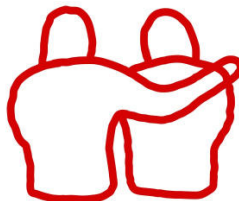


**NORTH EAST**  
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**Newsletter**

Spring 2008

The beginning of 2009 has been a busy time for NEHL and one in which we have seen a number of changes. Through the generosity of one of our sponsors, we have taken delivery of a new vehicle. This is a former



display vehicle in excellent condition and, with some adaptations, very suitable for our work on the street. This came at a very good time since the maintenance of our faithful old bus

was beginning to be more costly.

With exquisite timing, a group of bus enthusiasts in Gloucestershire were conducting an internet search for buses first used in Bristol in a particular era. Our bus fell within this category and was identified on our website. We were contacted and asked about the possibility of the bus being available. Within a short time the bus was viewed, an offer made and a sale negotiated and agreed. It went to its new home, to be restored to its former glory, on February 28th.



James, our contact, will keep us posted on its restoration.

Meanwhile, the new vehicle was being refitted to a very high standard, using some of the materials from the bus and some kindly donated new materials, by a group of craftsmen who gave willingly of their time and expertise . The work continues and will be finished very soon. Our thanks go to these craftsmen, to the small group Jean, Moira and George who valeted the bus before the sale and to the friend who allowed us to store the bus on his land for the two weeks before the sale.



Whilst this was happening, the essential work of the Trust continued, returning to our roots, for a short while, in serving from the boot of a car at each of the kitchens and then, in the Middlesbrough / Stockton area, from the catering caravan which we have as a backup.

Our thanks go to our workers John and Brian for maintaining their usual cheerfulness and enthusiasm during this time, which also saw the worst weather of the winter, and to our committed band of volunteers who were there to support both the Trust and the clients, whose numbers continue to grow.

As always, the NEHL depends upon the donations and contributions made by individuals, groups, organisations and associations in order to fulfil the remit of the Trust. Our very grateful thanks go to everyone who supports this essential work.

## **Contact Details**

To donate tinned food, clothing, or blankets, contact Carl Heron  
(Executive Officer)

☎ (0191) 5368637 to arrange collection

To make a donation of money, contact Eric Southwick  
(Treasurer)

☎ (0191) 5812233

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To let us know of any fundraising events etc, please contact  
Jean Cansfield (Secretary)

☎ 07788 983746

## **Fund-Raising Activities**

*(Contact Jean Cansfield for further information on any item)*

- Anne Chisholm will attempt to produce watercolour paintings of buildings, landscapes, flowers (NO people or animals!) from photographs or pictures.
- Pauline Blyth is willing to try to sell unwanted items on e-Bay.
- Hand knitted fashion scarves are available.
- Lawn cutting (Sunderland Area)  
Please contact George Carlyon  
☎ (0191) 5211217