



## Information about 394 - KOW 902F

<b>New to:</b>	Southampton City Transport	<b>Built in:</b>	1967
<b>Registration No.:</b>	KOW 902F	<b>Fleet No.:</b>	394
<b>Chassis:</b>	AEC REGENT V	<b>Bodywork:</b>	East Lancs. H40/30R
<b>Engine:</b>	AEC AV590 9.6 Litres 6 Cylinder	<b>Body No.:</b>	-
		<b>Chassis No.:</b>	3D2RA1863

- **No. 394** was part of a batch of ten vehicles delivered to the City of Southampton Transport Department in 1967. These vehicles were registered KOW 901 – 910F and numbered 393 – 402 in the Southampton fleet. They were the final batch of half-cab Southampton buses and the final part of a group of thirty 30' long AEC Regent Vs delivered in the period May 1966 to December 1967.
- This vehicle was delivered in September 1967 and first registered on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November of that year. There were to have been 35 vehicles of this type, but the final five were cancelled in favour of AEC Swift single-deckers. The final 1967 batch replaced ageing 1949 - vintage Guy Arab IIIs in the Southampton fleet.
- With sister vehicles, this bus was used to increase capacity on the busy Shirley Road routes and was most often seen on routes 7, 9 and 17 and their variations.
- After withdrawal, No. 394 was sold to the Eastbourne Regent Group in March 1981 for preservation. The bus appeared at the Bluebell Railway Bus Rally at Sheffield Park on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 1981 and was then rallied in the South of England.
- In around 2007 or 2008 No. 394 was purchased by a Hampshire-based dealer and re-sold to the owners of the Halifax-based Yorkshire Heritage Bus Service and restored to Class VI condition for use by wedding parties and other private hire contracts.
- Sadly, the Yorkshire Heritage Bus Service business ceased trading in February 2019. In July 2019, KOW 902F and other vehicles were put up for sale. It was initially purchased by Somerset-based Crosville Vintage before being acquired by members of the Southampton & District Transport Heritage Trust in August 2019.
- Over time work will be carried out to return 394 to as delivered condition.