

HODSON Louis & Sons **Motor Engineers** **L.H.O. Motor Works** **North Road** **OUNDLE**

Louis Hodson & Sons was established in 1874 and by 1910 was advertising itself as Motor and Cycle Manufacturers based at the L.H.O. Motor Works in North Road, Oundle. At that time the firm claimed to be "Manufacturers of petrol engines of every description for motor cycles, motor cars and motor boats. Motor cars thoroughly overhauled. Motor cars for hire. Vulcanizing and Accumulator Charging on Premises."

In June 1916 L Hodson & Sons applied to Oundle Urban District Council for licences to store 600 gallons of motor spirit and 2½cwt of carbide and these were duly granted. In January 1920 the firm submitted plans to the Council for a motor garage to be erected on their premises at North Road, Oundle and these were approved in February 1920. Whether or not this garage was connected with the firm's decision to operate a motor bus is not known but they did acquire a Leyland S3 single-deck bus with Brush twenty-seven seat combination car bodywork which was registered HE 48. This machine had originated with Barnsley & District Traction Company in 1913 passing to the Peterborough Electric Traction company Ltd in 1915. It would seem that HE 48 was still in the ownership of the Peterborough Company in January 1921 but must have soon afterwards been sold to Louis Hodson & Sons.

As far as it is known Hodson operated his bus between Oundle and Peterborough but no timetable has been seen by the Author and much more research work is needed in the Peterborough area in general to throw more light on what services many of the local operators there were providing. For how long Louis Hodson operated HE 48 is also unknown but the bus passed to J R Gilbert of Peterborough at some stage before 1927 when Gilbert's Stanground service was taken over by P.E.T and HE 48 returned to its former owner.

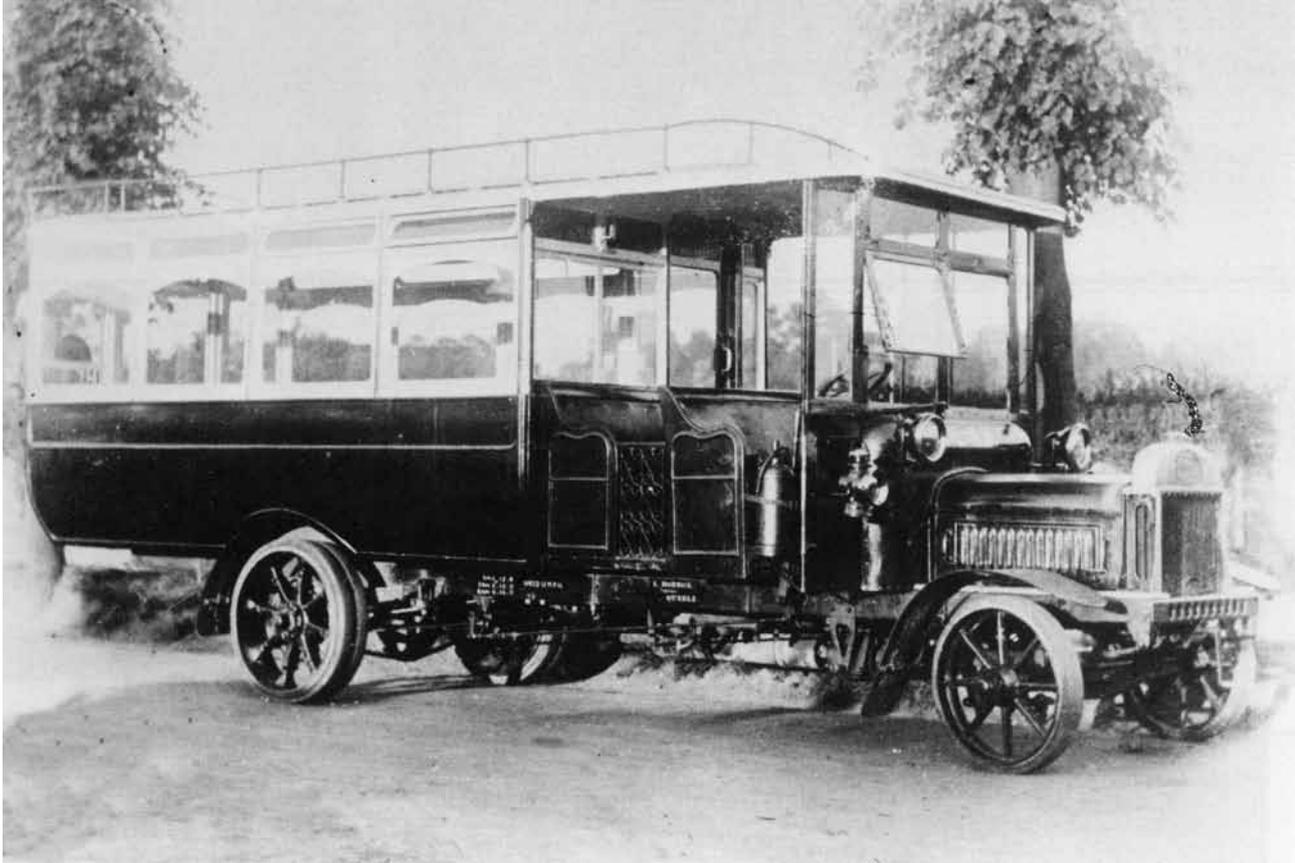
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The elegant Brush bodied Leyland HE 48 is shown here whilst owned by L Hodson & Sons of Oundle in the early 1920s.

Rolling Stock:

REGN. NO.	CHASSIS		BODY		DATES			PREVIOUS OWNER	INITIAL DISPOSAL	NOTES
	MAKE	NUMBER	MAKE	TYPE/ SEATS	NEW	S/H	W/D			
HE 48	Leyland S3.30.T	S422/1252	Brush	B27F	8/13	c-/21	?	Peterborough E.T. Co Ltd	J R Gilbert, Peterborough	