



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date		
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
6	April	2016	5	April	2017

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Devon General Omnibus Trust
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1153451
Charity's principal address	16 Manor Close, Bradford Abbas, Sherborne, Dorset
Postcode	DT9 6RN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Terence Bennett	Treasurer	Whole period	-
2	Philip Platt	Secretary	6/4/16 – 8/12/16	-
3	Peter Murnaghan	Chairman	Whole period	-
4	Iain Tucker	-	Whole period	-
5	Kenneth Baker	-	3/12/16 – 5/4/17	-
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution dated 6 April 2013

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by existing trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

- Written policy document held
- The trust enjoys good relationships with other charities and interest groups within the bus preservation movement
- None
- Discussed at trustees' meetings. Policies have recently been written to cover the main key risk areas

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the education of the public in the history of public road passenger transport and in particular the history of the Devon General Omnibus & Touring Company and its successors through: a) establishing and preserving for posterity a representative collection of passenger service vehicles formerly operated by the Company and its successors in the county of Devon and the wider area covered by the South West of England, b) facilitating public access to the collection by providing opportunities to view and travel on the vehicles and thereby experience an earlier era of public transport in the county of Devon, c) providing a focus for retention, development and training for students of all ages in the traditional crafts and specialist skills required for the restoration and maintenance of the vehicles and associated relics, and d) enabling the raising of funds for the above purposes. In doing so, the charity must not raise any substantial permanent trading activity

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have

The trustees are fully aware of the obligations imposed upon them by way of the Charities Act and Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the extent to which the trust is fulfilling its charitable objectives is reviewed at each trustees' meeting. These obligations remain paramount when planning activities for the

had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

forthcoming period and considering means by which the trust's other central objectives can be met.

A summary of the trust's main activities during the period under review is as follows:

- **Vehicle restoration:** work on the trust's first vehicle (AEC Regent V, 503RUO) has continued with a regular party of volunteers meeting at least weekly throughout most of the year. After initial setbacks and delays, work has proceeded well during the past 12 months and it is hoped to have the vehicle on the road during early 2018. We have continued to be successful in raising sufficient funds to enable the majority of the remaining work to be carried-out.
- **Public education (events):** during the relatively early period of the trust's existence, and without any publicly-accessible base, the majority of our work in this category is necessarily undertaken by way of attendance at bus-related events (this was fully anticipated from the outset). A summary of these for the year under review is:
 - 16 July 2016: participation in 'Cavalcade of Coaches' to commemorate the closure of both the Exeter and Plymouth Bus & Coach Stations. Event organised by DGOT with 20+ vehicles in attendance, estimated visitors of c 300 and c 100 passengers carried
 - 19 July 2016: visit by one of trustees' vehicles to Marchant Holliday School, North Cheriton to provide SEN children with trip out on a double-decker bus. 30 adults and 40 children carried
 - 28 August 2016: attendance at the Under 17 Car Club meeting in Bovington. One of trustees' vehicles provided for 14 young people to have experience of driving a bus
 - 19 March 2017: vintage bus running day organised by DGOT to mark the final closure of the Exeter Bus & Coach Station. 31 vehicles in attendance with estimated visitor numbers of c 2,000 (enthusiasts and general public alike). Estimated 1,500 passenger journeys undertaken
- **Public education (other):** relationships with the curator of Newton Abbot Museum and the Town Centre Manager of the same town have been maintained and may result in further events in the future. During the year a presentation has been put-together and successfully delivered to one local interest group:
 - 21 April 2016: Babbacombe & St Marychurch Local History Society. 99 present

There are plans to develop and deliver further such presentations during the coming year.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

- N/A

- N/A

- The trustees acknowledge with gratitude the contribution provided by a small party of volunteers which meets weekly to progress work on the trust's vehicle

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We were deeply saddened by the death, on 8 December 2016, of one of our founding trustees, Philip Platt. Philip was a life-long bus enthusiast and was passionate about the preservation and future wellbeing of former Devon General vehicles. His day-by-day involvement in and input to the Trust was immense and we are very much the poorer for his passing.

The trustees believe that the main achievements of the trust during the year may be summarised as:

- We have continued to build upon our secure financial base. This has again been based upon significant donations from the trustees and Gift Aid relief thereon but equally we have again been pleased with the response received to relatively low-key appeals for funding. This has enabled us to further progress work on the vehicle restoration and establish a reserve to, hopefully, see this through to completion
- Further significant work on the trust's vehicle (see above). A further vehicle was gifted to us by Philip Platt before his death and this is now being held securely, awaiting restoration work in due course
- Further enhancement of our 'profile' within the local bus preservation movement and further establishment of links with other groups where relationships can ultimately be of mutual benefit
- Continued links with the Devon General Society and ensuring that they remain fully supportive of the trust's activities (the DGS has 200+ members, all of whom share a common interest in the Devon General company and its activities). The work of the trust is totally independent of the Society but it is important that good relations are maintained. The Society is wholly supportive of the trust's objectives and assists on a regular basis by keeping members informed of our activities and publicising forthcoming events
- Maintenance of our website which is regularly updated to reflect events, activities and work in progress. We are aware of a number of regular 'followers' and at least some donations have been received via this source. The trustees are still considering the desirability of involvement on social media sites and how this might best be managed. An e-mailed periodic newsletter is also being developed
- We are pleased with the relationships previously formed with key personnel within Stagecoach South West (the modern day successors of Devon General) who are fully supportive of our aims and objectives (meetings have been held between the trustees and the new local Managing Director)

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The trustees do not, at present, consider that a Reserves Policy is required as they do not foresee accumulation of funds beyond those that are likely to be required for short-medium term expenditure. This position will, however, be kept under review

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

- The trust's principal source of funding during the year has been from the trustees and fundraising activities. It is the trustees' firm intention that the focus will need to continue to switch towards external rather than internal funding sources
- Expenditure this year has been almost entirely devoted to the acquisition and restoration of the trust's only vehicle, 503RUO, in line with our key charitable objectives
- N/A

Section F Other optional information

None at this time.

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Peter John Murnaghan

Iain Tucker

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

Trustee

Date

26 October 2017




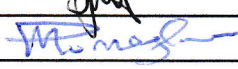
Devon General Omnibus Trust		1153451		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	06-Apr-16	To	05-Apr-17	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations (trustees)	3,550	-	-	3,550	4,150
Donations (unrestricted)	1,863	-	-	1,863	3,758
Donations (restricted)	-	2,120	-	2,120	100
Events	1,031	-	-	1,031	790
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of Items	-	-	-	-	-
Tax reclaimed from Gift Aid	1,987	-	-	1,987	1,370
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	8,431	2,120	-	10,551	10,168
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,431	2,120	-	10,551	10,168
A3 Payments					
Bank Charges	- 25	-	-	- 25	-
Meeting Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	- 281	-	-	- 281	- 279
Postage	-	-	-	-	- 8
Stationery & Printing	-	-	-	-	- 6
Sundry Expenditure	- 141	-	-	- 141	- 180
Trustees' Expenses	- 3,637	-	-	- 3,637	- 2,668
Vehicle Expenditure - 503RUO	- 2,001	-	-	- 2,001	- 2,172
Vehicle Expenditure - VDV798	- 280	-	-	- 280	-
Volunteers' Expenses	-	-	-	-	- 2,597
Website	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	- 6,364	-	-	- 6,364	- 7,910
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Capital Expenditure	-	-	-	-	- 291
Sub total	-	-	-	-	- 291
Total payments	- 6,364	-	-	- 6,364	- 8,201
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,067	2,120	-	4,187	1,967
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,507	-	-	7,507	5,540
Cash funds this year end	9,573	2,120	-	11,693	7,507

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CAF Bank Account	9,573	2,120	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	9,573	2,120	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Debtors	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Vehicle - 503RUO	Unrestricted	4,500	7,000
	Vehicle - VDV798	Unrestricted	-	1,500
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Creditors	N/A	-	
	Loans	N/A	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		T W Bennett	15-Apr-17
		P Murnaghan	15-Apr-17