

MARSDEN FOOTBALL CLUB - BUBBLE BUS

Supplement 7c)

Used 8 years 1987-88 to 1994-95

Purchase price £500 and was sold for £500

Note in Minutes 23rd October 1987 states "cost £966 in Aug/Sept to get on the road"

Geoff Lodge drove & painstakingly looked after it in his garage premises in Slaithwaite - it was his "baby"

The main reason for its' purchase was for use by the Premier team on joining the WRCAL, given the extra travelling required. That first year in Div II the longest trips were to Skipton, Haworth, Harrogate and Wakefield

Most players joined at Fall Lane then pick-ups occurred down the valley to Huddersfield. It ensured all arrived together in impressive fashion and certainly enhanced the image of the club.

Running costs were Petrol, MOT, Insurance, Tax and Repairs all overseen by Geoff. To recover some if not all of these, the plan was that all players and officials travelling held regular money raising events. The early years were not very successful but then in 1992-93 season it was decided to award the Breakfast Raffle earnings to the upkeep of the bus in exchange for the players joining the £1 Club.

As can be seen from the analysis below, this had a dramatic effect on its' apparent viability. (No records of 1st two years).

	Insurance	Tax	MOT/Reps	Petrol	Costs	Fundraising	Net Cost		
1987/88	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		
1988/89	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		
1989/90	£229	£55	£516	Inc petrol	££800	£188	-£612		
1990/91	£250	**	£300	**	£550	£180	-£370		
1991/92	£157	**	£242	£426	£825	£210	-£615		Usage
1992/93	£198	**	£552	£41	£791	£760	-£31	Used	Gross cost
1993/94	£243	£88	£277	£179	£787	£648	-£139	14 times	£56
1994/95	£492	£109	£342	£189	£1,132	£1,037	-£95	16 times	£71

** These items were paid for wholly or partially by Geoff

Records are somewhat sparse and confusing and the above is as taken from those available.

1994-95 Fundraising does include profits from BBQ £264 and a Donkey Derby £123 so a true comparison would be Fundraising at £650 and a Net cost of £482

Due to the spiralling costs and that fundraising could still continue without the bus, it was decided to sell it at the end of the 1994-95 season.