



**Kent Showground, near Maidstone, Kent   ▪   Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
**Bringing together buses and coaches, old and new,  
from across the South East and beyond**

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

28th March 2024

### **SOUTH EAST BUS FESTIVAL FORMULATES WET WEATHER PLAN**

The organisers of the annual South East Bus Festival at Kent Showground near Maidstone have formulated a plan following a lengthy period of wet weather leading up to the event which takes place on Saturday 6th April.

Last year the event had to be cancelled as a result of the showground being too soft to take the weight of the buses and coaches entered and also owing to the car parking areas on the fields around the outside of the site being waterlogged.

To overcome similar problems this year, a plan has been formulated to ensure that the event goes ahead by rearranging some elements of the Heritage Transport Show, of which the South East Bus Festival is a part, to make available areas of hardstanding and roadway for the parking of buses while keeping the main roads around the site free for the operation of the frequent bus service that is a major attraction of the event.

Co-organiser Richard Lewis said “We were very disappointed last year by the need to cancel the event as a result of higher than usual rainfall over the weeks before and we know that a lot of people who enjoy coming to the bus festival and running their buses around the showground were similarly disappointed.

“A lot of work goes into organising the event and so, to ensure that we can go ahead even if the showground is wetter than we would like, we hope that the wet weather plan will overcome any potential issues and everyone will have a great day.”

An assessment of the state of the ground will be made in the middle of the week leading up to the event, followed by a decision as to whether the wet weather plan needs to be implemented or whether the normal arrangements can apply.

At the time of writing, 110 buses have been entered and the Heritage Transport Show has 760 cars, commercials, military and other types of road vehicles booked in.

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#### **Note to Editors:**

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