

Glass Coach

This coach was built in 1881 and purchased for the Coronation of King George the Fifth in 1910. It's known as the Glass Coach. Although all coaches with full windows on three sides are called 'glass coaches' the name has stuck for this particular carriage. A gold border outlines the central side window, and little gold tassels hanging at the top of the windows can be pulled to lower the fringed blinds.

It's relatively plain - its almost flat roof decorated by four tiny crowns, one in each corner. But the Glass Coach has a very special place in our National history as the coach in which many royal brides have processed on their way to be married. These include Her Majesty The Queen in 1947 – when she was still Princess Elizabeth – and, in 1981, Lady Diana Spencer.

It's driven from a box at the front, covered with a scarlet and gold hammer cloth, and is usually drawn by four Windsor Greys.