

A Century Of Service Rawmarsh Depot 1907-2007

*From Tramcar to Stagecoach
via Trolleybus & Motorbus*

2007 marks the 100th anniversary of Stagecoach Yorkshire's Rawmarsh Bus Depot.

Rawmarsh Depot was opened in 1907 by the Mexborough & Swinton Tramways Company to operate its electric tramcar services between Rotherham, Rawmarsh, Swinton & Mexborough.



By the end of 1929, the tramway era had passed and the company was renamed the Mexborough & Swinton Traction Company. Services were now in the hands of electric

trolleybuses, and it is these vehicles which were known locally as "th' Trackless for which Rawmarsh Depot will always be fondly remembered.

To celebrate the century of service provided by Rawmarsh Depot, a modern day Stagecoach Yorkshire bus has been repainted in the once familiar green and cream livery which was carried by the last electric trolleybuses in 1961. Look out for this piece of local nostalgia as it passes through Rotherham and the surrounding areas covered by the Stagecoach Yorkshire network over the coming months.

The Electric Trolleybus reined supreme for many years until motor buses were introduced due to extensive local housing development in the mid 1950's, which demanded more bus routes. The last electric trolleybuses ran in 1961 when all services were converted to motorbus operation.

In 1969 the Mexborough & Swinton Traction Company was taken over by the Yorkshire Traction Company which provided the services from Rawmarsh Depot until its takeover by Stagecoach in late 2005. Services are now operated under the Stagecoach Yorkshire name.

