



**THE TRAMCAR SPONSORSHIP  
ORGANISATION**

Registered Charity No. 518466

***TSO (FTS) Blackpool Tramcar Fund***

*A joint initiative between the Fylde Tramway Society and The Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation*



**The Blackpool Tramway was Britain's first electric street tramway when it opened on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 1885.** Since those days the Blackpool Tramway has evoked memories of the traditional British town and seaside tramway.

The ***TSO (FTS) Blackpool Tramcar Fund*** is a joint initiative between the Fylde Tramway Society and the Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation. It supports the restoration of Blackpool Trams or artefacts for preservation as part of the collection of the National Tramway Museum, Crich, Derbyshire.

The Fund has already helped to restore Toastrack 166 of 1927 back to operational service at Crich, with the car re-entering service in September 2004!

# ***Dreadnought 59***

The next project for the fund, is to **restore probably one of the most unique and eye-catching trams in the UK** – the Dreadnought. This may appear a bold claim, however many people can recall the visual impact of a large, twin-staircase, open-top tram operating in Blackpool. Whenever this car was out, it was certainly an eye-catcher!

**Currently the car is in secure storage, however plans are now been drawn up to restore this car to its former glory!** The Tramway Museum Society would welcome the **restoration and return to service** of this car. However, before this can be progressed, or a dated programme agreed, **one key element is required – Money!** Whilst a detailed cost estimate has yet to be established, it can be stated with confidence that the costs for such a project would be in the several hundreds of thousands of pounds range! This is a considerable sum of money, however if many people regularly donate a small amount per month, this target can be achieved.

**If you wish to see the Dreadnought proudly carrying passengers once again, YOUR help and support is required.**

You can help financially, by either giving one-off donations, or if you can, by committing to a regular monthly amount to the appeal fund by standing order from your bank. Remember, the more people that support the appeal fund, the quicker it will grow. Work can then start on the Dreadnought with the aim of once again carrying passengers. **Over a period of time a series of contributions can become a significant fund.**

**Dreadnought 59 dates from 1902** and is the survivor of 20 large open-top trams, designed to rapidly load and unload the large crowds on Blackpool promenade. The tram was part of the final development of this style and was withdrawn in late 1934, surviving in the Corporation's depot at Copse Road, Fleetwood by becoming the mess room of the local permanent way gangs!

29<sup>th</sup> September 1960 was to be the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tramway. To help celebrate the occasion, the car was towed to Rigby Road works in December 1959, returning to service in June 1960. The car operated as a special car until it left Blackpool for the National Tramway Museum in March 1965; operating there in 1965 and between 1968 – 1970.

The centenary of the Borough of Blackpool was celebrated in 1976 and the Blackpool Civic Trust took an interest in this car, sponsoring its return to Blackpool in July 1975 for restoration for the Borough centenary. It returned to service at Blackpool at the end of May 1976. Dreadnought 59 operated for the next 14 years, playing a starring role in the Blackpool Tramway Centenary celebrations in 1985. It finally returned to Crich at the end of 1990 and then into secure storage in 1995.

*The TSO was formed in 1961 and has since enabled the acquisition and restoration of several trams at Crich. The TSO is Registered Charity No. 518466 and reference XN 71807 with the Inland Revenue. The current Trustees are David Ronald (Chairman), Nigel Walker (Secretary), Derek Redmond (Treasurer), Brian King, Alan Murray-Rust and Malcolm Wright.*

*MGWeaver October 2006*



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### **DONATIONS OR REGULAR PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS** to complete this form: -

**To:** Mr M G Weaver, TSO (FTS) Blackpool Tramcar Fund, 28 Key Way, Fulford, York YO19 4QS

**From:** \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to **SUBSCRIBE PER MONTH** £ \_\_\_\_\_ (In Words) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a **DONATION** of £ \_\_\_\_\_ (In Words) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make cheques payable to "Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation FTS Account"*

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#### **Gift Aid Declaration** for Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation

I, (Full name) \_\_\_\_\_ of (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

**declare that all donations I make hereafter, I wish the Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation to treat as Gift Aid donations and reclaim the tax paid. Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**

- Note:**
- i). Please do not sign a gift aid Declaration form if you do not pay any income tax or Capital Gains Tax.
  - ii). Remember to notify the Charity if you no longer pay an amount of income tax or Capital Gains Tax equal to the tax which will be reclaimed on your donations (Currently 28p for each £1 you give)
  - iii). Donors are entitled to notify the Charity of the cancellation of their declaration at any time.
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#### **Standing Order Form** for Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation – (FTS) Account

**To: (Insert full name and postal address of your Bank / Building Society)**

County \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Please transfer from my account No \_\_\_\_\_ Sort Code \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_**

**To the Credit of Barclays Bank, Sort Code 20 – 20 – 50**

**For the TRAMCAR SPONSORSHIP ORGANISATION FTS ACCOUNT. - Account No. 50863076**

**The sum of £ \_\_\_\_\_ (In words) \_\_\_\_\_**

**On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of each month, until further notice commencing on \_\_\_\_\_**

**From:** \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**