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Crich Tramway Village Prepares to Open Exhibitions

With the government's proposed Step 3 roadmap out of lockdown planned from 17th May 2021, Crich Tramway Village is planning to open its indoor exhibitions and Workshop viewing gallery.

Some of the major restoration projects for the workshop at Crich Tramway Village are continuing and this requires re-organisation of trams in the main Crich depots. These include London County Council 1 (Bluebird), Newcastle 102 and London Passenger Transport Board (LPTB) 1622 and Blackpool Brush Railcoach 298.

In addition, Cardiff Horsecar No. 21, which has been on loan to Crich for around 12 years, will be returned to The National Museum of Wales, Derby 1 is going into store and Halle 902 will also be going into store after spending some time on loan in Blackpool.

All these tramcar moves have provided an opportunity to refresh the display in the Exhibition Hall, enabling the recent acquisition, the 1913 Barnsley & District Combination Car (a vintage bus), to be displayed in the centre and tramcars Gateshead 5 and Southampton 45 to be more easily viewed.

Workshop Co-ordinator and Duty Engineer, Dan Heeley said:

"The Vehicle Movement Plan was made after diligent consideration of the best moves possible for tram conditions, restoration and ultimately new and better displays for our visitors.

After a difficult year in 2020, it is important that we move forward with restoration, for which we have received funds and assistance from our partners, including the Blackpool Railcoach Fund and The Tramcar Sponsorship Organisation for Blackpool 298."

Crich Tramway Village is currently open for outside spaces from Saturday to Thursday, and following the government's roadmap to recovery intends to open the indoor exhibition spaces from 17th May 2021 Saturday – Thursday, with Covid-19 measures in place. Please visit the website for opening days and times and Covid-19 guidelines: www.tramway.co.uk

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