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Beestons celebrates 40 years of Volvo Buses with new B8L MCV eVoSeti double-deckers

Longstanding Volvo customer, Beestons, has taken delivery of four B8L MCV eVoSeti double-deck buses, continuing a trusted relationship that dates back to the 1980s.

Since 2015, Beestons has consistently put its faith in Volvo, specifying chassis' featuring the manufacturer's ultra fuel-efficient D8K diesel engine and MCV bodywork, selected for their proven reliability, performance and ease of maintenance. The four new eVoSetis join a recently delivered single-deck B8RLE MCV eVoRa bus, with a pair of 57-seat B8R MCV eVoTor coaches scheduled for delivery before the end of the year and an additional two in early 2026.

Tom Munson, Operations Director at Beestons, says: "The Volvo product is perfectly suited to the needs of our business and has a track record for being a brand you can count on. With this level of confidence in the product, it simplifies decision making when looking to add something new to our fleet.

"What's more, our drivers say the eVoSetis are easy to handle, and they love that even though the models we take are big, at 12m and 12.8m in length, they still drive like a coach."

The four new B8L MCV eVoSetis will be used primarily on school contracts, 190 days per year, covering both standard school services and school trips. Outside of term time, they will be used for private hire in and around Suffolk, with occasional trips further afield. They are expected to travel between 20,000 to 40,000 km annually and can be on the road up to seven days per week.

Each new double-decker has been built to Beestons' bespoke specification, featuring up to 98 leather trimmed seats, a PA system, and air conditioning, for maximum passenger comfort and convenience. The B8L chassis is perfectly twinned with Volvo's eight-litre diesel engine, which features a vertical engine layout to optimise passenger space. This helps to ensure the largest passenger capacity of any comparable product on the market.

Beestons operates a primarily Volvo fleet of 20 vehicles, comprised of 12 double-deckers and eight single-deck models. Over the last two years alone, the company has taken delivery of 9 new Volvos, with 24/7 backup provided via Volvo Truck & Bus' nationwide dealer network – and the nearest dealer just 12 miles away in Ipswich.

Beestons is the UK's third oldest privately owned and family-run coach and bus operator. Its smart fleet carries bold company branding and is a regular sight on roads across Suffolk and the surrounding area, offering a wide range of transport solutions.

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