Leytonstone and Transport

Many different modes of transport were used in Leytonstone during the war years. However motorised buses and electrified trams had not yet fully replaced actual 'horse power'.





Electric trams were a major success with one company selling 3.3 million tickets in its third year of trading. Leyton quickly set up its own scheme and published the receipts in the 'Express and Independent' every week.

Leytonstone used different forms of transport but sadly accidents did happen. A woman was crushed between a tram and a horse and cart. Happily she was saved by a passing soldier.





Cycle sales boomed as the army's needs grew and people at home saw cycling as a very cheap form of transport.



The 'Type-B' was the worlds first mass - produced bus and carried troops in France as well as their families in the UK. Built in Walthamstow.

Motorbikes were improving but this Triumph 'belt driven' model needed pedals to help it get up hills. The National speed limit was 20 mph.

