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## **South East Bus Festival Marks Tenth Year at Heritage Transport Show**

The Heritage Transport Show celebrates ten years of the South East Bus Festival at the Show in 2020 with over 1000 vintage vehicles set to be on display.

The South East Bus Festival, part of the Heritage Transport Show, started in 2011 to mark the centenary of the formation of the Maidstone & District Bus Company and has been running ever since. Now entering its tenth year, the Festival will be marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of London Country Bus Services with over 150 modern and vintage buses expected to attend.

Joining the display of buses at the South East Bus Festival will be guest speakers, trade stands, and model displays. The M&D Staff Reunion Club will also be running the Reunion Tea Room. Rounding off the Festival will be the popular free vintage bus rides around the showground.

Organiser of the South East Bus Festival, Richard Lewis, said, "We're delighted to be organising our tenth event in 2020. At present we have 26 vehicles entered into the Festival, eleven of which have not been to any of our previous events and we are expecting entries to start building momentum over the weeks ahead. This will be a fantastic day for visitors to see and ride on buses old and new."

The South East Bus Festival is part of the Heritage Transport Show which displays a wide variety of vintage and classic vehicles. These include cars, tractors, motorcycles, commercial and military vehicles. The Show also hosts a Victorian fairground ride, the Headcorn Ukulele Group and a selection of trade stands.

Entries for the South East Bus Festival and Heritage Transport Show are currently open, and tickets are now on sale. Visit [www.kentshowground.co.uk/heritage-transport-show](http://www.kentshowground.co.uk/heritage-transport-show) for more information.

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**Notes to the Editors:**

*About the Kent County Agricultural Society (Registered Charity Number: 1001191)*

The Kent County Agricultural Society has been supporting education and improvement in agriculture, horticulture, forestry and related industries since its foundation in 1923. It provides grants to Kent Young Farmers Clubs and offers university scholarships to students wishing to study in related fields. The Society also provides free education on farming to young children through the 'Farming in the Classroom' initiative and the Living Land event.

The Society's headline event is the Kent County Show; the region's showcase event for farming, countryside, and rural life. The three day show in July brings together the best food, animals, and entertainment that Kent has to offer and reveals the true spirit of "The Garden of England."

Alongside its work in supporting education in agriculture for young children and students, the Society also supports the county's agricultural and land-based industries and workers through recognition awards and its trade show, Farm Expo in March.

Dates for 2020:

Farm Expo	4 March 2020
Heritage Transport Show	4 April 2020
Living Land	7 May 2020
Kent County Show	10, 11, 12 July 2020
Biddenden Tractorfest	15, 16 August 2020