

Bygone Buses

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TOWNSEND. G.C. & Son

54 High Street South

RUSHDEN

The Rushden firm of G C Townsend & Son was listed in the East Midland Traffic Area's schedule of Operators of Public Service Vehicles from at least 1931 to 1934 but during this period held no Road Service Licences. The firm was well known as a carrier in Northamptonshire, eventually trading as Townsends Carriers Ltd, and part of the W H Smith Group.

Presumably, following the introduction of the Road Traffic Act of 1930, G C Townsend & Son wished to keep open their options to run passenger vehicles as well as lorries and thus were listed in the Traffic Commissioners' files. In the event, they did not apply for any licences and did not operate public service vehicles. The closest they came to it was to use a converted lorry for occasional company social events.