



Information about 71 - LOW 217

New to: Southampton Corporation Transport

Built in: 1954

Registration No.: LOW 217

Fleet No.: 71

Chassis: Guy Arab MK III

Bodywork: Park Royal H30/26R

Engine: Gardner 6LW 8.4 Litres

Body No.: 33570 **Chassis No.:** FD71962

- Entering service in September 1954, this bus was numerically the third from last of 150 similar vehicles to enter public use with Southampton Corporation Transport Department, the first one having been delivered in January 1948 as part of an order for tramway replacement vehicles.
- This bus was part of the last order for Guy Arab vehicles and Park Royal body and delivery of the final 10 were cancelled as they were not required.
- In August 1957, the bus was along with others of the type fitted with a heating and ventilation system which was developed by Wing Commander Cave-Brown-Cave who was Professor of Engineering at Southampton University. The system proved successful and was not removed from 71 until October 1969.
- 71 was the last Guy Arab to operate in the Southampton fleet and was finally used by the department on a shuttle service between Shirley and at the time the new Lordshill Centre.
- Withdrawn from stage carriage service and licensed as a private vehicle in June 1975, it was later preserved by the transport department until 24th October 1986 (deregulation) when 71 was handed over completely to Southampton City Council.
- This bus is still a Corporation property, as it is owned by Southampton City Council (SCC), together with No. 64 - FTR 511, an open top version of this type.
- Alongside No. 64, S&DTHT maintains these two buses for SCC under a Service Level Agreement for the benefit of future generations to enjoy.