

BEDFORD SHZ 'GREEN GODDESS' EMERGENCY PUMP UNIT
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Original type of 4 X 2 'Green Goddess'. (Possible) Plaxton bodywork, although it is suggested by another researcher that it is actually Strachans bodied, from batch of 50 'Green Goddesses' registered NYR681-740. See file ref dated 12 March 2009.

Originally issued 1953 (chassis No. 13822) and assigned to Huntingdon Fire Station, Cambs as an Auxiliary Fire Service vehicle until the AFS disbanded on 31 March 1968. During its time at Huntingdon, it attended fires in the Huntingdon area, accompanying the local fire brigade to local incidents, and attended a number of major AFS exercises in Suffolk, Northamptonshire and Essex.

It then remained in Home Office store.

- 1 Feb 79 Sold to Carlisle Airport, painted yellow, and became the Airport Fire Tender.
- April 79 Sold to St Crispin's Hospital at Northampton where it was used to provide fire cover.
- Jul 86 Sold to a private collector, Mr. C.S. Bament.
- Oct 89 Sold to Mr. R. Smith for exhibiting at fire vehicle shows.
- Jul 94 Purchased by Mr. Gordon Newton, a Maidstone businessman and former retained fireman. Fully restored by him into AFS colours by 1998, including new tyres, and a new engine was fitted in 1997; it carried a full complement of original fire fighting equipment and uniforms as issued in 1953. It is roadworthy, and was last used 'unofficially' to supplement fire cover in Maidstone during a fireman's strike; it attended the first 'persons reported' incident of the fire strike with the former Maidstone retained crew on board.
- 6 July 2006 Arrived at RAFM Cosford, Salop for display in new National Cold War Exhibition building, opened to the public 8 February 2007.

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