



**Kent Showground, near Maidstone, Kent   ▪   Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022**  
**Bringing together buses and coaches, old and new,  
from across the South East and beyond**

**The eleventh in a series of popular annual bus events at Kent Showground brought to you by the same organising team since 2011.**

13th January 2022

### **SOUTH EAST BUS FESTIVAL TO MARK LEYLAND NATIONAL FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY**

This year's South East Bus Festival, to be held at Kent Showground near Maidstone on Saturday 2nd April, will feature the fiftieth anniversary of the Leyland National single-deck bus going into production in 1972 as its main theme.

It is hoped that a good display of preserved Leyland Nationals will mark the occasion and images of this type of bus that became the mainstay of the erstwhile National Bus Company's subsidiary fleets during the 1970s and 1980s, as well as being bought by municipal operators and others, will be featured in a continuous slide show that will play throughout the event and in a live slide show.

Co-organiser Richard Lewis said "It seems incredible that fifty years have passed since I and many others caught our first glimpse of this revolutionary type of bus that was to be seen in large numbers all over the country.

"We already have several preserved Leyland Nationals entered and we hope to receive a lot more entries over the next few weeks so that a display of the type can be the centrepiece of the event at which well over one hundred buses and coaches of all ages, types and colours are expected to attend.

"The event will feature its usual popular attractions, such as the frequent free bus service around the showground, lots of sales stands selling bus-related books, photographs, model buses and videos, model bus displays, talks by guest speakers and the Reunion Tea Room."

The South East Bus Festival is part of Kent County Agricultural Society's Heritage Transport Show which usually attracts more than 700 cars, commercials, motorbikes, tractors and military vehicles, offering a huge range of different types of vehicle to appeal to people with a wide range of transport interests.

Admission to the event will cost £10 per person if booked online via the Kent County Agricultural Society website or £12 at the gate, except that children under the age of 14 will be admitted free.

Any buses or coaches attending the event will be allowed four free admissions upon arrival at the showground.

Full information about the bus festival, including how to get there, how to enter a bus or coach, a list of the vehicles entered and details of the other activities that will be taking place on the day, can be found on the event website at <https://southeastbusfestival.wixsite.com/sebf>.

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](http://www.facebook.com/southeastbusfestival) and click the 'Like' button to see notifications of future postings.

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

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**Note to Editors:**

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