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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Bearwood Hill tram disaster
- Memorial for injured tram victims
- Lillian Parker family

BEARWOOD HILL TRAM DISASTER!

Yesterday morning at 11:30am, October the 8th 1919 the Burton to Ashby number 19 tram went out of control. This killed one and injured many.



A tram disaster that killed 2 and injured many.

The tram crash killed Lillian Parker, the conductress of the Burton to Ashby Number 19 tram. It is said that she did not die on the scene (as one passenger did) but was taken to hospital and had her leg amputated. Unfortunately she died later of her injuries. Sixteen other people were also taken to hospital as well as Lillian Parker.

The crash happened when the tram lost control, going up Bearwood Hill. The brakes failed, and the tram went speeding down Bearwood Hill. Here is a quote from Mr. Smith: "I heard screams coming from the tram and looked around and the tram was coming towards me. As they came to Newton Road, it was carnage. They crashed into houses, unable to turn the corner."

Police are now investigating the many rumors of sabotage.

The people of Burton-upon-Trent are holding a memorial service for the injured people, Also for conductress, Lillian Parker.

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