



On The Buses

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A Record Conversion

This double decker bus has been converted into a mobile music and IT studio for Dundonald Elim Pentecostal Church in Belfast. It will go into various areas within the Castlereagh Borough of Northern Ireland to work with young people. It is equipped with no less than 18 iMacs, 2 electric Guitars, Music Keyboards, DJ Mixing Deck, several cameras and video equipment as well as PS3 and Xbox. The interior has been finished in bright oranges & reds & fitted with contemporary up-lighting whilst the exterior has been completely vinyl wrapped with striking, multi-coloured graphics. This entire conversion would normally require in the region of 12 weeks but our team of coachbuilders, electricians & vinyl wrappers managed to turn this around in less than half of that time whilst still ensuring that the project bears all the SEC hallmarks of quality and reliability.

Ooops! We're Touring Again & Again

Following a very successful Christmas tour visiting children's Hospices & stores around the UK, Lidl brought their bus in for a complete makeover. We made structural alterations to the interior along with new interior graphics, trim & upholstery. The exterior got a new coat of paint plus a new vinyl wrap displaying the numerous awards picked up by Lidl in the last year. The bus is already back out on tour across the UK & is already penciled in for its next makeover in early May for yet another set of tour dates.



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Robin Wharfe Joins the team

Our Trimming and Upholstery team have taken on a new pair of hands this Spring, with Robin Wharfe joining South East Coachworks as Trim and Upholstery Manager. Robin is new to the business with a remit to promote this area of work. He hopes to bring in additional repair work, scope for more clients, widening the horizons for the company and provide support for the trimmers, who produce the quality finished job. Recent work has included the Lidl bus conversion and the Lloyds TSB vehicles for the forthcoming Olympics.

Elemis Re-Brand

As predicted in our February newsletter, Elemis have just brought their bus back to us for a total re-brand. This meant re-painting the exterior of the bus to their new corporate colour & then installing bright pink graphics. The re-brand also extended to the bus interior with frosted graphics & Perspex panels. We removed all of their old Contravision perforated window film & replaced it with new, reverse printed Contravision TT. This is a brand-new product & is applied to the interior of the glass for a much longer life-span.



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Leyland National Restoration - Officially Unveiled

After nearly 12 months of hard work, expertise & attention to detail, Paul Llewellyn's Leyland National bus restoration was officially unveiled at 'M&D 100', a special event held on Saturday 07 April at Kent Showground. Judging by the interest shown by local people, former and present bus company employees and the large number of bus enthusiasts who attended the event, this first 'stop' for the fully restored bus was a huge success. The completion of this project marks a significant step for SEC with its Apprenticeship programme. Tom Coe started his coach-building apprenticeship with SEC last June at the outset of the Leyland restoration & with careful mentoring, he has displayed skills & composure beyond his years and made a significant contribution to this project... Well done Tom!



A Very happy Customer...

"When I turned up at South East Coachworks in March 2011 with PCD 80R - fleet number 34, their faces dropped but it soon became apparent that this body rebuild / refurbishment was going to be an interesting one for the workshops to do. Working with the team from locating parts and suppliers to paint codes and destination route numbers, the team and I worked extremely well and professionally together. The one year project was a most enjoyable one for me, watching 34 being rebuilt on my 3 weekly visits to the site and because South East Coachworks team's dedication in getting the vehicle rebuilt to a very high standard. I would fully recommend SEC to anyone who wants to have a vehicle overhauled. A very friendly, professional and helpful team. Special thanks go to my professional friends: Paul, Chris, Stuart, Tom & Jamie for their support, for bringing my dream to reality and for keeping a bit of 'Sussex heritage' alive. Many thanks." Paul Llewellyn

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