



Membership of the Omnibus Society costs £29 per annum.

This entitles you to receive printed copies of the Omnibus Magazine sent to you by post, and gives you access to all parts of our website including all bulletins produced by Branches and Research Groups via a username and password. All members have these even if they do not own a computer and if you require to know your details, then contact andrew.tyldsley@omnibus-society.org or write to him at the address at the end of this sheet.

If you have an email address, you can opt to receive an e-mail alert when a new bulletin is placed on the website.

You are entitled to attend any event (meeting or visit) organised by any branch or group of the Society. You will have Premium access to the Bus Archive and its premises according to their entry conditions (opening times etc.).

On joining, you are recommended to select a home branch or research group which ensures you are linked to your local area or research group. Branches and Groups produce their own regular bulletins/journals – **bulletins/journals produced, although available free on-line through the website, can also be sent out in printed form costing £15 for each branch or group bulletin per annum.**

The membership year runs from one year after we receive your payment if you are a new member, or from when your subscription expires if you are renewing.

You will be reminded to renew before your subscription expires either by e-mail one month beforehand (if you have opted for this) or a renewal form will be posted out or enclosed with the relevant Omnibus Magazine.

A two-year subscription is also available for double the one-year rate with one extra month free.

BUSMART

You will receive three catalogues spread over the year selling surplus material that will include books, timetables, maps, leaflets, and other bus related items at reasonable prices. Any profit made by selling items goes to the Bus Archive. This can be e-mailed out to you free or, if you wish it printed, then it will cost £18.

DONATIONS

These are always welcome, and some members wish to donate to the Society, their home branch, or the Bus Archive.

Overseas members must contribute to increased postal costs as follows:

Those paying only £29 per annum and receiving everything online should pay an additional **£5** as a donation towards to cost of posting the Omnibus Magazine.

Those who receive anything else which is printed in addition to the Omnibus Magazine (i.e., a printed bulletin or BUSMART) should pay an additional **£20** as a donation towards the additional cost of postage.

AREAS COVERED BY BRANCHES & GROUPS

- Eastern and Southern Branch** - Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk, South Lincolnshire, Suffolk, Berkshire, Hampshire (except the New Forest), Isle of Wight, Kent, Oxfordshire, Surrey, East, and West Sussex
- London Historical Research Group** - is devoted to research into the operation of buses, trolleybuses, and trams in London
- Midland Branch** - Derbyshire, Herefordshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Rutland, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, and the West Midlands
- Northern (North East England) Branch** - Northumberland, Co. Durham, Tyne & Wear, Teesside and the northern most parts of North Yorkshire
- North Western and Yorkshire Branch** - the counties of Cumbria, Lancashire, Merseyside, Greater Manchester, Cheshire, the High Peak of Derbyshire, (Isle of Man), North Wales together with East, West, South, and North Yorkshire
- Provincial Historical Research Group** - does just what it says on the tin. It does not specifically include the London Transport area, and history started as recently as yesterday!
- Scottish Branch** - Scotland
- South Wales and West Branch** - roughly aligns with the South Wales and the Western Traffic Areas, or from Aberystwyth to Land's End and across to Bournemouth.

You can either join through our website using a payment card www.omnibus-society.org/join, download a form from the website to send to us through the post or we can send you a form to complete and return.

- I. Members are formally enrolled into the Society once the Directors have agreed their enrolment.
- II. Receipts for payment will be confirmed by e-mail by Sagepay if the website is used, or sent by post on request on enclosure of an s.a.e.
- III. The data on our application form (or entered on the website) will be kept on a computer file and is subject to the Data Protection Act. Read the additional sheet General Data Protection on this when joining.
- IV. E-Mail Address. Your e-mail address may be used for future Website enhancements and to help late changes to arrangements for visits, talks etc. to be easily notified to participants. **It is vital that we are kept informed of any e-mail address changes.**
- V. GIFT AID - Charitable causes can reclaim tax paid on payments made under the Gift Aid scheme. The giver must pay an amount of tax during a given year that at least equals the tax being reclaimed on the payment. UK tax paid on income, capital gains and savings all qualify.

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