



# The Open Top Bus Site

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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.

#### Fleet List

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.

**Fleet List**

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.

**Fleet List**

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.

**Fleet List**

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.

**Fleet List**

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
32336/Cabri LK53 LYW* o 4		Volvo B7TL / Wrightbus Eclipse Gemini	PO41/28F	COASTAL Clipper Cabriolet (two blues with yellow flashes) [named 'Cabrio 4']	First Eastern Counties (32336), 10/24; First West of England (32336), by 12/21
37000/Cabri LX53 AYY* o 3		Volvo B7TL / Wright Eclipse Gemini	O45/26F	COASTAL Clipper Cabriolet (two blues with yellow flashes) [named 'Cabrio 3']	First Eastern Counties (37000), 8/24; Ensign Bus Co. Ltd. (392), Purfleet, 4/21
-	G520 VBB	Leyland Olympian / Northern Counties	PO47/27D	CitySightseeing Norwich (red with yellow flash & multicoloured graphics)	McMaster, Wood Dalling, 4/24
-	SN04 CPE	Scania Omnidekka / East Lancs	CPO51/34F	blue	Grindles Coaches Limited, Cinderford, Gloucestershire, 9/24; Southern Coach Lines (Aldermaston Coach Lines), Newbury, 7/23
-	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

LK53 LYW was previously CRZ 488, LK53 LYW

LX53 AYY was previously CRZ 366, LX53 AYY, 392 MBF, LX53 AYY

SN04 CPE was previously M500 ELK, SN04 CPE, B16 YBC, SN04 CPE

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.

### Fleet List

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
426	BUF 426C	Leyland Titan PD3 / Northern Counties	FCO39/30F	apple green & primrose with dark green mudguards	Panther Travel Limited, Parkeston, 4/24
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

## 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).

### Fleet List

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

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-	Q597 VOE	Morris Minor / Minature bus based on Morris Minor car running units	O10/8RO	GENERAL/W. Whittaker (red/whire) (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
RM753	ZV 6741 (r)	AEC Routemaster RM / Park Royal	O36/28R	Aircoach (light blue)	Aircoach, Dublin, by 9/13

### Previous Registration Numbers

946 WAE was previously LXE 556E

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

Q597 VOE was previously ?

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

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

Buses used on private hires and occasionally on local seafront bus service 99 at Southend.

### Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
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

### Previous Registration Numbers

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

## ROCHFORD - Stephenson's of Essex Limited

Bus used for special events/private hire.

### Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
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 used on sea front service 99 Leigh-on-Sea - Southend - Shoeburyness.

### Fleet List

FLEET NO	REG NO	CHASSIS / BODY	LAYOUT	LIVERY	PREVIOUS KNOWN OWNER(S)
364 (37405)	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 (37406)	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 (37408)	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 (37410)	MX58 DXZ*	Volvo B9TL / Wright Eclipse Gemini	O45/29F	SOUTHEND'S 99 Butterscotch Breezer (light brown & cream with black lining)	First Eastern Counties Ltd. (37410), 4/24

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## 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.

### Fleet List

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