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“We want GTM to be an exciting space where people can actively engage with transport heritage. As generations change and we begin to lose practitioners of ‘heritage skills’, it has never been more important to ensure these are passed on.”

~ Ross McKirdy, Grampian Transport Museum

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WELCOME TO GTM

Grampian Transport Museum is an independent museum and registered charity in the heart of Alford, Aberdeenshire.

With an ever-evolving, award-winning collection of exhibits – from both local and global transport history – we've been open to the public for 40+ years and are proud to welcome visitors of all ages, from all over the world.

Transport is one of the few truly universal experiences that connects all of us – past, present and future. From stage coaches and steam engines to tram cars and pioneering electric vehicles, Grampian Transport Museum offers more than just a tribute to classic cars and bikes.

Our exhibits illuminate transport's various histories, societal impacts, nostalgic tales and quirky innovations, offering the ideal context for hands-on learning, developing heritage skills and bringing 'the story of going places' to life.



WHAT WE OFFER:

MORE THAN MOTORING

Even after over four decades as a firm fixture of North East Scotland's museum and cultural scene, we don't rest on our laurels.

As a self-funding, independent charity, we are committed to keeping transport stories alive and active for future generations.

Alongside our permanent collection and an array of special exhibitions – which recently have included the 'Guy Martin Collection' and the popular 'And On That Bombshell' exhibition of vehicles that featured in BBC's Top Gear – GTM has developed a wide range of transport events, skills workshops, community days, specialist services and on-site facilities, including:

LIBRARY

A large library of transport related books, technical manuals and other materials, available for use by researchers, writers and more.

SKILLS WORKSHOPS

Including classic car maintenance, signwriting, conservation skills and more.

CAR AND BIKE EVENTS

Including 'AllFord at Alford', 'Retro Revival', 'Motorcycle Convention', 'Speedfest' and more.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Including drive-in movies, food and drink markets and special seasonal events both on-season and off-season.

HERITAGE TOOL LIBRARY AND GARAGE

A growing library of crucial tools for maintenance and repair of vehicles and more, developed by GTM thanks to support from The National Lottery Heritage Fund and Museums and Galleries Scotland.

GTM IN NUMBERS:

AT A GLANCE

Thanks to our donors, members and supporters, 2025 surpassed the highest number of visitors ever recorded at GTM. With your help, we can achieve even more.

33,470+

Visitors to the museum

52%

Increase, year-on-year

30+

School & education groups

6

Annual car & vehicle events

We also offer:

- CAFE
- POP UP EVENTS
- DRIVE-IN CINEMA
- SHOP
- PLAY PARK
- WORKSHOPS
- RIDE DAYS
- ARENA EVENTS
- CLIMB ABOARD EXHIBITS

ACTIVE HERITAGE:

THE STORY CONTINUES

We don't want to look back on the history of motoring and other vehicles at arm's length. As a charity, our central aim is to actively engage people in the ongoing story of heritage and transport while passing on crucial practical skills across generations.

This 'active heritage' approach and ongoing care for our extensive collections should go hand-in-hand. We have a real ambition to be Scotland's most exciting heritage transport experience – unique, hands-on and fully engaged in both our local community and wider global conversations about transport's history and future.

To do this, we will need support – and we hope you can help us bring it to life.



HERITAGE SKILLS & MORE

Central to our ambition for Grampian Transport Museum is the development and delivery of a dedicated Heritage Skills Programme.

This will build on our initial workshop events and the heritage tool library to create a comprehensive skills development resource at GTM, bringing in expert tutors, acquiring essential equipment and promoting heritage skills to a wide audience of potential learners.

Projects currently in development / ongoing and can be realised with your support include:

SKILLS & MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

Establishing a workshop that will be both a space for learning important heritage skills and also a place where people can have commercial work done on their vehicles, in turn raising funds to support the ongoing work of Grampian Transport Museum.

HERITAGE TOOL LIBRARY

A growing library of tools, from which learners can borrow to practice the skills they have learned. This can also be a resource for local people who require a tool to maintain their own vehicle.

DEDICATED STEM SPACE

Creating a space within the museum where younger visitors can learn about science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). We aspire to create/design resources to stimulate interest in this.

DIGITISING SKILLS AT RISK

As well as passing on heritage skills between generations via teaching workshops, GTM plans to take a lead on recording and documenting critical skills with their practitioners to make them available to the sector and the general public in the generations to come.

HERITAGE VEHICLE MECHANIC APPRENTICESHIPS

Once our workshop, tuition sessions and tool library are established, the vision is to begin a heritage vehicle mechanic apprenticeship scheme, ensuring that new generations can learn to care for classic vehicles in our collection and beyond.

In all of the above projects, our overarching aim is to establish GTM as a 'centre for excellence' for heritage skills in Scotland, and your support is key to achieving this.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER...

Wondering how you can help?

Here's a small handful of real examples how your valued support can make a difference:

£6

1 x school pupil on a guided tour

£36

1 x Young Engineers race tyre

£125

1 hour of conservator time

£156

Entry fee for a race for our Young Engineers Club

£1k

Cost of underwriting an average heritage skills workshop

£2k

Cost of covered transport to move a fragile heritage vehicle

These are just a few examples of ongoing work at GTM and the various costs involved. For project funding, we can prepare itemised and detailed cost information to give you a complete picture of how your support can help.



RETAINED SKILLSETS

In all cases, our focus is on sustaining the skills required to care for classic vehicles and keeping our wider industrial heritage alive in an age of widespread digitisation. We want these skills to be passed on with a conservation-led approach, ensuring we can preserve the history of transport for the future.

DONATE TIME, SKILLS & TOOLS

All GTM projects require funding, resources, skills, volunteers and coordination – it takes many hours of time and effort to deliver them. As an independent charity, financial contributions make a big difference, but we also welcome interest from people who can donate their time, specialist skills and tools/resources to our projects. Similarly, if you have contacts with knowledge and skills relevant to the work we are doing, we are keen to make those connections to support our workshops and help us digitise at-risk skills.

GOT A PROJECT IN MIND?

Keen to support us with one particular aspect of our work or have a proposed project that might fit GTM's aims and objectives? Get in touch (see page 11). This document offers a brief overview of the projects we are developing at Grampian Transport Museum, but we are constantly developing new ideas to bring 'the story of going places' to life.



SCAN TO SUPPORT

Whether it's adopting your favourite vehicle in our collection or hiring a space for your next event or meeting, there are lots of ways to support GTM and the work we do.

YOUR EXPERIENCE

“This is a very well curated museum covering transport from the mail coaches to recent Top Gear mashups. I found the displays on early developments in electrical motors in Scotland very interesting.”

– Tom’s U, Tripadvisor Review

“The best things about Young Engineers are the people you meet and the real experiences gained, like how important caster is and what happens when it is wrong!”

– Jamie, age 14

“Young Engineers has helped me develop an understanding of motor mechanics and engineering. I’ve also learnt teamwork, and thinking on your feet and staying calm in certain situations during a race!”

– Millie, age 13

“This is a lovely old school museum. Incredibly friendly staff, plenty to see and the Top Gear exhibition is well worth the lengthy drive from almost anywhere else in the country!”

– Fraser, Google Review

“An excellent display of transport through the ages, Awesome exhibits! Not just for petrolheads but anyone with interest in history and heritage. Highly recommended.”

– Jim M, Tripadvisor Review

“I must confess I’m not an expert on cars but I learned a lot in there. Loved their steam locomotive at the entrance and I was surprised to see it was working. Perfect place for kids.”

– Tina, Tripadvisor Review



THANK YOU

Keen to know more? Contact the Grampian Transport Museum team to discuss support options and future projects.

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