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Fleet Lists - Kent, England

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

ASHFORD - Paul Houselander

Bus privately owned.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
-	RVB 977S	Bristol VRT / Willowbrook	O43/27F	white with 'Open Top Seaside Special' route branding (East Kent)	Hoare, Chepstow (CS) 6/08

BROMLEY - Bromley Bus Preservation Group

Bus owned by a preservationist (recorded with BBPG preservation collective).

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
NV	R371 LGH	Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties Palatine	CO47/24D	red and white with grey roof	London General (NV171), 10/14, via South East Bus Supplies {dealer}, Bromley & Ensign {dealer}, Purfleet

CHATHAM - Ian Burge (M&I Coach Hire)

Buses semi-preserved; for hires, operate on licence of another local operator.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
-	VNB 108L	Leyland Atlantean / Park Royal	O43/32F	maroon & silver with black skirt	Glasgow Corporation Transport Ltd., 5/09

Previous Registration Numbers

VNB 108L was previously CYC 658A, VNB 108L

DARTFORD - Waymour Bus Hire Ltd. (London Retro Bus Hire)

Bus used for special events/private hire.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
-	OJD 127R	Leyland Fleetline / Park Royal	O45/29F	red, yellow doors	Stuart Boxall (BBPG). Beckenham, 1/15 via {dealer} ?

Previous Registration Numbers

OJD 127R was previously "WWAP1", "WWAP2", OJD 127R

DOVER - Atkins, Folkestone (Classic Omnibus)

Bus kept at Dover Transport Museum; privately owned by Dave Atkins, a retired PSV operator whose licence is believed to remain current.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
-	PHJ 953	Leyland Titan PD3 / Massey	O41/33R	cream	?, ?/??

EDENBRIDGE - Raccoon Franchising Ltd

Bus used for promotional work.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
-	CFZ 6594	Volvo Olympian / Alexander (Belfast) RH	PO47/27D	livery may vary according to advertising promotion (red base)	Ensign {dealer}, Purfleet, 2/15; Ace Travel (North West) Limited, Liverpool, 12/14

Previous Registration Numbers

CFZ 6594 was previously 97-D-342

ERITH - M. & K. Crawley (Abbey Travel)

Bus used for special events/private hire.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
-	J344 BSH	Leyland Olympian / Alexander RH	O42/25D	red	The Bus Doctor {dealer}, Otford, Kent, by 11/15

FAVERSHAM - South East Coachworks

Buses at dealer's premises.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
-	CUV 349C	AEC Routemaster / Park Royal	O--/--R	black (though carries wraps appropriate to current promotion)	?, ???
(304)	G529 FWC	Leyland Olympian / Alexander (Belfast)	O47/31F	City Sightseeing Cardiff (red)	Ensign {dealer}, Purfleet, 7/11

Previous Registration Numbers

G529 FWC was previously 304 CLT, 90-D-1004

FIVE OAK GREEN, TONBRIDGE - Autocar Bus & Coach Services Ltd. (Special Days Bus Hire)

Bus used for special events/private hire.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
RM	677 DYE	AEC Routemaster / Park Royal	O36/28R	red with cream band	Wealden PSV, Five Oak Green, Kent, by 12/09

Previous Registration Numbers

677 DYE was previously EAS 543, WLT 752

FIVE OAK GREEN, TONBRIDGE - Wealden PSV {dealer}

Buses at dealer's premises.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
-	JPL 105K	Leyland Atlantean / Park Royal	O43/29D	Guide Friday Llandudno Tour (green & cream)	Emblings, Guyhirn (not operated), by 7/09
-	MPJ 206L	Leyland Atlantean / MCW	O43/29F	The Big Tour of London (maroon/cream)	?, by 2/09
-	VPA 152S	Leyland Atlantean / Park Royal	PO43/30F	Fowlers (cream/orange)	Fowlers, Holbeach Drove, ?/09, ex loan

Previous Registration Numbers

VPA 152S was previously WJY 759, VPA 152S

FOLKESTONE - East Kent Nostalgic Bus & Coach Trust

Bus privately owned for preservation.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
-	FFN 382	Guy Arab III / Park Royal	O30/26R	cream & maroon	T. Laming, Ramsgate, 4/15

FOLKESTONE - East Kent Nostalgic Bus & Coach Trust

Bus privately owned for preservation.

GILLINGHAM - Arriva Kent & Surrey

Bus used on sightseeing tours.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
	V304 KGW	Dennis Trident 2 / Alexander ALX400	PO45/20D	Explore Medway (purple with multicoloured diagonal stripes)	Abello (9704), London, via The Bus Doctor {dealer}, Otford, 5/13

ISLE OF THANET (MARGATE•BROADSTAIRS•RAMSGATE) - East Kent Road Car Co. Ltd. (Stagecoach East Kent) [Stagecoach Group]

Buses used on service 69 between Ramsgate and Broadstairs / special events & private hire.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
	LX51 FOM	Dennis Trident 2 / Alexander ALX400	O43/23F	EAST KENT / Stagecoach (cream with maroon band and route detail / photographs)	Converted from conventional bus, 6/16; Stagecoach London (17528), ?/15
	LX51 FON	Dennis Trident 2 / Alexander ALX400	O43/23F	EAST KENT / Stagecoach (cream with maroon band)	Converted from conventional bus, 6/16; Stagecoach London (17529), ?/15
	V221 MEV	Dennis Trident 2 / Alexander ALX400	PO47/23F	Stagecoach (white/2 blues/orange/red)	Stagecoach (Northwest) Ltd. (17221), 7/17

KNOCKHOLT, SEVENOAKS - Coolings Nurseries Ltd.

Bus used as a static display area within the garden centre.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
DMS	THM 684M	Daimler Fleetline / MCW	O44/28D	COOLINGS creative the outdoors made easy (purple, pale blue & white)	Wright (London Bus Co.), Rainham, by 4/15

MARDEN - Claygate Distribution

Bus used for promotional work.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
-	800 CDL	Daimler Fleetline / MCW (Ensign 'Enterprise' front)	PO??/??C	Claygate Racing (dark blue)	Station Commercials (Brimdown), 5/96

Previous Registration Numbers

800 CDL was previously MLH 469L

MARGATE - The Old Kent Market

Bus converted as a static café within the Old Kent Market building.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
-	"BLAKEY" (X387 NNO)	Dennis Trident 2 / Alexander	O--/--F	OPENTOP SEASIDE SPECIAL / LONDON TRANSPORT (red)	unidentified breaker, by 7/15; Regal Busways (1303), Chelmsford, c.10/14

NORTHFLEET - London Bus & Truck Ltd.

Buses at dealer's premises.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
-	B152 WUL	MCW Metrobus / MCW	PO43/28D	City Sightseeing Caribbean (red)	Ensign {dealer}, Purfleet, 8/06
-	GYE 525W	MCW Metrobus / MCW	PO43/28D	City Sightseeing Caribbean (red)	Ensign {dealer}, Purfleet, 8/06
-	MDM 284P	Bristol VRT / ECW	PO43/31F	UNISON Greater London (white)	Unidentified UK owner, by 12/12

NORTHFLEET - London Bus & Truck Ltd. - continued from previous page

Buses at dealer's premises.

NORTHFLEET - London Vintage Bus Hire

Buses used for special events/private hire.

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FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
	CXX 457	AEC RT / Weymann	O--F	LONDON TRANSPORT TREE PRUNING EQUIPMENT (khaki green) (Preserved (tree lopper))	The London Bus Company Ltd., 11/17; RT1173 Preservation Group, London, 12/07
-	HKL 836	AEC Regal / Beadle	OB35F	London Bus Company (maroon & cream)	The London Bus Company Ltd., 11/17; West, Woodford Green, 11/08
-	THX 271S	Leyland Fleetline / MCW	O44/24D	The Original Tour (white & red)	The London Bus Company Ltd., 11/17; Blue Triangle, Rainham, 6/07
RT	LYR 854	AEC RT / Park Royal	O30/26R	London Bus Company (red with cream band)	The London Bus Company Ltd., 11/17; Blue Triangle, Rainham, 6/07

NORTHFLEET - Red Route Buses

Bus used for special events/private hire.

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FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
-	MLH 304L	Daimler Fleetline / MCW	O44/27F	LONDON CLASSIC BUS (red)	Hunn, Manningtree, 5/07

NORTHFLEET - The London Bus Company Ltd.

Buses used for special events/private hire.

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FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
-	J315 BSH	Leyland Olympian / Alexander RH	PO42/25D	London Bus Company (to be confirmed)	Original London Sightseeing Tour Ltd. (OA315), 4/14
-	J318 BSH	Leyland Olympian / Alexander RH	PO43/25D	London Bus Company (to be confirmed)	Original London Sightseeing Tour Ltd. (OA318), by 4/16
-	V206 MEV	Dennis Trident 2 / Alexander	PO47/27F	THE LONDON BUS COMPANY (red) {may be 'wrapped' for promotional campaigns} (for sale on eBay, 5/15)	Stagecoach East London (17206), by 7/13
RM	159 CLT	AEC Routemaster RM / Park Royal	O32/28R	London Bus Company (red with cream band)	Bow Field Hire, Crawley (mobile catering unit), 2/14

ROCHESTER - Unidentified Owner, stored at ASD Coaches

Bus privately owned.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
-	FKM 713L	Leyland Atlantean / MCW	O/F	green/yellow (former tree lopper)	Arriva Kent (5718), Maidstone, ?/??

SEVENOAKS - Kent County Council

Bus used as a tree lopper.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
	P937 MKL	Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties	O--/--F	Arriva (aquamarine & stone)	Arriva Kent & Surrey Ltd. (5937), 2/14

STAPLEHURST - K. Warren (Private)

Bus privately owned.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
	XKO 72A	Leyland Atlantean / MCW	O44/33F	white with 'Isle of Thanet Open top bus' route branding (East Kent)	R. & C. Gibbons (preservation), Maidstone, by 6/12

Previous Registration Numbers

XKO 72A was previously 572 RKJ

WEST KINGSDOWN - Gilkes (West Kent Bus Sales)

Buses at dealer's premises.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER
-	931 GTA	Leyland Atlantean / MCW	O44/31F	Devon General NBC (poppy red with unibus advert for Launa Windows)	Warwick Hulme (Bristol In-Sight), 10/16; Gardner, Preston (P) 4/99
-	GFS 443N	Leyland Atlantean / Alexander	O45/33F	Clarkson (two greens)	Clarkson Coaches, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, c.3/15
-	OFS 911M	Leyland Atlantean / Alexander	O45/33F	ex-The Windsor & Eton Tour (Guide Friday green & cream) (top windscreen structure removed, semi-derelict)	Field Design Systems Limited, Dorking, Surrey, 9/04

Previous Registration Numbers

931 GTA was previously 571 XKN, NAT 747A, 931 GTA