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TRAM DISASTER



Yesterday on the 8th of October 1919 a tram crashed on Bearwood Hill.

One passenger was killed and seventeen were badly injured . The number 19 Ashby tram went out of control. because the brakes failed and the driver was unable to control the tram. The tram was travelling up Bearwood Hill until it stopped and started rolling down again. As the tram was rolling down it was unable to turn the corner of Newton Road which caused it to tip over with fatal consequences.

Sadly , one passenger was killed and Lillian Parker was severely injured as well as sixteen other passengers. Luckily some people escaped.

Police say it was not human error , it was just a mechanical failure.

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