

Vehicle Profile: GRD 576D

An initial look at a vehicle in the TV&GWOT Collection



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This vehicle, Fleet No. 76, was one of the final batch of eight (out of a total of 26 such buses) bought by Reading Corporation. All were fitted with Gardner 6LX engines and this final batch also featured Bristol gearboxes and rear axles.

Sold in 1977 at the end of crew operation, 76 passed to a Sevenoaks company for language student transport. It was then bought for preservation in 1982 but in poor condition, so it was subsequently extensively restored by the present owner before placing it on long term loan to TV&WOT.

In this role it has appeared at the Trust's Thames Valley and Reading centred running days in recent years helping create an authentic scene bus transport around the area in the 1960s and 70s – forty to fifty years ago!

DATA PANEL

Registration: GRD 576D

Type: Dennis Loline III

Built: 1966

Engine: Gardner 6LX

Body: East Lancs

Operator: Reading Corporation