



View from the back!



In original colours with London Transport

Leyland Olympian C55 CHM

C55 CHM was one of a batch of over 100 bought by London Transport in 1986 as their fleet number L55. Originally a 2 door model, it was converted by Moxons of Oldcotes, Nottinghamshire, to single door for use on schools work. The chassis was built at Workington, with its body built by Eastern Coach Works at Lowestoft, although to a very similar design to those bodied at Workington.

It was being disposed of as its MoT expired at the end of February 2013, to be replaced by a more modern cast-off from Stagecoach. However owner Malc Moxon was reluctant to part with it, as it was a reliable vehicle with a solid chassis and smoke-free leak-free Gardner engine – and it had just had a new alternator fitted. In fact he said that some of the newer Olympians suffered more from the effects of corrosion as their chasses were not so sturdy.

Out on a test drive, the bus handled well in automatic mode, though it can also be driven as a semi-automatic. One minor drawback is that since the bus is designed for London, its top speed is limited – to 40mph!



At Cockermonth Show in 2013