

# Trident

January 2012



**GB Bus Group**

42055	43	RL51 CVZ	Mercedes-Benz Vario	Plaxton Beaver 2	B31F
42056	44	RL51 CWA	Mercedes-Benz Vario	Plaxton Beaver 2	B31F
42057	45	RL51 ZLN	Mercedes-Benz Vario	Plaxton Beaver 2	B31F
42058	46	RL51 ZLO	Mercedes-Benz Vario	Plaxton Beaver 2	B31F
46618	32	P616 LTP	Iveco 59-12	Mellor	B29F
47737	51	YJ57 YDA	Optare Solo	Optare	B27F
47738	52	MX08 UZM	Optare Solo	Optare	B28F
47739	53	MX08 UZL	Optare Solo	Optare	B28F
47740	54	MX09 MJJ	Optare Solo	Optare	B29F
49616	4	HJ52 OKK	LDV 400 Convoy	LDV	B16F
49617	5	HJ52 OKL	LDV 400 Convoy	LDV	B16F
93026	VAN	NL52 CZX	Ford Transit 350 LWM	Ford	

Of the new Enviro 300s noted last month only 36431 to 36435 entered service at Aldershot, 36436 to 36443 were diverted to Basingstoke. Allocation changes this period have been 16277 Andover to disposal; 16633 Aldershot to Andover; 32309, 32310 Winchester to reserve; 32316 Aldershot to de-licensed; 32322, 32324 disposal to reserve; 32459 Winchester to reserve; 32460, 32462 Basingstoke to de-licensed; 32605 Andover to reserve; 32620, 32621 Aldershot to de-licensed; 32626 disposal to reserve; 32632, 32650 Aldershot to de-licensed; 33032 Basingstoke to de-licensed; 33380 Basingstoke to Andover; 35215 to 35217, 35256, 35257 Basingstoke to Winchester; 40729 Andover to de-licensed; 40894, 40907 reserve to de-licensed; 40944 de-licensed to disposal; Quite a few sales to note Erith Commercial have taken Darts 32451 and 32453. A H Hardwick have taken Dart 32454 to 32456 and Mercedes-Benz 709Ds 40960 and 40968 whist Chepstow Classic Buses have taken Mercedes 40912.

**South West:** Things have been fairly quiet once again with only a handful of allocation changes to record: 16062 reserve to Torquay, 16069 Wellington to Barnstaple, 16399 Barnstaple to reserve, 16775 Torquay to Barnstaple and 16859 Barnstaple to Wellington.

## Independent Operators

### Scotland

John Martindale has come across a site on the Hillington Industrial Estate, west of Glasgow (off Gordon Ave) where HBC Vehicle Services seem to be in business stripping and scrapping buses; he has noted several First Group buses there in December, on the 1<sup>st</sup>

First Edinburgh P876 YKS (62403), R142 EHS (31672),

First Glasgow G612 NWA (60138), N959 LSU (61442), N959 LSU (61444), N974 LSU (61461), N977 LSU (61464), N985 LSU (61473), P605 WSU (31477)

Ex First Manchester LT02 NVC (54097) MB 411 / Koch (inside garage)

Arriva 1465, just arrived behind a tow wagon

**Ayrways:** Volvo B10M / Van Hool PIL 7652 has been bought from Gibson Direct, after a period on loan.

**Gibson Direct:** Another new arrival has been SK54 BPY a Scania / Irizar PB.

**National Express Dundee:** 21 new Volvo B7RLE / Wrightbus Eclipse Urban single decks are currently in the course of delivery.

2032	SP61 CUH	2038	SP61 CUW	2043	SP61 CTX	2048	SP61 CUG
2033	SP61 CUJ	2039	SP61 CTK	2044	SP61 CTY	2049	SP61 CSY
2034	SP61 CUK	2040	SP61 CTO	2045	SP61 CTZ	2050	SP61 CSZ
2035	SP61 CUO	2041	SP61 CTU	2046	SP61 CUA	2051	SP61 CTE
2036	SP61 CUU	2042	SP61 CTV	2047	SP61 CUC	2052	SP61 CTF
2037	SP61 CUV						

Around half have been delivered up to press, with the following buses being withdrawn: Volvo B10B 1366 (N366 WHO) and Volvo B6LEs 7059 (P521 EJW), 7060 (P522 EJW), 7163 (R163 TSR) and Volvo B10L 7134 (P134 KSL). A clear out of stored buses has seen the following being sold for scrap Dennis Dart SLFs 7088 (S742 JRX), 7089 (S743 JRX), Volvo B10L 7135 (P135 KSL), Volvo B6LE 7162 (R162 TSR) and Optare Solos 7200 (T304 UOX) and 7201 (S282 AOX). Six Scania's have been moved to West Midlands.

**Riverside:** John has seen Dennis Dart SLF R150 RLY in use in all white

**SD Travel:** Arthur has noted they are now running Armadale to Livingston with ex Swanbrook Mercedes-Benz / Alexander ALX100 minibus R113 NTA

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## England

**Andybus (Dauntsey):** Optare Solo YJ05 WCD, which passed to East Sussex County Council, Lewes in November from Countryliner, Guildford has arrived here and was noted at the depot at Aston Grey on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Mercedes-Benz 0814D VU03 ZPY is now with Faresaver, Chippenham

**Avalon (Glastonbury):** Acquired from McColl, Dumbarton in October was PN07 EHP MAN R33 / Marcopolo C53F.

**Beacon Bus (Dolton):** Acquired in October was N26 EYB Bova FHD12.340 / Bova Futura C49FT.

**Belfitt (Cinderford):** Acquired back in July was DF 51AKV Irisbus / Beulas C51FT, which came from Joplin, Tittleshall.

**Big Lemon (Brighton):** Dennis Dart M461 LLJ has been re-registered M710 XJK and has gone to Erith Commercials, Dartford for scrap.

**Blackpool Transport:** The first of several former Isle of Man Dennis Tridents has arrived, now numbered 343 and registered as H1 FBT.

**Bob's Bus (Gloucester):** New here is W861 ABA (ex C18 BSS, PKZ 3296, 00 KK 3094) As you can see, a well travelled MAN 13.220 Noge C37FT which has come from Bolton School, Bolton in September.

**Brijan Tours (Curdrige):** Leyland Olympian 108 G300 UYK has been reregistered CRZ 9108.

**Carmel Coaches (Northlew):** Acquired from Smith, Bristol is A9 UOD (ex M739 RCP) DAF SB3000 / Van Hool C55F, while R530 HDE Volvo B10M-62 / Caetano C53F has come from Warren, Neath.

**Centrebus (Yorkshire):** Optare Solo 233 (YJ51 XSH) is now operating with the Huddersfield Bus Co replacing Dennis Dart SLF / Marshall 515 (R711 MEW) which has been sold for scrap.

**Chalkwell (Sittingbourne):** Scania K114IB / Irizar BR02 HCR has been re-registered 820 YKE.

**Connect (Jarrow):** New here in Nexus livery are Optare Solo M880 YJ61 JHV and M780SE YJ61 JHX.

**Colefordian (Coalway):** YXI 3056 (ex F734 ENE) Volvo B10M-60 / Van Hool has gone to Brent Thomas (Tonypandy)

**Compass Bus (Worthing):** Acquired from Veolia Cymru via Ensign, Purfleet is Optare Solo CN06 BXP.

**Cotswold Green (Nailsworth):** Acquired back in September from Chepstow Classic was L329 YKV Mercedes-Benz 709D / Alexander B23F. Going the other way in the same month was N963 NAP, a similar vehicle.

**Countryliner (Guildford):** Acquired from H&S, Heathfield in August was M745 RCP DAF SB3000 / Van Hool C55F. In November the company acquired ex Metroline Dennis Dart SLF / Plaxton Pointer 2 B27D single decks Y248 NLK, Y656 NLO and Y657 NLO (ex DP55-57). Optare Solo YJ05 WCD was returned to East Sussex County Council, Lewes in November.

**Courtney Buses (Bracknell):** Acquired from London General is PJ02 PZT Dennis Trident / Plaxton President. Meanwhile, ADL Enviro 200's KX08 HMD and KX08 HME, along with ADL Enviro 300's RX06 XFD and RX06 XFE have all returned to Dawson Rentals, off lease. The Enviro 300s have since passed to Veolia, Aston's at Worcester. Wright Streetlite demonstrator MX11 EGE was in use here in early December.

**Crawley Luxury Coaches (Crawley):** Acquired from Hookways, Meeth is HIL 7746 (ex MF 51 MBU) Volvo B10M-62 / Plaxton C49FT and acquired from Tellings Golden Miller is P272 HBC (ex 3401 MW, P10 TGM) Volvo B10M-62 / Van Hool C32FT. They will no doubt soon acquire CLC cherished registrations.

**Dartline Coaches (Clyst St Mary):** Acquired from Crooke & Savery, Swarcliffe is L555 RCC (ex T724 JHE) Scania L94IB / Irizar C49FT. Further acquisitions include YN53 GFK, since re-registered to C111 EFS, Scania K124EB / Irizar C34F from Kings Ferry, and YJ57 XXC Optare Solo Optare B25F from Henderson Travel, Hamilton.

**Dorset Heritage (Holton Heath):** Vehicles traced with new owners include:

150 (LV52 HHE), 151 (LV52 HHN) Dennis Trident Alexander now with M Travel, Normanton

210 JFR 10W (ex R689 MEW), 212 JFR 13W (ex X242 ABU) Dennis Dart SLF / Marshall, now with Moon & Benney, Bodmin

802 (G832 GSX), 807 (G807 GSX) Leyland Olympian / Alexander, now with Longthorne, Leadenham

811 (J861 TSC) Leyland Olympian / Alexander, now with McEwen, Mansfield

J812 GCW Leyland Olympian now with Ace Travel, Beeding

**Emsworth & District (Southbourne):** New here is an ex Eavesway, Ashton-in-Makerfield Van Hool T917 YJ05 PVY

24 <sup>th</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>	Acton, London Transport Museum Guided Tours
25 <sup>th</sup>	Chesterfield & Lincoln, Enthusiasts tour to PC Coaches (Lincoln)
26 <sup>th</sup>	Derby, (Harpurs Depot) 7AM trip to Swansea Bus Museum for Running Day
26 <sup>th</sup>	Swansea Bus Museum, AEC Regent V Running Day

## Ensignbus

### Vehicles In

Arriva TOLST: Metrobuses E770 JAR: E771 JAR: E773JAR: D675YNO:  
 Arriva the Shires: DAF SB3000's R909 BKO: R454 SKX: M949LYR: Merc 709's N908 ETM: N912 ETM:  
 Stagecoach Western: Volvo B10M P149ASA:  
 London General: Darts Y907 TGH: T967 TGH: T968 TGH: T969 TGH: T971 TGH T972 TGH: T973 TGH:  
 T974 TGH: T975 TGH: T976 TGH: T977 TGH: T978 TGH: S115 EGK: S117 EGK:  
 Metroline: Tridents T73 KLD: T124 KLD: T125KLD:  
 Darts Y154 NLK: Y159 NLK: Y261 NLK: Y263 NLK: Y265 NLK:  
 Sovereign Buses: Darts V801 KAG: V802 KAG: Y536 XAG: Y543 XAG: Y544 XAG: Y547 XAG: Y548 XAG:  
 Rotala: Mercedes T454 HNH: T471 HNH: S547 BNV: S552 BNV: V394 SVV:  
 Reading Buses: Darts NK55 KBU: AE06 ZBR: AE06 ZBT:  
 Yellow Buses: Volvo B12B's HF54 JUJ: HF54 JUO:  
 Veolia: Volvo B12B's CN54 HFG: CN55 MUE: FJ55 XBA: FA04 LJK: FA04 LJL: FD54 DHN:  
 FD54 DHO: FJ54 ZDG: FJ54 ZDK: Primo CN57 EFG:  
 Scania's YN04 GPV: YN05 WJU:  
 SM Coaches: DAF SB220's R396 XDA: R397XDA:

### Vehicles out

Routemaster 253UXO (RML892) : *Direct Stairlifts Ltd, Ollerton, Nottingham.*  
 Olympian C27 CHM: *29 Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps, Cirencester.*  
 Mercedes N416 WVR: N419WVR: BIG9679: *Mr Fraser, Lindem, Guyana.*  
 Javelin N865 XMO: N866 XMO: *SDR Coach Help, Sible Hedingham.*  
 Javelin S610 VAY and Volvo B10M R200 STL: *EJ Lewis, Swansea.*  
 Dublin Olympian 97-D-344 now P786SWC *with Roadrunner Coaches, Harlow.*  
 Dublin Olympian 97-D-360 now R363LHK *with D and E Coaches, Inverness.*  
 Dublin Olympian 97-D-361 now R342LHK *with D and E Coaches, Inverness.*  
 Dublin Olympian 97-D-365 now R358LHK *with D and E Coaches, Inverness.*  
 Dublin Olympian 97-D-372 now R367LHK *with D and E Coaches, Inverness.*  
 Dublin Olympian 97-D-377 now R364LHK *with D and E Coaches, Inverness.*  
 Dublin Olympian 97-D-378 now R340LHK *with D and E Coaches, Inverness.*  
 Mercs T454 HNH: T471HNH: S547 BNV: S552 BNV: *Uslugi Transport, Dukla, Poland.*  
 Volvo B10M P134 XCN: *Hawkes Coaches, Derby.*  
 Volvo B10M's P853 GND: P855 GND: *D and E Coaches, Inverness.*  
 Volvo B10M's R82 SEF: L125 NAO: *SDR Coach Help, Sible Hedingham.*  
 DAF's R909 BKO: R454 SKX: *SDR Coach Help, Sible Hedingham.*  
 Trident T124 KLD: *Geoff Ripley, Barnsley.*  
 Dublin B6 00-D-70022 now X58CHJ *with Aintree Coaches.*  
 Dublin B6 00-D-70031 now X59CHJ *with Aintree Coaches.*  
 Darts S103 EGK: S107 EGK: *Silcox Coaches, Pembroke Dock.*  
 Darts V125 GBY: W143 WGT: *Galleon 2009, Harlow.*  
 Darts V189 ERG: V191 ERG: V193 ERG: *SM Coaches, Harlow.*  
 Darts Y154 NLK: Y159 NLK: Y261 NLK: Y263 NLK: Y265 NLK: *Valero Energy Ltd, Pembroke.*  
 Darts Y656 NLO: Y657 NLO: Y157 NLK: Y248NLK: *Countryliner, Guildford.*  
 Darts Y671 JSG: Y291 FJN: *South West Coaches, Yeovil.*  
 Darts CN04 NLM: Y376 FJN: *Tates Travel, Barnsley.*  
 Darts AE06 ZBR: AE06 ZBT: *Central Buses, Birmingham.*  
 Scania's YN04 GPV: YN04 GPF: *Roadrunner Coaches, Harlow.*  
 Scania YN04 WJU: *Mayne's Coaches, Manchester.*  
 Volvo B12B's FA04 LJK: FA04 LJL: FD54 DHN: FD54 DHO: FJ54 ZDG: FJ54 ZDK: *Rotala.*

# Gallery



**Front cover:** Seen here at Piccadilly Gardens Manchester, in the green hybrid version of the Stagecoach livery, about to head out to Stockport on one of its usual haunts - the 42 service - is Stagecoach Manchester ADL Enviro 400 electric hybrid 12053 (Gez)  
**Rear cover upper:** On an autumn visit to Fleetwood Market is YJ10 LYX an impressive Van Hool T917 belonging to Wilfreda Beehive (Ian Roberts)  
**Rear Cover Lower** A scene that is fast disappearing now, a London Bus in a livery that is more than just red. Seen here on London United TLA1 after just dropping its last passengers at its Piccadilly terminus (Mike Prentice)