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Fleet Lists - Essex, England

This is our list of current open top buses in Essex, England

BENFLEET - Marden Signs & Designs

Bus stored, awaiting restoration.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
-	ABO 424B	Guy Arab V / Neepsend	O38/32R	dark green	Dave Reynolds, Bargoed (Rhymney Valley Transport Preservation Society), Barry, 7/11

CANVEY ISLAND - Canvey Island Transport Museum (Castle Point Transport Museum Society)

Buses kept at the museum. Some buses may be owned by separate individuals or groups.

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FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
244	FOP 429	Daimler CWA6 / Duple	O33/26R	cream with blue band & Southend Corporation creat	Eastern National Preservation Group, by 8/97
2102	LEV 917	Leyland Titan PD1 / Alexander	O33/26R	Eastern National (cream & green)	Springhill Vehicle Preservation Group, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, 11/17
2380	WNO 478	Bristol K / ECW	O33/28R	EASTERN NATIONAL (cream with green relief)	Eastern National Preservation Group (P), unidentified location, c.12/06
-	JTD 395P	Daimler Fleetline / Northern Counties	O49/29F	white with blue, red band	Bowden & Slater (English Riviera Tours), Torquay, 10/11

CHELMSFORD - Paul Paske

Buses privately owned for preservation.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
3285	JFT 228N*	Leyland Atlantean AN68 / Roe	O43/34F	Coastline (red & cream)	North East Bus Preservation Trust Ltd., Hetton, by 6/24; Dunn Line, Hetton-le-Hole, 6/06
-	VPA 152S	Leyland Atlantean AN68 / Park Royal	PO43/30F	Fowlers (cream/orange)	Wealden PSV (dealer), Five Oak Green, 3/19

Previous Registration Numbers

JFT 228N was previously KKH 372N, RCN 111N

VPA 152S was previously WJY 759, VPA 152S

CLACTON-ON-SEA - Konect Bus Limited (hedingham & chambers) [Go-Ahead Group]

Bus used on summer 'Clacton breeze' service between Point Clear - St. Osyth - Clacton Pier.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
502	LF52 ZNE	Volvo B7TL / Wright Eclipse Gemini	CO41/23D	CLACTON breeze (sky blue , mid-blue & fawn with multicoloured graphics)	London General Transport Services Ltd. (Go-Ahead Group), (WVL93), London, 11/22; new, 2/03 > rebuilt as convertible open top, ?/13

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(501)	Y824 TGH	Volvo B7TL / Plaxton President	PO41/23D	GENERAL (red and white, with black lining out)	On loan from London General Transport Services Ltd. (PVL224), 7/22; London Central (PVL224), London, 8/10
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COLCHESTER - Michael Cole (Private), Frinton-on-Sea

Bus privately owned.

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FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
4642	K742 ODL	Leyland Olympian / Northern Counties 'Palatine I'	PO45/29F	island breezers (2 blues/orange 'sunshine') [named 'Castle Cove']	Go South Coast Ltd. (4642), 10/16

Previous Registration Numbers

K742 ODL was previously GSK 962, K742 ODL

GRAYS - Essex Fire Brigade

Bus assumed to be used for rescue training.

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FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
-	BOK 68V	MCW Metrobus / MCW	PO43/31F	City Sightseeing Manchester (red)	Erith Commercials {dealer}, by 6/09, ex-City Sightseeing, Purfleet

HALSTEAD - John Day (kept with the Yeldham Transport Collection)

Bus privately owned.

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FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
2383	WNO 479	Bristol K / ECW	O33/28RD	EASTERN NATIONAL (cream with green relief)	First Essex Buses Limited (90230), 10/10

NORTH WEALD BASSETT - Business B Ltd, (The Expeditional / London Spy Tours)

Buses used on sightseeing tours.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
RML891	HSL 660	AEC Routemaster RML / Park Royal	PO44/32R	red with white band	Transferred from Business B, South Woodford, London, 12/21; Blueline Travel Limited, Rochford, Southend-on-Sea, 6/18; Blythswood, dealer, Glasgow, 5/12
RML2697	SMK 697F	AEC Routemaster RML / Park Royal	PO40/32R	TOP SECRET / The Expeditional (red with white band)	Transferred from Business B, South Woodford, London, 12/21; Blueline Travel Limited, Rochford, Southend-on-Sea, 12/12

Previous Registration Numbers

HSL 660 was previously WLT 891

ONGAR - Chris Markey (Private)

Bus privately owned.

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FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
-	GTX 750W	Bristol VRT / ECW	O???F	Lemansrun Gulf Bus (grey & orange)	Jones (M&E), Shoeburyness, 10/08

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PURFLEET - Ensign {dealer} [First Group]

Buses at dealer's premises.

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32208	HIG 8790	Volvo B7TL / Plaxton President	PO42/27F	LAND'S END COASTER (turquoise / teal)	First South West Limited (32208), 1/24; First Eastern Counties (32208) by 3/17
32211	TJI 4838	Volvo B7TL / Plaxton President	PO42/27F	LAND'S END COASTER (turquoise / teal)	First South West Limited (32211), 1/24; First Eastern Counties (32211), 7/16
-	G520 VBB	Leyland Olympian / Northern Counties	PO47/27D	CitySightseeing Norwich (red with yellow flash & multicoloured graphics)	McMaster, Wood Dalling, 4/24
-	T40 NRW	Volvo B7TL / Plaxton President	PO41/23D	CitySightseeing Norwich (red with yellow flash & multicoloured graphics)	McMaster, Wood Dalling, 4/24

Previous Registration Numbers

HIG 8790 was previously LT52 WTO

T40 NRW was previously 100 BGO, X589 EGK

TJI 4838 was previously LT52 WTU

PURFLEET - Ensign Bus Co. Ltd. [First Group]

Buses used for special events/private hire.

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FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
175	KMW 175P	Daimler Fleetline / ECW	O43/31F	apple green & cream [named 'I.K. Brunel']	Marshopper Limited (Seven Sisters Bus & Coach)(175), Ringmer, 3/24
623	UWV 623S (u)	Bristol VRT / ECW	CO43/31F	SOUTHDOWN NBC (green/white)	Marshopper Limited (Seven Sisters Bus & Coach)(623), Ringmer, 4/24
6690	HKE 690L	Bristol VRT / ECW	O43/34F	cream with dark green band and skirt [named 'Angie']	Marshopper Limited (Seven Sisters Bus & Coach)(6690), Ringmer, 3/24
-	BUF 426C	Leyland Titan PD3 / Northern Counties	FCO39/30F	apple green & primrose with dark green mudguards	Panther Travel Limited, Brantham, 4/24
339 (32721)	TSU 639	Dennis Trident 2 / Alexander ALX400	O51/28F	Ensignbus (red & silver with black lining)	Cambus Limited (17078), Cambridge, 3/19

Previous Registration Numbers

TSU 639 was previously T678 KPU

PURFLEET - Newman family [Ensign Vintage Fleet]

Buses privately owned by the Newman family - currently garaged at Purfleet and some vehicles available for use by Ensign Bus Co. Ltd for private hire or special duties. (BNK 217A acts as a focal point at Southend for route 68).

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FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
MRM1	BNK 217A	Morris Mini / Sandhill Miniature	O9/6R	Ensignbus (red & silver with black lining)	?The baby bus Company, London?, by 8/09
333	EGP 33J	Daimler Fleetline / Park Royal	O45/29F	Ensignbus (red & silver with black lining)	London Transport (DMS33)
372	A112 KFX	MCW Metroliner / MCW	O55/27F	LONDON PRIDE This is an official London Sightseeing Bus (red & silver)	Ian Burge (M&I Coach Hire), Chatham, 10/17
-	Q597 VOE	Morris Minor / Miniature bus based on Morris Minor car running units	O10/8RO	GENERAL/W. Whittaker (red/white) (miniature bus)	William (Bill) Whittaker (Private), West Bromwich, 7/20; ?, by 11/91
-	WKH 426S (r)	MCW Metropolitan / MCW	O44/30F	GO WHIPPET (cream, 2 blues) (acquired as a source of spares for the restoration of MD60)	Whippet Coaches Ltd., Swavesey, Cambridgeshire, 7/13
B1439	946 WAE	Bedford VAM14 / Farrar	O18/16RO	London General (red/white) (B-type replica)	Chester Heritage Tours Ltd., Bretton, Wales, 5/18
RM371	WLT 371	AEC Routemaster RM / Park Royal	O36/28RD	Ensignbus (red with gold band)	Majestic Tours (16), Edinburgh, 2/09
RM753	ZV 6741 (r)	AEC Routemaster RM / Park Royal	O36/28R	Aircoach (light blue)	Aircoach, Dublin, by 9/13

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946 WAE was previously LXE 556E

A112 KFX was previously AXZ 5572, MCW 103G, A112 KFX

Q597 VOE was previously ?

WLT 371 was previously EDS 281A, WLT 371, EDS 281A, WLT 371

ZV 6741 (r) was previously EAS 536, WLT 753

ROCHFORD - Stephenson's of Essex Limited

Bus used for special events/private hire.

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424	424 DCD	Leyland Titan PD3 / Northern Counties	FCO39/30F	STEPHENSONS / Southdown (apple green & primrose with dark green mudguards)	Sussex Coastline Buses Ltd. (0424), Lewes, East Sussex, 11/02

Previous Registration Numbers

424 DCD was previously AOR 156B, 424 DCD

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA - Ensign Bus Co. Ltd. [First Group]

Buses being prepared for use on new sea front service 99 between Southend Pier and Rampart Terrace, Shoeburyness [commences 4/5/24].

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FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
364	MX58 DXS	Volvo B9TL / Wright Eclipse Gemini	O45/29F	SOUTHEND'S 99 Strawberry Streamliner (red & cream with black wheels)	First Eastern Counties Ltd. (37405), 2/24
365	MX58 DXT	Volvo B9TL / Wright Eclipse Gemini	O45/29F	SOUTHEND'S 99 Mint Choc Cabriolet (pale green & cream with black wheels)	First Eastern Counties Ltd. (37406), 2/24
366	MX58 DXV*	Volvo B9TL / Wright Eclipse Gemini	O45/29F	SOUTHEND'S 99 Bubblegum Beachcomber (sky blue & cream with black wheels)	First Eastern Counties Ltd. (37408), 2/24
367	MX58 DXZ	Volvo B9TL / Wright Eclipse Gemini	O45/29F	awaiting painting	First Eastern Counties Ltd. (37410), 4/24
368	68 EB	Transbus Enviro500 / Transbus Enviro500	O53/29F	Ensignbus (red & silver with black lining)	Griffin (Bromley Bus Preservation Group), 10/20; Alexander Dennis, Guildford, by 8/08
369 (32698)	EU05 BZM	Volvo B7L / Ayats Bravo 1 City	O55/24F	Ensignbus (red & silver with black lining)	Bath Bus Company (372), Bath, 2/21
370 (32699)	EU05 VBL	Volvo B7L / Ayats Bravo 1 City	O55/24F	Ensignbus (red & silver with black lining)	Bath Bus Company (373), Bath, 2/21
371 (32700)	EU05 VBO	Volvo B7L / Ayats Bravo 1 City	O55/24F	Ensignbus (red & silver with black lining)	Bath Bus Company (376), Cardiff, 2/21

Previous Registration Numbers

68 EB was previously Unregistered prior to 7/21, but designated 'DD34' by TransBus

UNKNOWN LOCATION - Blackwater Preservation Group

Bus privately owned for preservation.

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FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
2381	WNO 482	Bristol K / ECW	O33/28R	cream with green relief	LKO: Salmon, South Benfleet, ?/??

UPMINSTER - Delta Force Paintball

Bus used as a paintball shooting platform.

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FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
-	KYN 309X	Leyland Titan TN15 / Leyland	O??/??D	Used as a paintball shooting platform	London Pride (355), London, by 10/00

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