



Kent Showground, near Maidstone, Kent ■ **Saturday 1st April 2023**
**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.

13th March 2023

SOUTH EAST BUS FESTIVAL: MORE FEEDER BUSES ADDED

The number of bus operators providing feeder services to this year's South East Bus Festival, less than four weeks away on 1st April, has been increased thanks to Sittingbourne-based Chalkwell Coach Hire and YMS Travel of Canterbury.

Co-organiser Richard Lewis said "We're delighted that so many bus operators have offered to provide services to the event to help mitigate the effects of the proposed rail strike. The latest two give us coverage from the Isle of Sheppey and the main towns in east Kent.

"**YMS Travel** will run two services, X23 from Dover, Folkestone and Ashford, and X24 from Canterbury, Faversham and Sittingbourne, while **Chalkwell Coach Hire** will run a bus from Sheerness, Iwade and Sittingbourne."

The other feeder services that will run are shown below and full details of times and fares are shown on the event website at <https://southeastbusfestival.wixsite.com/sebf/how-to-get-there>.

- **Ensignbus** will run two feeders, one from Upminster, Lakeside and Bluewater, the other from Lewisham and Woolwich, which offer connections with London Underground, Docklands Light Railway and Elizabeth Line services for those travelling from beyond or within the London area.
- **Go-Ahead London** will use its Routemaster RML2305 on Route 36X from Victoria Station with picking-up points at various places through south east London.
- **Go-Coach Hire** will run from Swanley and then via Sevenoaks, West Malling and Maidstone, as well as picking up at various other places along the line of route. There will be no charge to travel on this bus.
- **Nu-Venture Buses** will run Service X21 to provide a link from Rochester Station via Chatham and Maidstone to the event.

Richard Lewis added “As we now have direct services from Maidstone, Sheerness and Sittingbourne we will no longer need to provide the usual connecting service to meet Arriva Service 334 buses which this year would have been difficult due to the withdrawal of the bus stop at Kent Showground and no convenient alternative bus stop to make the connections.”

Full information about the bus festival, including how to get there, admission prices, how to enter a bus or coach, and details of the various activities that will be taking place on the day, can be found on the event’s website by visiting <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 and click the ‘Like’ button to receive notifications of new postings.

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Note to Editors:

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