes change.

RHTS running collection

Apart from the Museum's collection of objects on display, the RHTS has a running collection of road and rail vehicles that are used on the heritage railway events and for educational / enthusiasts activities.

Archive

The museum has a large collection of rail manuals, timetables and rule books on a searchable database that may be accessed on request. It also has a library of books on transport in general and these you are welcome to look at during your visit.

For conservation reasons we have made hands-on copies of photographs and some documents, so that they can be enjoyed by everyone. If you would like to join in this process or any other aspect of research, please contact us. See our [Volunteers](#) page.

Tell us your story

Collecting peoples' stories and memories relating to Rushden's transport heritage, and the town in general, is an important part of preserving this history for future generations, and as such, we are always keen to capture any stories or memories you may have. Please come along and share them with us or write a letter or email museum@rhts.co.uk . We can also arrange an appointment for a more convenient time.