

COVENTRY TRANSPORT MUSEUM



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You can now support Coventry Transport Museum by adopting one of our objects!

Home to the largest collection of British road transport in the world, the museum houses record breaking vehicles, pioneering bicycles, transport champions and many of the most innovative, memorable, and luxurious vehicles of the last 200 years. By adopting a vehicle, you will be supporting the work of Culture Coventry Trust.

Adoptions are available at Gold, Silver & Bronze levels.

Bronze - £25

Includes digital certificate of adoption, digital photo of adopted object and a 10% discount in The Coventry Transport Museum shop.

Silver - £50

Includes digital certificate of adoption, digital photo of adopted object and a 10% discount in The Coventry Transport Museum shop.

Gold - £100

Includes digital certificate of adoption, digital photo of adopted object and a 10% discount in The Coventry Transport Museum shop. Plus! 2 annual tickets to CTM, 2 simulator experiences, a collections talk facilitated by a member of staff (bookable in advance) and 1 Thrust goody bag.



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Thrust SSC

Date of manufacture: 1997 | Level: Gold

The Thrust SSC is the current holder of the land speed record! Developed by Richard Noble, Glynne Bowsher, Ron Ayers, and Jeremy Bliss, the rocket propelled car was driven by Royal Air Force pilot Andy Green, and achieved a top speed of 763.035mph during its run at the Black Rock Desert, Nevada, USA.

Fast Fact:

The Thrust SSC was the first (and only) land vehicle to officially break the sound barrier!

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Jaguar XJS Motor Car - The Barbie Car

Date of manufacture: 1990 | Level: Silver

The iconic 'Barbie Car' is a Coventry made vehicle, that was specially prepared for Mattel to help with the launch of a model XJ-S in the 'Barbie' range of toys! It was painted in 'Shocking Pink' to match the doll's lip colour and was used worldwide to promote the release of the model car.

Fast Fact:

The car was trapped in Bosnia during the uprising in the 1990s, before being returned to Jaguar.

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Thrust 2 Land Speed Record Car

Date of manufacture: 1983 | Level: Gold

The Thrust 2 is a British-designed and built jet-propelled car, which held the world land speed record from October 1983 to September 1997. The rocket car was powered by a Rolls-Royce Avon jet engine and was designed to closely resemble the land speed record cars of Art Arfons, collectively known as the 'Green Monsters'.

Fast Fact:

The Thrust 2 was originally designed to allow paying customers to ride the world's fastest car.

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Lady Diana's Austin Mini Metro Saloon

Date of manufacture: 1980 | Level: Silver

Lady Diana's Metro was one of a batch of 73 standard cars created at the time of her engagement to Prince Charles. It took several years and £270 million to develop and was described as British Leyland's 'make or break' car – with BL's recovery dependent upon the public's response to their 'Supermini' car.

Fast Fact:

The "courting car" was once driven by Prince Charles, during a test-run from the Longbridge factory.

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Queen Mary's Daimler Royal Limousine

Date of manufacture: 1935 | Level: Silver

This magnificent vehicle belonged to Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth II's grandmother, from 1935 until her death in 1953. This car, purpose built for Her Majesty, was originally fitted with a 50hp V12 poppet valve engine before being replaced by a DE27 four litre six in 1952. The body was built by Hoopers of London.

Fast Fact:

In the 1950s, the car was loaned to the 'Queen Mary', a floating hotel in California!

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Rover Bicycle

Date of manufacture: 1888 | Level: Bronze

The Rover safety bicycle was created in Coventry by John Kemp Starley in 1885. It earned the name due to it being far safer to ride than the high Ordinary or Penny Farthing cycles used at the time. In fact, the design embodies many of the main principles we see on bicycles today!

Fast Fact:

This bicycle became the pattern for most modern mountain, road and utility bikes ridden today.

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Maudslay Subsidy Lorry

Date of manufacture: 1916 | Level: Silver

This lorry was made by the Maudslay Company in Coventry, for service in the First World War. It is a very rare surviving example of a Maudslay Subsidy, and originally came to the museum in parts, including the chassis, wheels, gear box, axles, transmission and all major mechanical parts, but no original body!

Fast Fact:

This vehicle is so rare, its body had to be recreated using photos, drawings and accounts.

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Daimler Fleetline Double Deck Bus “Sky Blue Team Bus”

Date of manufacture: 1973 | Level: Silver

The ‘Fleetline’ was the last in a long line of buses manufactured by the famous Daimler Company. This bus was the last completed vehicle and was delivered to the Coventry Transport Corporation in 1973. In 1987, Coventry won the FA Cup, and the bus was used in a parade around the city streets.

Fast Fact:

The bus had its roof removed to convert it to an open top for the parade!

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Jaguar E-Type Series Three Drop Head Coupe

Date of manufacture: 1975 | Level: Bronze

The E-Type is thought to be the ultimate in sports car body design; created by Malcolm Sayer and William Lyons, this car is one of the last V12 E-Types and was the last to be displayed at the Motor Show at Earls Court in 1974, where it won 'Best Coachwork in Show'.

Fast Fact:

In 2008, the E-Type ranked no.1 in the Telegraph's "100 most beautiful cars of all time"

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Ariel Ordinary Bicycle

Date of manufacture: 1871 | Level: Bronze

This bicycle was manufactured by Messrs Haynes and Jefferis of Coventry under licence from James Starley and is the first all steel mass produced bicycle in Great Britain. The Ariel was first advertised in “The English Mechanic” on 15th September 1871, at the price of £8 or £12 with speed gear.

Fast Fact:

The idea of a gear, now used in most modern bicycles, was patented by James Starley.