



## Provincial Coaches



## Provincial Bus Community



Since its early days, Provincial has operated a number of private hire vehicles. The first coaches as such, were AEC Regal's like 66 (GOU 449), which was later rebuilt as a bus. In 1954, 67 (JBK 668) a Bedford SBO with a Duple C36F body was delivered. This was followed in 1955/56 by a couple of rebuilds from salvaged parts of the chassis of No's 20-2 the ex Oxford AEC Regents. These were fitted with Reading C35F bodies which had a remarkable resemblance to the Duple body on 67. There then followed a selection of Bristol and Bedford acquisitions over a number of years, none of them lasting long at Hoeford. A selection of these is pictured here.



66 (GOU 449) at Hoeford. This AEC Regal coach entered service in 1949, originated from Timpsons in London and was new in 1931. Full details of this coach can be found on the AEC Regal's page. **Photo: Bob Gray**



Pride of the fleet for many years was 67 (JBK 668), the 1954 Bedford SBO with Duple bodywork. **Photo: Stephen Didymus collection**



68 (OCG 444) seen at Hoeford. This was one of the coaches rebuilt from AEC Regent Chassis.



The other AEC rebuild 69 (PCG 436) at Gosport Ferry.

**Photo: Charles Chidwick**



28 (MAX 131) a Bristol LS6G ex Red and White acquired for contract work in 1969. It is seen here turning into Hoeford whilst working the Foster Wheeler contract to Fawley.  
**Photo: Stephen Didymus Collection**



56 (AAW 326B) a 1964 Duple bodied Bedford SB5 obtained from County Motors Brentwood.  
**Photo: Cliff Essex**



*Ex Western National Bristol LS, No. 58 (OTT 33) at Hoeford.*

**Photo: Cliff Essex**



*No 57, Duple Bodied Bedford SB13 (BMW 135C), the replacement for the Bristol above came from Wilts & Dorset. Seen at Hoeford on 22nd March 1972.*

**Photo: Stephen Didymus**



100 (BDL 65T) was a Plaxton bodied Bedford YMT. When new it was registered XDL 304T. It came to People's Provincial in 1993 via Solent Blue Line. It was later renumbered 965 and used as a driver trainer. It is seen here at Hoeford in the company of a Leyland National, a VR and a minibus. All are in People's Provincial livery.

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Also ex Southern Vectis, 103 (ODL 868M), a Duple Dominant Bedford YRT new in 1974.

**Photo: Malcolm Audsley**



No. 57 BMW 135C, An ex Wilts and Dorset Duple Bodied Bedford SB13 acquired in 1971, negotiates the Fareham Station Roundabout. **Photo: Fred York**



A Bedford VAL14 with Plaxton C49F bodywork, from 1965, new to King Alfred. This coach was taken over by Hants and Dorset with the acquisition of King Alfred in 1973. It is still carrying its H&D fleet number 2052 and depot code, but carries the Provincial fleet name. It operated on loan to Provincial in 1976. **Photo: Fred York**



A 1984 Leyland Tiger No. 101 (A101 JJT) A semi-automatic with Plaxton Paramount coachwork.

**Photo: Malcolm Audsley**

