



Kent Showground, near Maidstone, Kent Saturday 11th April 2026

**Bringing together buses and coaches, old and new,
from across the South East and beyond**

**The fourteenth in a series of popular annual bus events at Kent Showground
brought to you since 2011.**

1st December 2025

SOUTH EAST BUS FESTIVAL TO RETURN IN APRIL 2026

The popular South East Bus Festival will take place at Kent Showground, alongside the A249 near Maidstone, on Saturday 11th April and buses and coaches are already being entered.

As in previous years, the event will be part of the Kent County Agricultural Society's Heritage Transport Show at which there are usually between 700 and 800 classic and vintage cars, vans, commercials, military vehicles, motorcycles, tractors and stationary engines on display.

One of the highlights of the bus festival is the frequent, free, bus service around the showground which utilises around 35 of the buses and coaches attending, giving visitors the opportunity to ride on types of vehicle which they might not otherwise have a chance to sample, as well as providing a link between six bus stops around the huge site to make getting around easier.

As well as the buses, other activities will include a large number of sales stands selling bus-related books, models and photos, plus displays of model buses, a continuous slide show playing throughout the event, a live slide show and the popular Reunion Tea Room.

Co-organiser Richard Lewis said "The organising team are looking forward to another great day at Kent Showground and we expect there to be well over 100 buses and coaches present.

"Entries are welcome from private vehicle owners and professional bus companies alike and we always attract a wide variety of vehicle types representing most decades from the early twentieth century right up to the present day (we already have an entry for what will be a brand-new 26-plate coach) and displayed in the liveries of a large range of operators not only from the south east but from other parts of the country too.

“With the usual mix of attractions that has proved to be well received at our previous thirteen events, we’re sure that everyone will have a good time on 11th April.”

Full information, including how to get to Kent Showground, admission prices, a list of vehicles entered and lots of other details can be found on the event website by visiting <https://southeastbusfestival.wixsite.com/sebf>.

Vehicle entry forms can be downloaded from the website and this year there is a new dedicated email address for them to be returned to: entries.sebf@outlook.com.

Admission prices covering entry to both the South East Bus Festival and the Heritage Transport Show will be £13 if purchased in advance via the Kent County Agricultural Society website or £16 at the gate on the day.

Children under the age of five will be admitted free of charge and those aged five to thirteen inclusive will be charged £4. Four free admissions will be given to all buses and coaches entering the site.

New for 2026 is a family ticket costing £34 when bought in advance or £40 at the gate, allowing admission for two adults and up to three children, aged five to thirteen inclusive.

To keep up to date with the latest vehicle entries and other news, or to ask questions about the event, people can visit the South East Bus Festival Facebook page at www.facebook.com/southeastbusfestival.

Information about the Heritage Transport Show can be found at <https://kcas.org.uk/heritage-transport-show/>.

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Note to Editors:

For media enquiries about the South East Bus Festival please contact Richard Lewis on 07521 772727 (Monday to Friday working hours).

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