

# Bygone Buses

of  
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

NN-GR1

Page 1

## GRAFTON TRANSPORT Co. 13, Oak Street, NORTHAMPTON.

Nothing is known of the Grafton Transport Company of Northampton other than that which was contained in their advertisements of 1920.

The "Grafton" Transport Co.,  
13, OAK STREET, NORTHAMPTON.  
Telephones :-542, 574, 670.  
**MOTOR HAULAGE.**  
NOTHING TOO BIG.  
NOTHING TOO LITTLE.  
NOTHING TOO FAR.  
5-CWT. VANS. 1-TON VANS. 3-TON LORRIES.

The advertisement shown above indicating that the Grafton company operated 5-cwt and 1-ton vans together with 3-ton lorries appeared regularly in the Northampton press during 1920.

However, for the Easter 1920 Towcester Races meetings the Grafton Transport Co intimated that it would be conveying passengers from the Company's garage in William Street to the Races departing at 8, 9 and 10 o'clock at a fare of 2/6d single. No mention is made of the Grafton possessing a motor bus so, presumably, vans or lorries were kitted out with seats for the purpose. A facsimile of an advertisement appearing in the Northampton Daily Chronicle on 31st March and 1st April 1920 is reproduced alongside.

The "Grafton" Transport Co.  
WILL RUN TO AND FROM  
**TOWCESTER RACES,**  
STARTING FROM THE GARAGE WILLIAM ST. (Off Bailiff st.),  
At 8, 9, and 10 O'clock.  
**2/6 SINGLE JOURNEY.**  
PARTIES GUARANTEED RETURN.  
BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.—Apply  
**THE GARAGE, WILLIAM-ST.**

No other ventures of this nature were advertised for future racing events so it is assumed the operation was not a great success and the Grafton Transport Company thereafter stuck to what it knew best — the motor haulage business.

Bygone Buses of Northamptonshire is compiled by R M Warwick, "Torestyn" 101 Broadway East, Northampton NN3 2PP, who would be pleased to be advised of any additional information relating to the above operator. The records of the PSV Circle and the Omnibus Society have been consulted extensively for this series and acknowledgement and thanks are due to these organisations.