



HISTORIC VEHICLES – THE FACTS

Successfully representing historic vehicle clubs and enthusiasts for 33 years.

Historic Vehicles are formally recognised by the **UK Government** when they attain an age of **40 years**.

The global qualification for a Historic Vehicle is **30 years** as defined by the **Fédération International des Véhicules Anciens** (FIVA). The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) is the authorised national representative of FIVA.

FBHVC was formed in **1988** and for the past 33 years has protected and maintained the right of UK citizens to use **'yesterday's vehicles on tomorrow's roads'**.

FBHVC treats all historic vehicles equally and recognises **cars, motorcycles, buses & coaches, lorries & light vans, military, agricultural and steam vehicles**.

FBHVC represents over **500 historic vehicle clubs and museums, individual and trade supporters** who choose to recognise our work.

Since **1996**, FBHVC has recognised the value of consistent research into the historic vehicle movement and uses this data in negotiations with governmental and non-governmental organisations. The latest data was compiled from **15,422 questionnaires** completed by historic vehicle owners and enthusiasts relative to vehicles at least 30 years old in 2020, from surveys amongst businesses providing products and services to the sector and an online representative sample of 2,500 adults in 2021.

The Federation maintains a fully **data compliant research group** who are constantly available for ad hoc research needs.

FBHVC supported by JDA Associates **conducts formal research every five years** and the latest key facts are:

1,538,927 historic vehicles are registered on the DVLA database

£7.2 billion is the estimated total spend in the historic vehicle sector

£946 million is the annual value of overseas spending with British firms on historic vehicle products & services

683,967 is the estimated number of historic vehicle owners in the UK

£4,223 per annum is the average amount a historic vehicle owner spends on their vehicle

1,200 miles per annum is the average distance travelled in historic vehicles

16 times per annum is the average number of times a historic vehicle is used each year

34,113 is the estimated number of people employed within the historic vehicle sector

18.7 million people in the UK see historic vehicles as an important part of our national heritage

4.6 million people in Britain would like to own a historic vehicle

35% of historic vehicle owners currently contribute or would contribute to a carbon off set scheme

£17,200 is the average value of a historic vehicle with averages for cars being £26,000, motorcycles £6,700 and agricultural tractors £3,500. 51% of vehicles are valued at less than £10,000.

The **FBHVC** relationship with **The Heritage Alliance** enables historic vehicles to be represented as an increasing element of our national heritage. Life changed in the twentieth century as individuals gained mobility on two, three, four or more wheels. In addition, industry and agriculture flourished with buses, coaches, lorries and tractors coming into common use.

The **FBHVC** charity partnership with **Childline**[®] provides the perfect opportunity to demonstrate historic vehicles through national Drive It Day whilst providing much needed support to young people.

The Federation recognises there are many newer vehicles that attract the term **'classic'** rather than **'historic'**, these are sought after and valuable but data concerning these vehicles is not included.



==== *Supporting the use of all Historic Vehicles* ====