

Dear Rally entrant

Thank you for your entry into SHOWBUS 2024 at the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre on Sunday 29th September to join the relaunch of SHOWBUS at what is expected to be its permanent new home.

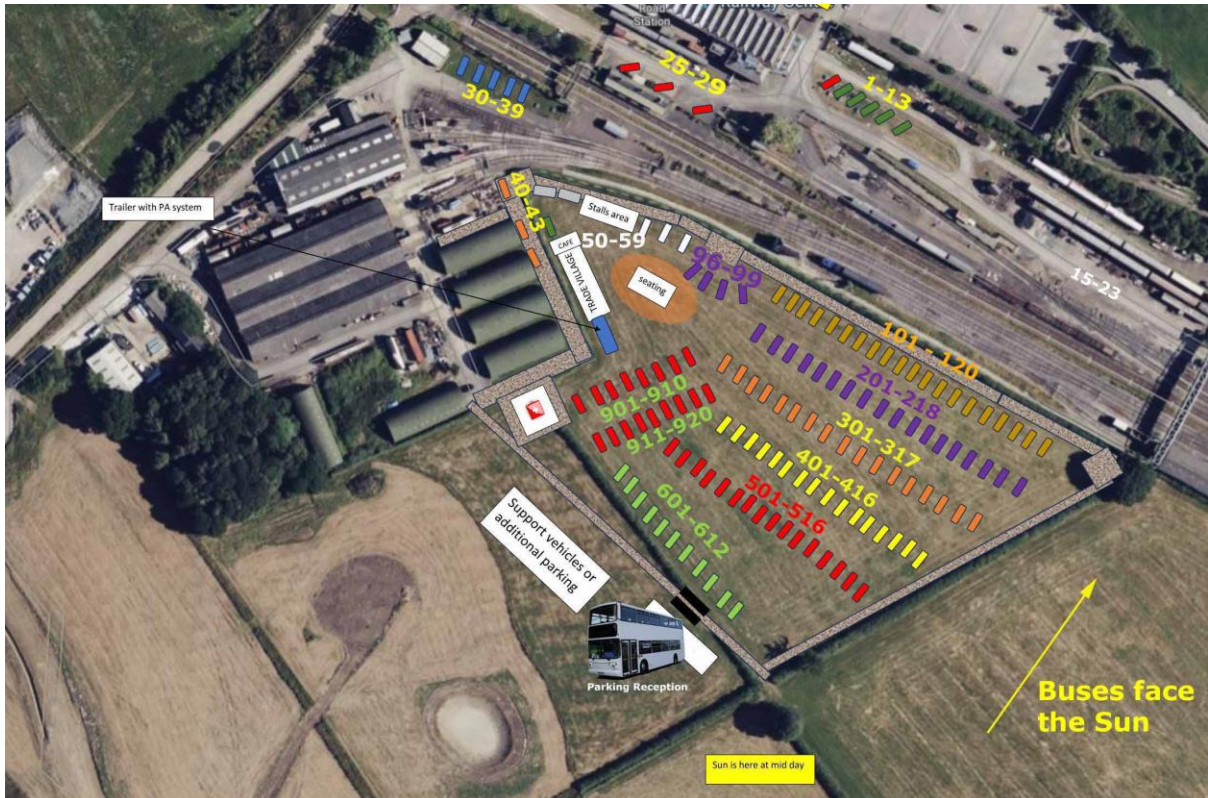
Judging

To save waiting all day for a judge, please make sure a contact phone number is on the sheet so the judge can notify you when they expect to arrive. It will show on your window display whether you are entered for judging. Check-in with your judging sheet at SHOWBUS Control asap. If you want the bus judged and it has not been entered, contact us urgently so that we can prepare a judging sheet for you to pick up at SHOWBUS Control, and more importantly, amend our judges' listings appropriately. Because of that complication, it is not easy for us to add someone to the judges' lists on the day. If you no longer wish to be judged, that is also useful to know, as it reduces the pressure on our judges' team and saves them time on a pressurised task.

Entry procedures

If your rally number is below 30 you will turn left shortly after entering the Station yard to access areas behind the Station platform. Entries 31 to 38 will turn left immediately afterwards (see map)

The site will be open at **8.00am** and the map shows the area where you will be parked. If your entry is unaltered – or just another bus from the same batch - you will proceed directly to your numbered bay, *late or revised entries will be issued with bay numbers at Parking Reception* a white **Motts doubledecker** at the entry to the display area. Any passenger payment due will be taken here – see below. **Please do not proceed beyond Parking Reception if your entry has significantly changed.** As in past years **Parking Reception** will be.



Please aim to arrive before 10.30am. Beware of pedestrians on arrival and when the display disperses at the end of the day.

Entry charges

Each bus is allowed the driver, anyone under 16 and 5 additional passengers FREE entry. Any extra passengers pay £6 each. Please have this money ready before entering the site as collecting payments could cause congestion. Ideally, place the money in an envelope with the payment form and drop it into the box offered. No tickets will be issued, so if you wish to leave the site to go on a bus trip, a wristband will be available at the pedestrian entry/exit or on the bus. Entries numbered 1 to 29 must report to the main gate to pay any dues.

Display

To satisfy photographers, all buses are planned to park facing away from the sun. The yellow arrows on the site map indicate the direction you should face. Those who have been before will be familiar with our yellow blocks with display numbers on them. If you have parked correctly, when sat in the cab the block should be near your right front wheel.

Routemaster 70th anniversary

If you have been selected for this display your display number will be in the 900 range, plus number 2. Buses will be gathering at the Chiltern View Garden Centre

on the A413 between Wendover and Aylesbury. It is expected to take less than 45 minutes to run from the Garden Centre to SHOWBUS, so an 11:15am departure is planned for a mass arrival at SHOWBUS at noon. The Garden Centre is prepared to welcome you from 10:00am and has refreshment and toilet facilities available as well as everything else you would expect to find at a garden centre.

Routes to SHOWBUS. We are not affected by the A41 closure the Aylesbury side of Waddesdon.

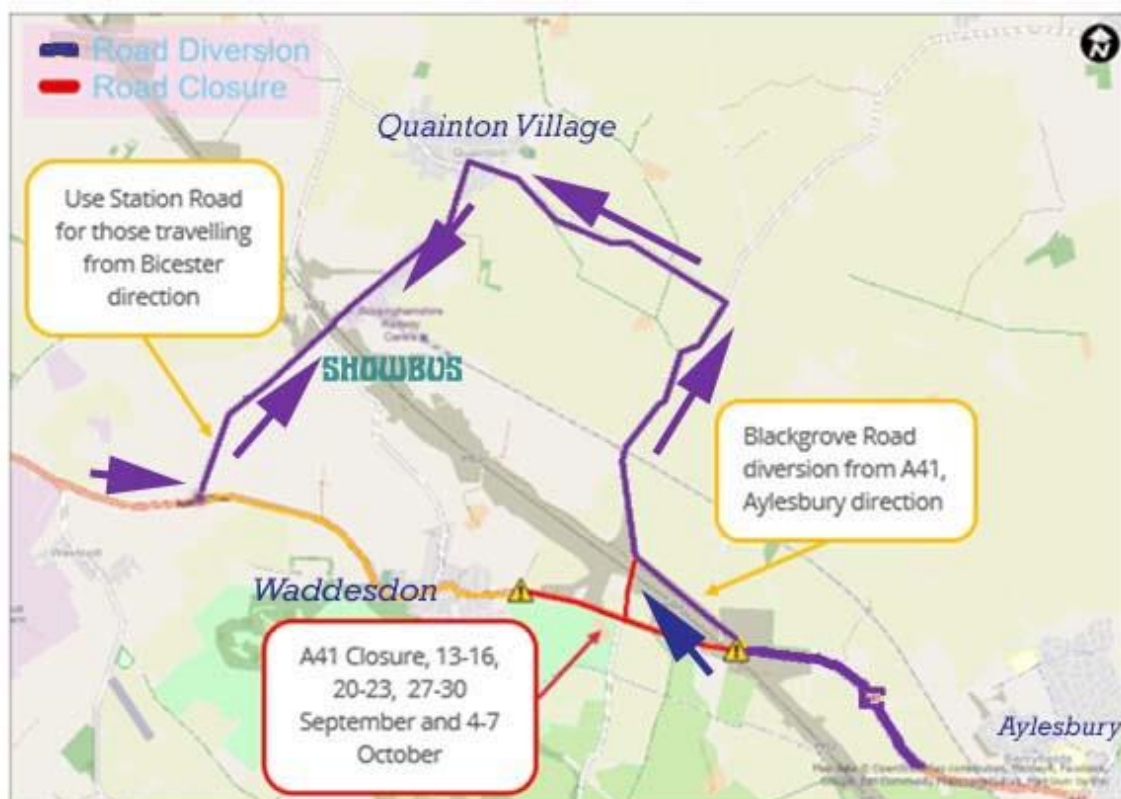
Ignore signposted diversions via Buckingham and stay on the A41

Ignore HGV diversions.

The site is easy to find off the A41 coming from Bicester direction. There are brown Buckinghamshire Railway Centre signs to follow on approaching the site from Bicester direction. Turn left at the traffic lights just after the 40mph sign as you approach Waddesdon. If you are approaching from Aylesbury direction, after the Fleet Marston Farm turn, take the diversion at a new roundabout which will take you on to Blackgrove Road to continue into Quainton. There will be yellow SHOWBUS signs by the road on the day.

If you are not approaching using the A41 beware of many LOW BRIDGES in the area, so plan your route well, especially if bringing a double-decker.

Please find the diversion route below:



Contact

Immediately prior to the event, the rally team are very busy preparing the Showground, so emails will not be dealt with promptly and not at all on the Sunday. Landline phone calls to the Railway Centre during "office hours" will be answered by Railway Centre staff on 01296 655720. You can contact us in an **emergency** on 07518 624034, but an SMS regarding changes of entry, etc will be more useful than a personal call.

Stalls

If you have a stall on board, your rally number should be between 50-59. You will be parked in a section by the main trade area. If your number is not in that range, then please let us know asap so we can rejig.

Saturday

If you are intending to come down on Saturday and come into the grounds, please let us know. It is not possible to stay overnight in the Showground. Vehicles can be left on site, at your own risk, but you will not be able to stay with them.

Local Tours

If you have volunteered to do a local tour you will receive a separate email if you haven't already.

Prizes

We hope that you will be able to stay for the presentation of all the prizes, which is planned for around 3.45pm at SHOWBUS Control and we look forward to seeing you on the day.

Exit procedures

Please use the same gate to exit as you came in

Have a safe journey to SHOWBUS.