

Stagecoach 'Distance' colours for ex Stagecoach East Panther



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'Specialist'
livery for
E300 2788 I

Volvo B9TLs
on hire at
Sc North East

Ensignbus
dealership in
September

On the Cover



X-Lines Consett-Newcastle livery on Go North East Wright StreetDeck.

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Editorial Comment

We have been humbled by the number of messages we have received in recent weeks regarding our decision to bring Fleet Ramblings and most of our enthusiasts activity to an end.

We have are currently in discussions with a group who are looking at providing a similar information service - more to follow shortly.

In the meantime we are trialling a revised Fleet Ramblings offering, with a digest that we will produce every couple of weeks. This may be a way that during a transitional period we are able to continue to provide a limited update.

Stagecoach North Scotland [Highlands]

Reports of the former Stagecoach East Volvo B9R/Plaxton Panther coaches being at **Stagecoach Merseyside & South Lancashire's** Birkenhead depot are now confirmed.

The coaches are being repainted in the orange Stagecoach 'Distance' livery at Birkenhead before completing their transfer to this fleet.

53616 was pictured at Carlisle depot during its transfer north.



Stagecoach North East

Now back in service, and repainted in the new Stagecoach 'Local' livery here is Enviro 300 27734, whilst also now carrying the 'Local' livery is 27737. This means that eight vehicles from the 27726-40 batch of Enviro 300s have now received the new 'Local' livery.

Four Volvo B9TL/MCV double decks are on hire here from Ensignbus.

Recent Stagecoach North East Enviro 300 repaints have been 27734 and 27737, meaning eight of the 27726-40 batch of vehicles now carry Stagecoach 'Local' livery. © Ian Hardie

Formerly in use with Golden Tours fleet numbers 80044-47 have been allocated to the vehicles which are registered BF52UYN, BY52UYP, BV13ZCZ and BF63HEJ.

We understand two are in all over blue with a further two in all over white and are based at Walkergate.



Stagecoach East Scotland

Now in Stagecoach 'Local' livery here is Optare Solo SR 47957.

Stagecoach South Wales

Further transfers of Enviro 200s here have seen 36401 transfer from Aberdare to Blackwood

Enviro 200 36793 has moved from Merthyr to Porth.

Stagecoach East Midlands

The second vehicle here to receive the green-based Stagecoach 'Specialist' livery is Enviro 300 27881, which is generally used on the Hull Park & Ride service.





With our usual thanks to Ross at Ensign, we can now detail activity at the dealership during September 2020.

Vehicles in

From RATP London: Solos YJ09MHO/MHU, YJ11EJC

From Travel de Courcey: Tridents LX03BWJ/OPV/ORV, LV52HHO

From Metroline: Enviro 400s LK08NVF/DXP; Enviro 200s LK08FKW/FLG/DWO/FLC/FLF/FLZ, YX58FPF/DWG/DUA/DWM/DWD/FPC/FPD/DWN, LK58CTF/CTU/CSX/CSY/CNC/DWC/CTE; MANs LK57EHS, LK07AYF/AYH/AYY

From Go-Ahead London: Enviro 200 LX07BXU

From Tower Transit: Wright Streetlites SN64CVM/CVO/CVP

From First Wessex: Scania YN04GLV, YN05HGA

From Stagecoach Manchester: Trident LX03NFE

From Stagecoach Oxfordshire: Trident LX55EPZ

From Stagecoach Midlands: Tridents LV52HEJ/KX04RVJ/MX54LPV

Vehicles out

Volvo B7TL LT52WVP: Seaford and District

Solo YJ57EJE: Little Jim's, Berkhamsted, Herts

Volvo B9TL BJI1EBG: Mayfair Coaches, London W14

Scania YN08DHY: Connexions Buses, Harrogate

Volvo B7TL LX54HAO: Hackney Playbus

Volvo B9TL BJI1DZX: Mundare Ltd, Chester

Volvo B7TLs LT52WWA/WWB; Volvo B7RLEs RIG6496/6497: Langston and Tasker, Steeple Claydon, Bucks

Volvo B9TL BJI1EAK: Abbey Travel, Erith, Kent

Enviro 400s LK58KHP, SN09CDU: First Group (converted to half open top)

Enviro 400s SNI3CHF/CHG: Atlantic Travel, Bolton

Wright Streetlites SN64CVF/CVR; Solo YJ09MHO: Galleon Travel, Frating, Essex

Volvo B7TL LK04CVE: Parkside Primary School, Chingford, Essex

Enviro 200 MX12DZC: Squarepeg Buses, Leeds

Trident AE06GZR: Brylaine Travel, Boston, Lincs

Volvo B9TL BJI1EAE: Reliance Travel, York

Scania's YN08MRX/MRY: Ipswich Buses

Scania YN08DHU: Happy AIs, Liverpool

Enviro 200 YX10BFU:A2B, Cambridge

Volvo B9TL BJI IEAX: Coach Services, Thetford

Trident SN04AAU:Aintree Coaches

Trident T509SSG: First South West

Enviro 300 VX54MRU: Picture Vehicle Co, Pinewood Studios.

Scania OmniCity:YN08DHC The Message Trust, Manchester

To Shelton Motors for scrap: Darts WX05RVF, SN55HSG; Volvo B10BLE W37 IEOW; Volvo B7TLs W473WGH, YU52VYT/VYT, YJ5 IRRV; Enviro 200s LX07BYU, YX10BFM; Tridents LN51GKU, LK05GFX; Optare Solo YJ57EHD

Buses on Hire

HCT: Enviro 400 SN13CHD

Border Bus: Enviro 400 LK58KGN

First South West: Enviro 400s LK08DXV/DXU/NVL.

First Essex:Volvo B9TLs BJI IEAW/DVX/EBA/ EBP/EAF/DZY

Bournemouth Yellow Buses: Ensign Enviro 200s 714/715/716 and Volvos SN55BJJ/BJU/BJK

Stagecoach Midlands:Volvos BJI IDSX/DTZ/DZZ/EAO/EBL; Enviro 400s SN13CHC/CHK/CHH, LK08DXP, LK08NVF



Stagecoach Cumbria & North Lancashire

Now back at Morecambe following a period on loan at the Honister Slate Mine is Dart SLF 34565. © Lee Wardle



Go North East Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3943 now carries fleet livery having previously been a spare vehicle for the XI. © Ian Hardie

Go North East

We have previously mentioned the excellent enthusiasts service provided by Martijn Gilbert and his team at Go North East. Comprehensive fleet information is posted on the company website and is also copied here.

Repaints during week ending 3rd October 2020 included Optare Solo SR M925 653 into a two-tone purple base livery, which will be used as the new local Peterlee brand in the future. Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6051 has received the 2020 Crusader livery and Wright StreetDeck 6306 has been partially repainted into the yellow and gold variant of the X-lines livery for services X5/X15.

New vehicles received here are:

Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6363 (NK70 BYM), which was mistakenly delivered in the red X-lines livery, so will

be partially repainted into the light green variant prior to entering service.

Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6368 (NK70 BYF) delivered in the red X-lines livery and which has now also entered service at Washington.

Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6371 (NK70 BYN) in the red X-lines livery.

Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6376 (NK70 BYV) in the charcoal grey X-lines livery, The company reports that this bus is notable as being the UK's first 6-cylinder OM936 engined example of the type.

Previously delivered Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6369 has now entered service.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6004 has returned to Washington from Deptford, whilst similar 6005/06/07 have been taken out of service for re-trim and repaint at Bus & Coach World, Blackburn.

Following the transfer of some of the school services which are being operated, Volvo B1 IRT/Caetano Levante 2 coaches 7126 and 7127 have transferred from Deptford to Chester-le-Street, while 7134 has also returned to service at

Chester-le-Street, as an extra spare vehicle and also to assist with weekend rail replacement opportunities.

Week ending 27th September 2020 saw Wright Streetlite DF Max Micro-Hybrid 5417 repainted into the 2019 fleet livery.

Fleet re-allocations during the same week have included the transfer of Wright Streetlite DF Max Micro-Hybrid 5409 from Consett to Chester-le-Street with Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6126 then moving to Riverside (though in reality it never entered service at Chester-le-Street as it was off service).

Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6361/62 have now entered service at Consett, while similar 6364/66/70 have all now entered service at Washington.

Displaced from Washington are Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6002/03/51 which have all been taken out of service for seat re-trim and repaint at Bus & Coach World, Blackburn.

Following the end of the rail replacement contract, Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6001 was been taken out of service from Deptford for seat re-trim.

'Retrobus' liveried Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6050 has transferred to Riverside.

Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6369 (NK70 BYG) is another new vehicle delivered in the red X-lines livery, and is now being prepared for service.

Repaints during week ending 20th September 2020 included Wright Streetlite DF Max Micro-Hybrid 5409 into the 2019 fleet livery.

Fleet re-allocations during the same week included the transfer of Optare Solo SR M925 678 from Washington to Percy Main Volvo B1 IRT/Caetano Levante 7126 returned to service at Deptford, to assist with extra vehicle requirements for rail replacement contracts in operation between Middlesbrough and Whitby from 21st September.

New vehicles received are as follows:

Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6361 (NK70 BYJ), in the light-green X-lines livery.

Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6362 (NK70 BYL), in the light-green X-lines livery.

Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6364 (NK70 BYA), in the red X-lines livery.

Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6366 (NK70 BYC), in the red X-lines livery.

Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6370 (NK70 BYH), in the red X-lines livery.

Our Go North East review concludes with changes reported during the week ending 13th September.

Repaints included Wright Streetlite DF Max Micro-Hybrid 5421 into the 2019 fleet livery.

Fleet re-allocations primarily associated with managing loadings and social distancing on buses as a result of COVID-19 continue. These included:

653 Deptford to Peterlee

677 Deptford to Percy Main

678/89 Deptford to Washington

729/30 Washington to Riverside

3997/98 taken out of service for the winter season

5250 Riverside to Washington

5273/74 Riverside to Chester-le-Street

5411/12 Chester-le-Street to Deptford

5413/14/40 Consett to Deptford

6001/04/50 Washington to Deptford

8294 Percy Main to Riverside

New vehicles received were:

ADL Enviro 400MMC 6343 in the dark-green X-lines livery and is allocated to Consett.

Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6357 (NK20 ELW), in the light-green X-lines livery, which has also now entered service at Consett.

Previously delivered 6348 and 6376 are both now in service at Consett too. The latter is only at Consett temporarily and is intended to be allocated to Washington longer-term, but will assist with the release of the former blue X-lines StreetDecks, which are now allocated to services X5/ X15, for partial repaint.

East Yorkshire

Volvo B7RLE/Plaxton Centro 365 has now been repainted with similar 363 and 366 in the bodyshop. Currently in paint is Enviro 200 360.

Stagecoach East

Reserve Fleet Enviro 200 36935 returned to use at Bedford on October 3rd 2020 for the first time since April. Returned from Bedford, where it had been on loan, to Fenstanton is Volvo B8RLE 21312.

Stagecoach South

Four ADL Enviro 400MMCs 10956/61/62/68 have gone on loan from Worthing to Portsmouth in exchange for four 11.8m ADL Enviro 200MMCs. We understand that 26160/63 are two of the E200MMCs now at Worthing.

Trident 18188 from Andover and Enviro 400 19886 from Chichester have both been reported operating from Winchester.

We understand that Enviro 400 19161 and Trident 17736 are now both for disposal here.

