

*Press release – Wednesday 22 July 2020*

## **All board as London Transport Museum's Depot reopens with its first ever family fun summer season**



- **London Transport Museum's Depot in Acton Town will reopen for visitors to explore on 19 August 2020 for its first ever summer season**
- **This trove of transport treasures – usually only open for special weekend events – will now be open for 10-days of summer family fun**
- **Families will love discovering the vast collection, including vintage London buses and classic Tube trains, and kids will receive a special activity pack**
- **Timed tickets for Wednesday 19 to Sunday 23 and Wednesday 26 to Sunday 30 August 2020 must be booked in advance online at [www.ltmuseum.co.uk](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk)**
- **Tickets cost £15 for adults and £7.50 for children – Ealing, Hounslow and Hillingdon residents will enjoy a special 1/3 off local resident discount**
- **London Transport Museum in Covent Garden will open in the Autumn**

The London Transport Museum Depot in Acton Town, West London, which is rarely open to the public, will be throwing open its doors for a special 10-day summer family fun season for the first time between **Wednesday 19 to Sunday 23** and **Wednesday 26 to Sunday 30 August 2020** from **11:00 to 18:00** each day.

The Depot houses most of London Transport Museum's extensive collection – over 320,000 artefacts from the Capital's transport history. The new summer season has been designed especially for families, giving them the chance to explore this rarely seen transport treasure trove during the summer holidays after months in lockdown.

A special family-friendly trail will take people on a journey through the Depot to discover the stories of historic vehicles which served passengers over the last 200 years, including a

yellow Victorian horse drawn 'garden seat' bus dating from 1881 to a shiny red 1938 Stock Tube train filled with stylish Art Deco touches.

Children will receive a special, sealed pack which will include a fun craft kit to make during the visit and a take-home activity to support their learning in fun and curious ways.

Each day during the new summer family fun season, the London Transport Museum Depot shop will be open offering exclusive transport themed toys, games, posters and gifts.

Tea, coffee and light refreshments will also be available to purchase and enjoy.

Tickets and time slots can be booked between 11:00 and 18:00 each day with last entry at 16:00. Adult tickets cost £15 and are £7.50 for children aged 4 to 17. Children under 3 go free. Timed tickets must be booked in advance online.

Local residents in Ealing, Hillingdon and Hounslow will enjoy a 1/3 off (£10 for adults and £5 for children aged 4-17) when booking their timed tickets and families are encouraged to walk where possible.

Visitors who already own an annual pass for London Transport Museum in Covent Garden will also enjoy a 1/3 off when booking timed tickets too.

The London Transport Miniature Railway will be open for service, with passengers able to travel on replica models of vintage London Underground trains used on the Metropolitan line between the 1920s and 1960s. Tickets to ride on the Miniature Railway will be available to purchase separately on the day using contactless payments.

The London Transport Museum Depot will open to the public with the Visit Britain 'We're good to go' standard and has new social distancing and safety measures in place. These include, one-way routes, enhanced cleaning regimes using anti-viral disinfectant, pre-visit guidance to help people prepare for their visit as well as PPE and updated training for staff.

**Sam Mullins OBE, Director, London Transport Museum** said: 'Our Depot is one of the Capital's hidden gems and we're excited to be throwing open its doors for families to enjoy a behind the scenes look at rarely seen Aladdin's cave of transport treasures. Opening our Depot for a summer season is unprecedented for us, but when we started thinking about reopening, we wanted to try something new by offering families a safe, local, fun day out during the summer holidays. With social distancing and new safety measures in place, we can't wait to welcome people back to experience the Depot.'

Timed tickets for the London Transport Museum Depot summer family fun season can be booked online: <https://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/whats-on/depot-summer>

London Transport Museum in Covent Garden – including its popular Hidden London exhibition in the Global Gallery – will reopen to visitors in the Autumn.

People can donate to support London Transport Museum as it reopens following the COVID-19 lockdown by visiting: [www.ltmuseum.co.uk/support](http://www.ltmuseum.co.uk/support)

## Ends

### Notes to editors

- Due to current social distancing measures only the Depot's train and bus sheds will be open during the summer family fun season. The small object and poster stores will be closed to the public.

### For media enquiries, images and interviews contact:

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- Instagram: [@ltmuseum](https://www.instagram.com/ltmuseum)
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### Travel to the Museum Depot

- Address: 2 Museum Way, 118-120 Gunnersbury Lane, Acton Town, London W3 9BQ
  - Walking - Use TfL's [walking guides](#) to help you plan your journey.
  - By car – Parking is only available at the Depot for disabled badge holders.
- Visitors travelling by public transport must wear a face covering.
  - Underground: Acton Town (Piccadilly and District Lines)
  - Bus: Acton Town is served by local buses
  - Please visit [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk) for services

### About London Transport Museum

- London Transport Museum's purpose is to ignite curiosity to shape the future. The Museum is situated in the heart of Covent Garden and filled with stunning exhibits; the Museum explores the powerful link between transport and the growth of modern London, culture and society since 1800. Historic vehicles, world-famous posters and the very best objects from the Museum's extraordinary collection are brought together to tell the story of London's development and the part transport played in defining the unique identity of the city
- The Museum is a charity and the world's leading museum of urban transport and a place for everyone to come to understand and enjoy the story of London's journey. No other capital city is defined and shaped so much by its transport as London. Yet the scale of influence of transport can be invisible to those who use it every day. The Museum's collections, together with its lively events and learning programme are a window into the past, present and future of how transport keeps London moving, working and growing, and makes life in our city better. The Museum's charity number is 1123122

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