

# The Burton Daily

## TRAGIC TRAM DISASTER

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 1919 – The Burton to Ashby Tram crashed at the bottom Of Bearwood Hill Road. It happened at 11:30 when the tram was on its way to Ashby. Then 200 yards up the hill, the tram (with all its mighty power) started rolling backwards.



The driver of the number 19 tram (Mr. Charles Insley) was devastated at the sight of his tram being tipped over, this was his remark:

“On the day of this happening the tram was due in Ashby at 12:00 noon, when the tram was smoothly rolling up Bearwood Hill Road. I was near the top of the hill (hopeful that the tram would make it again) when all of a sudden the tram started to roll backwards