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Fleet Lists - Kent, England

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

ASHFORD - Paul Houselander (P)

Bus privately owned for preservation.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
0977	RVB 977S	Bristol VRT / Willowbrook	O43/27F	EAST KENT (NBC white with 'Open Top Seaside Special' route branding) {named 'Pride of Thanet'}	Hoare, Chepstow (CS) 6/08

AYLESHAM - Ovenden Aggregates

Bus used for promotional work.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
-	UAA 550P	Leyland / ? (replica bus)	O14/12R	OVENDEN (red)	private owner, Ely, 4/17

Previous Registration Numbers

UAA 550P was previously ?

BROMLEY - South East Bus Supplies (Dealer)

Bus at dealer's premises.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
NV171	R371 LGH	Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties Palatine	CO47/24D	red and white with grey roof	London General (NV171), 10/14, Ensign (dealer), Purfleet

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(S)
-	OJD 127R	Leyland Fleetline / Park Royal	O45/29F	red, yellow doors	Stuart Boxall (BBPG). Beckenham, 1/15; Parr, Lee, 6/14

Previous Registration Numbers

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

DEAL - Friends of the East Kent

Bus privately owned for preservation.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
-	FFN 382	Guy Arab III / Park Royal	O30/26R	cream & maroon	Wyvern Omnibus, Dunley, 6/22 {not operated}

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(S)
-	PHJ 953	Leyland Titan PD3 / Massey	O41/33R	cream	Iko. Southend Transport (314), w. 1980

DOVER - Dover Transport Museum

Bus kept at the museum.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
-	CC 9305	Dennis GL / J. Roberts	CPO19T	GLENTON TOURS (yellow & brown)	?, ???

FAVERSHAM - South East Coachworks

Bus at dealer's premises.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
-	CUV 349C	AEC Routemaster RML / Park Royal	O--/--R	black (though carries wraps appropriate to current promotion)	?, ???

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(S)
RM752	677 DYE	AEC Routemaster RM / Park Royal	O36/28R	red with cream band	London Bus Company, Northfleet, 2/10

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(S)
-	JPL 105K	Leyland Atlantean PDR / Park Royal	O43/29D	Guide Friday Llandudno Tour (green & cream)	Emblings, Guyhirn (not operated), by 7/09
-	MPJ 206L	Leyland Atlantean AN68 / MCW	O43/29F	The Big Tour of London (maroon/cream)	?, by 2/09

FLIMWELL - Donald William Ham & Partners (Hams Travel)**Fleet List**

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
-	L6 HAM	Volvo B7TL / Plaxton President	PO--/??F	CAUTION! TREE CUTTING / Hams Tavel (deep red with gold lining)	converted from conventional bus, by 9/22; ? , ? , ???

Previous Registration Numbers

L6 HAM was previously Y202 NLK

GRAVESEND - Brian Jones Coaches Ltd.

Bus privately owned.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
-	MLH 304L	Daimler Fleetline / MCW	O44/27F	LONDON CLASSIC BUS (red)	Red Route Buses, Northfleet, 5/18; Hunn, Manningtree, 5/07

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

Buses used on seasonal service 69 between Ramsgate and Minnis Bay via Broadstairs & Margate.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
15101	LX09 FYW*	Scania OmniCity / Scania OmniCity	PO41/22D	THANET OPEN TOPPER (three shades of blue with multicoloured route branding)	East London Bus & Coach Company Ltd. (15101), 5/24
15103	LX09 FYZ*	Scania OmniCity / Scania OmniCity	PO41/22D	Stagecoach (two blues)	East London Bus & Coach Company Ltd. (15103), 5/24
17528	LX51 FOM	Dennis Trident 2 / Alexander ALX400	O43/23F	Discover Thanet (cream and maroon in Stagecoach 'specialist' style with EAST KENT / Stagecoach we've got you fleetnames)	Converted from conventional bus, 6/16; Stagecoach London (17528), ?/15
17529	LX51 FON	Dennis Trident 2 / Alexander ALX400	O43/23F	Stagecoach 'local' (white/aqua/blue/yellow)	Converted from conventional bus, 6/16; Stagecoach London (17529), ?/15
19135	LX56 EAM*	Alexander Dennis Trident 2 / Alexander Dennis Enviro400	O45/31D	THANET OPEN TOPPER (three shades of blue with multicoloured route branding)	East London Bus & Coach Company Ltd. (19135), 10/23
19136	LX56 EAO*	Alexander Dennis Trident 2 / Alexander Dennis Enviro400	O45/31D	THANET OPEN TOPPER (three shades of blue with multicoloured route branding)	East London Bus & Coach Company Ltd. (19136), 10/23

LOCATION(S) UNIDENTIFIED FOR SECURITY - Bromley Bus Preservation Group (P)

Buses privately owned by preservation group (or members thereof).

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
17221	V221 MEV	Dennis Trident 2 / Alexander ALX400	PO47/23F	Stagecoach (white/2 blues/orange/red)	East Kent Road Car Co. Ltd. (17221), 11/20
17455	Y526 NHK	Dennis Trident 2 / Alexander	PO??/23F	black with multicoloured hearts	ITH Ltd. (Defected Records), London, EC2 - date tbc.
34258	N528 LHG	Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties	PO48/27D	KERNOW (grey wuth two gold stripes) (tree lopper)	Ensign {dealer}, Purfleet, 12/23; First South West Limited (34258), 11/23
-	CFZ 6594	Volvo Olympian / Alexander (Belfast) RH	PO47/27D	VELO (blue & yellow)	Raccoon Franchising Ltd., Edenbridge - date tbc.

Previous Registration Numbers

CFZ 6594 was previously 97-D-342

V221 MEV was previously 405 DCD, V221 MEV

MARDEN - Claygate Distribution

Bus used for promotional work.

Fleet List

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

Previous Registration Numbers

800 CDL was previously MLH 469L

* after REG NO denotes a record that has been changed or added since the last publication of the lists

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(S)
-	"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(S)
-	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/??DL	UNISON Greater London (white)	Unison, London, by 12/12; Ensign (dealer), Purfleet, by 2/03

NORTHFLEET - London Vintage Bus Hire Ltd. (London Bus Company)

Buses preserved; some available for special events or private hire. A Routemaster tour of London ('RB1') is also operated on behalf of Premium Tours Ltd.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
-	HKL 836 (P)	AEC Regal / Beadle	O35F	cream with maroon mudguards and waistband	The London Bus Company Ltd. [CoE], 11/17; West, Woodford Green, 5/03
-	V206 MEV	Dennis Trident 2 / Alexander	PO47/27F	LONDON BUS COMPANY (red)	The London Bus Company Ltd. [CoE], 11/17; Stagecoach East London (17206), 4/12
971J	CXX 457 (p)	AEC Regent III / Weymann	O--/F	LONDON TRANSPORT TREE PRUNING EQUIPMENT (khaki green) (Preserved (tree lopper))	The London Bus Company Ltd. [CoE], 11/17; RT1173 Preservation Group, London, 12/07
RM1159	159 CLT	AEC Routemaster RM / Park Royal	O32/28R	LONDON BUS COMPANY (red with gold band)	The London Bus Company Ltd. [CoE], 11/17; Bow Field Hire, Crawley (mobile catering unit), 2/14
RM1979	ALD 979B	AEC Routemaster RM / Park Royal	PO36/28R	THE VIEW FROM THE SHARD LONDON BUS EXPERIENCE (red with gold band / photo image of The Shard {blue/gold})	Premium Tours Ltd. (4 / RM1979), London, 3/23
RML2556	JJD 556D	AEC Routemaster RML / Park Royal	PO40/32R	LONDON TRANSPORT (red with cream band)	Premium Tours Ltd. (RML2556), London, 3/23
RML2621	NML 621E	AEC Routemaster RML / Park Royal	PO43/32RD	LONDON TRANSPORT (red with gold band)	Premium Tours Ltd. (6 / RML2621), London, 3/23
RML2713	SMK 713F	AEC Routemaster RML / Park Royal	PO40/32R	LONDON TRANSPORT (red with gold band)	Premium Tours Ltd. (2 / RML2713), London, 3/23
RML 2729	SMK 729F	AEC Routemaster RML / Park Royal	PO43/32RD	red with gold band	Premium Tours Ltd. (1 / RML2729), London, 10/23
RT3435	LYR 854	AEC Regent III / Park Royal	O30/26R	LONDON BUS COMPANY (red with gold band)	The London Bus Company Ltd. [CoE], 11/17; Blue Triangle, Rainham, 6/07

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NML 621E was previously ZV 7747, NML 621E

SMK 729F was previously ZV 7699, SMK 729F

ORPINGTON - Traditional Travel Ltd.

Bus used for special events/private hire.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
RM 1087	87 CLT	AEC Routemaster RM / Park Royal	O36/28R	Traditional Travel Ltd. (red with cream band)	P. Gurney (P), Bromley, 3/10

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ROCHESTER - Unidentified Owner, stored at ASD Coaches

Bus owned by a preservationist, for spares.

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FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
-	FKM 713L	Leyland Atlantean PDR / 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(S)
5937	P937 MKL	Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties	O--/--F	Arriva (aquamarine & stone)	Arriva Kent & Surrey Ltd. (5937), 2/14

SHEERNESS (KEPT AT THE DEPOT OF TRAVELMASTERS) - 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(S)
-	MIB 7717	Leyland Olympian / Alexander RH	O43/25D	maroon & silver with black skirt	Original London Sightseeing Tour Ltd. (OA322), 5/15

Previous Registration Numbers

MIB 7717 was previously J322 BSH

SITTINGBOURNE - Patricia Woods

Bus used for special events/private hire.

Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
DP 270	LF52 URK	DAF DB250 / Plaxton President	O47/23F	SIGHTSEEING TOURS (red / white / blue union jack design)	Bowden & Slater (English Riviera Tours), Torquay, 7/23

STAPLEHURST - K. Warren (P)

Bus privately owned for preservation.

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FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
0572	XKO 72A	Leyland Atlantean PDR / MCW	O44/33F	EAST KENT (NBC white with 'Isle of Thanet Open top bus' route branding) [named 'Viking Glory']	R. & C. Gibbons (preservation), Maidstone, by 6/12

Previous Registration Numbers

XKO 72A was previously 572 RKJ