Stagecoach turns off free WiFi on dozens of routes



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Stagecoach London Enviro 200s for regional fleets

Stagecoach London 'Heritage' Routemaster to Brooklands

Enviro 200/Enviro 400MMC transfer at Stagecoach Midlands

On the Cover



WiFi is no longer available on Stagecoach Midland's X4 Peterborough-Northampton service according to Stagecoach.

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Stagecoach East Scotland Edinburgh Airport - 747

Stagecoach East Midlands **Pronto Services**

Stagecoach Merseyside & South Lancashire

Liverpool - all routes (except service 22

Chester - West Kirby)

Preston - X2 Preston - Southport -

Liverpool

Chester - Chester Park & Ride services

Stagecoach North East

Tees Valley - Tees Flex

Stagecoach Oxfordshire

Oxford Tube

Brackley - Bicester - 505

Stagecoach restricts WiFi to key routes

Without much warning Stagecoach UK switched off the WiFi on most of its buses from 26th October 2020.

In defending the move the company said:"We are temporarily switching off WiFi on many of our buses. Like many organisations, we're reviewing all aspects of our operation as we continue through the Covid-19 pandemic with a focus to make sure we can continue running safe and reliable services for you.

"We've found that most customers are not using the bus WiFi, especially on shorter local bus journeys.

"On bus WiFi costs a significant amount to run, and so as most people are not using it we've temporarily turned off access to on bus WiFi.

There are some exceptions and WiFi will continue to be available on buses used on the following services:

Stagecoach East

X5

Cambridge Busway

Cambridge Park and Ride

(The Stagecoach Bus website also lists the 905 Bedford-Cambridge service as having WiFi but this is not currently the case as the vehicles in use are not WiFi equipped. However, it is the intention to introduce WiFi onto the route in the future)

Stagecoach South Wales

Traws Cymru - T4, T14, X4 Stagecoach South Winchester Park & Ride

Guildford - I & 2

Stagecoach South East

Canterbury Park & Ride Canterbury - Unibuses

Stagecoach South West Falcon

Stagecoach West Scotland

Kilmarnock - I, II, X76

Avr - X77

Dumfries - X74

Ardrossan - 11, X36/X34

Cumbernauld - X25/X28, X19.



Stagecoach Midlands

ADL Enviro 400MMC 10726-32 have been transferred from Learnington to Northampton with Enviro 200s 37038/39/40/54/59/63/73 moving from Northampton to Learnington.

Another Nuneaton-allocated Enviro 200 to lose its 5/5A branding is 36746.

East Yorkshire

Volvo B9R 81 is currently receiving attention in the body shop at Hull and is then expected to be repainted into the new East Yorkshire Coaches livery.

Stagecoach Cumbria & North Lancashire

Optare Solo SRs 47944/47945 are undergoing repaint into the new Stagecoach 'Local' here as is Optare Solo 47136.

Stagecoach London

Open Top Enviro 400 tour buses

19131-36 along with Routemaster RM1968 are reported in use here as drivers meal relief vehicles.

Trident 17843 remains on loan to the **London Fire Brigade** for emergency training.

'Heritage Fleet' Routemaster RML2760, the last Routemaster, is reported as going on loan to **Brooklands Museum** following its recent refurbishment/restoration here.

Dual door Enviro 200s 36330/31/32/36/37 are earmarked for single door conversion and cascade to Stagecoach UK companies. 36330 has been recorded by the company as transferred to Stagecoach Oxfordshire.

Optare Solo SR 48024, on loan here from Stagecoach East, has transferred from Barking to Romford in exchange for Enviro 200 36042.

Stagecoach South West

Relicensed and back in service at Exeter following repairs are Trident 18135 and Dart SLF 35264 whilst Optare Solo 47109

is expected to return to service imminently.

It would appear that Optare Solo 47095, which had latterly been used as a publicity vehicle is now for disposal here as is fire damaged Enviro 200 36232.

Volvo B9R training vehicle 53603 is now at Plymouth and is also available as a spare

vehicle for the Falcon service.

Stagecoach Oxfordshire

We understand that the first of the new Volvo/Plaxton Panorama coaches for the Oxford Tube service are due for delivery during November 2020.

From our archives... Corby Titan

Former London Buses/Stagecoach London Leyland Titan T556 (NUW556Y) was cascaded to the United Counties fleet when it was retired from service in London. Allocated to Corby depot it was numbered 906 before gaining fleet number 10556 in the Stagecoach national numbering scheme. © Steven Knight Media

