



Kent Showground, near Maidstone, Kent Saturday 11th April 2026
**Bringing together buses and coaches, old and new,
from across the South East and beyond**

The fourteenth in a series of popular annual bus events at Kent Showground brought to you since 2011.

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SOUTH EAST BUS FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES FEEDER BUSES AND GUEST SPEAKER

The forthcoming South East Bus Festival that will take place on Saturday 11th April at Kent Showground near Maidstone already has more than 110 buses and coaches on its list of entries, with many more expected to be entered as the event draws closer.

There is no regular bus service to the showground but four local bus operators will be running five different services to the showground, giving direct links from many of the main towns in Kent, including Dartford, Gravesend, Rochester, Chatham, Maidstone, Ramsgate, Margate, Canterbury, Faversham, Dover, Folkestone, Ashford, Sheerness and Sittingbourne.

Full details of times, fares and picking-up points are shown on the South East Bus Festival website, along with lots of other information, including admission prices, how to enter a bus or coach and a list of vehicles entered so far.

The website can be found by visiting <https://southeastbusfestival.wixsite.com/sebf> and the event also has a Facebook page.

One of the features of the bus festival, alongside frequent free bus rides around the showground, plenty of sales-stands selling bus-related books, photos, memorabilia and videos is a talk by a guest speaker. There will also be a live slide show and a continuous slide show that will play on a loop throughout the event.

This year's speaker is Shane Hymers from Kent County Council who will give a presentation celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the introduction of the Kent Fastrack service, a network of routes in the Gravesend and Dartford area that feature significant amounts of bus priority measures to reduce journey times and which have evolved as substantial new housing and commercial developments have been built across the area. More recently, a Fastrack service has been introduced to serve an expanding part of Dover which has recently seen the

allocation of brand-new fully-electric buses to the route.

The South East Bus Festival is part of Kent County Agricultural Society's Heritage Transport Show which is expected to have 700 vintage cars, commercials, motorcycles, military vehicles and tractors on display alongside the buses.

Festival co-organiser Richard Lewis said "This year's event will be the fourteenth that we have arranged and we're looking forward to another great day on 11th April.

"There will be a huge number of vehicles on display, catering for people with all sorts of interests in road transport, and we expect that around fifty percent of the buses and coaches will not have attended our previous festivals, proving that there is always something new to see."

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.

Information about the Heritage Transport Show can be found at <https://kcas.org.uk/heritage-transport-show/>.

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Note to Editors:

For media enquiries about the South East Bus Festival please contact Richard Lewis on 07521 772727 (Monday to Friday working hours).

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