

Colchester Borough Tramways 28TH July 1904 – 8th December 1929

A collection of that which remains in the town and some old photos in memory.



Military Road tram storage depot



depot.

Military Road end of the tram storage

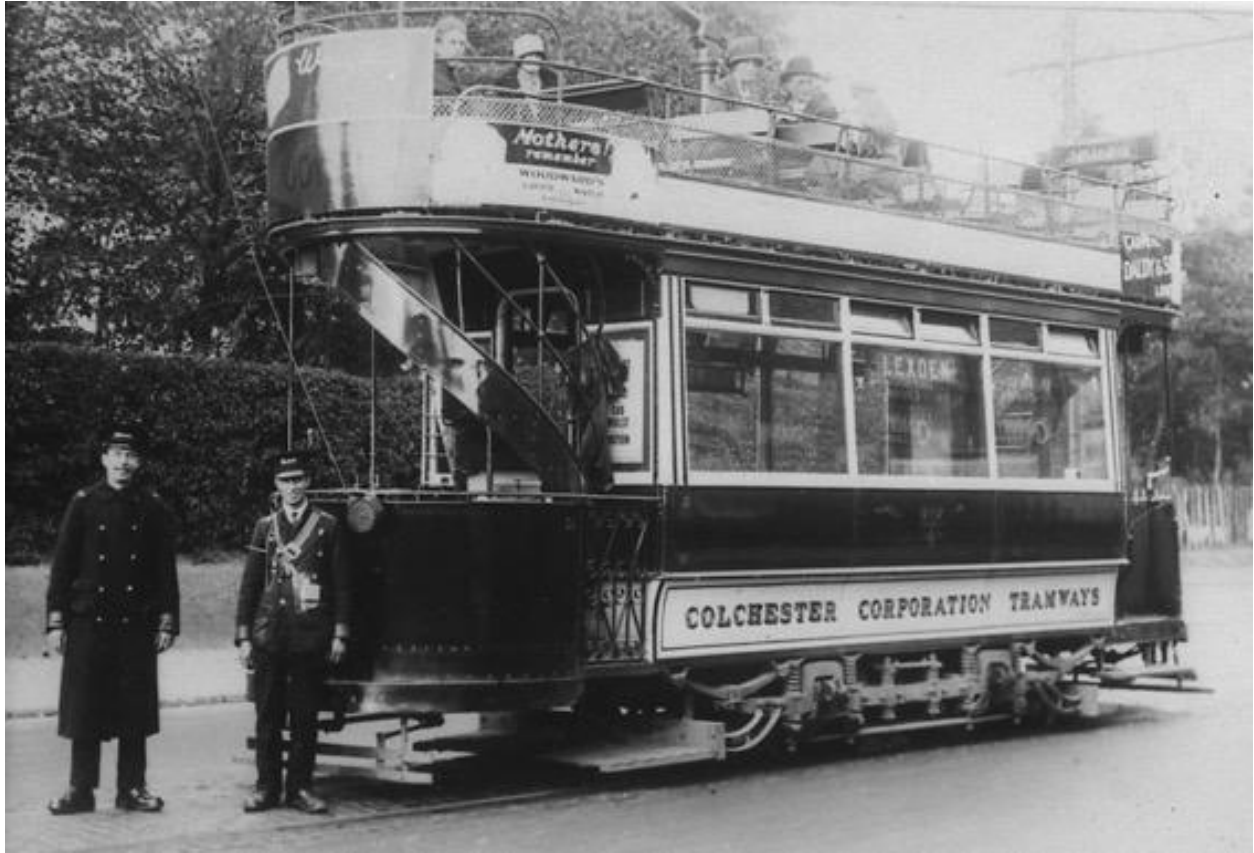
The Magdalen Street Tram depot site which is awaiting re-development as student housing.

The last remaining tram lines are inside .





A photo found on Facebook of the inside of the tram depot and the tram lines are still quite visible on the right hand side.





Colchester Corporation Tramways Traction power cable posts converted to lighting after the closure of the tram service in 1929 and still surviving today.

These four are in Greenstead Road from East Gates to near the Hythe Station. This was not part of the original tram routes although nearby so they must have been relocated at some time.



These four posts are numbers 7, 11, 16 , & 17(S18) and are located at no117 ,by no 195,

opposite no184 also used as a bus stop and by no 170 and also used as a bus sto



An early view of a tram and power posts in the High Street.





Tram Traction Pole base, Greenstead Road.

The electrical power for the tram system came from the Colchester Corporation power station in Osborne Street approximately where the multilevel car park is now.



The Osborne Street Electrical works

I believe the tram system would have used cast iron junction boxes with the power system in common with other municipal corporations like Wolverhampton or Bournemouth. Two such boxes survive in the Castle Park , one in the Rangers Area and the other close to the Castle Road exit to the park. These were also used as part of the general electricity supply network. They are often known as “ Lucy “ boxes after the name of the main suppliers, the Lucy Foundry of Oxford. They usually incorporate a casting of the borough arms in the design . I have discovered a photo from Bournemouth of a box there with the name of the Britannia Engineering Co. of Colchester in the casting .



A Lucy box in Wolverhampton



A Bournemouth Lucy Box



In the Bournemouth casting of the Lucy box

The Castle Park junction or “ Lucy” Box near the Castle Road exit.

