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# **Transport Show Appeals for Vintage Model N Tractor Owners**

The Kent County Agricultural Society is celebrating 90 years of the Standard Fordson Model N with a large display of the classic tractor at the 2019 Heritage Transport Show. The Society is appealing to Model N owners to exhibit their tractors at the vintage vehicle showcase on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

The Heritage Transport Show will be celebrating its own 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the organising committee wanted to do something to celebrate other milestones within the transport sector. Last years event featured nearly 1000 vintage vehicles including motorcycles, cars, commercial vehicles, buses and of course the much-loved tractor.

Organisers, the Kent County Agricultural Society and its volunteers are keen to get at least 90 Standard Fordson Model N's to mark the tractor's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Steve Pike, Chairman of the Society's Heritage Committee said 'the original idea was to get ninety tractors to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Model N but it seems that this number may well be exceeded. All types of Standard Fordson Model N are welcome and indeed we already have a couple of specials booked in.'

The event also has a long-standing partnership with the South East Bus Festival which is expected to attract well over 100 buses and coaches from vintage to up-to-date models. They will also be celebrating an anniversary with 80 years since the first RT Bus was introduced in London. This iconic bus was the model used before the Routemaster took over the streets of London and recognised by tourists young and old.

One of the highlights of the Heritage Transport Show and South East Bus Festival is the thirty or more buses and coaches which will be on hand to provide a free service around the Showground allowing visitors to alight at several special bus stops around the site and reminisce about journeys from their youth or share the experience with new generations.

Already in the line-up for the Model N celebratory display on the 6<sup>th</sup> April is an ex-Southampton docks shunter and a 1919 Irish Cork built Model N. The Heritage Transport Show and South East Bus Festival is a perfect opportunity to see just how much transport has changed over the years. All types of vehicles are accepted free of charge if manufactured pre-1990 with those of special interest or that form part of a vehicle club manufactured post 1990 charged £5 to enter.

Tickets for visitors will be on sale from January with pre-Show tickets for adults charged at £8 (£10 on the gate), with under 14's free of charge. The joint events of the Heritage Transport Show and South East Bus Festival help raise money to support the heritage vintage vehicle section at the Kent County Show, the showcase event for the Kent County Agricultural Society. 2019 also marks a special anniversary for the Kent County Show which will be celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> Show on 5, 6, 7 July.

To find out more on the Heritage Transport Show and to enter your vehicle, visit www.kentshowground.co.uk

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### Photos available on request.

#### Notes to the Editors:

The Heritage Transport Show is organised by the Kent County Agricultural Society (KCAS). The Show was set up ten years ago by a committee of volunteers with a passion for heritage and vintage vehicles. The Heritage Transport Show aims to raise money for KCAS, registered charity number: 1001191, and for the Heritage Vintage Vehicle Section at the annual Kent County Show which celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> Show in 2019.

## **About the Kent County Agricultural Society:**

The 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.