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Changes to routes 45, 59 and 118 from 1st February resulted in the disappearance of the 118 route number from the area after 89 years. Cowie South London MCW Metrobus M399 picks up passengers on Morden station forecourt on 31st May 1997.
(Mike Harris)



Friday 17th January saw another route number disappear from the TfL network, with the withdrawal of the infrequent 347 (Romford station to Ockendon station via Harold Wood). Arriva London ENL111 was photographed in Hall Lane, Upminster on 4th December 2021.
(Martin Ruthe)



Metrobus have received six E200MMCs on loan from Dawson Rentals to help cover for the temporary unavailability of Wrightbus Hydroliners (6401-23). They are in all-over white, except 6762, formerly with Hulleys of Baslow, whose livery it retains, with the addition of an old style Metrobus fleetname. Seen here on route 21 in London Road, Dorking on 28th January.
(Terry O'Neill)



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Later closing dates are 2Apr, 7May, 4Jun, 2Jul, 6Aug, 3Sep, 1Oct, 5Nov and 3Dec.

Cover Photos

Front: From 18th January, Go-Ahead London were successful in winning the TfL contracts for routes 99, 269 and 401 at the expense of Arriva London. Until the arrival of new Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliners, a mix of existing E/WVL/WVN diesels will be used. WVN11 on route 269 in Albion Road, approaches Bexleyheath Broadway on the first day. (*Martin Ruthe*)

Back: Thames Valley E400-City 795 has been repainted from Green Line colours into a variation of the generic livery, but with route branding for services 194 (Bracknell - Camberley) and 703 (Bracknell - Heathrow T5). It is seen here on route 703 in Maidenhead Road, Windsor on 27th October 2024. (*Mark Lyons*)

Editorial

My mention of **Julian Bowden-Green** last month requires some clarification. Although he has “returned to service”, he has not resumed the role of Membership Secretary. Nigel Humphries, who stepped in last year when Julian was taken ill, has agreed to continue in that role. The contact e-mail address has remained the same throughout (lotsmemsec@gmail.com). As with several other people on the LOTS team, Julian’s functions included much more than was implied by his “job title”. It is these other “back office” aspects - perhaps invisible to members but still essential to the running of the society - that Julian has resumed.

LOTS Meetings

We now meet at The Gallery at 77 Cowcross Street, Farringdon. It is a 3-min walk from Farringdon Station (Met/H&C/Circle lines, Thameslink plus Elizabeth line) and buses 40, 63 and 341 stop nearby on Farringdon Road. Doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

On **12th May** Keith Wood will give a photo show entitled “40 years as a Bus Nut”!

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **16th June**. Later meetings are provisionally booked for 29th September and 24th (not 4th!) November. Details nearer the time.

Coming Events (LSS = LOTS Sales Stand due to attend).

Below is a list of bus events in and around London for the first half 2025. Only basic information is given. Check future TLBs (or the internet) for more details.

~~Sun 23rd Feb~~ ~~Winter Bus Running Day at the Epping Ongar Railway~~ **CANCELLED**

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| Sat 1st Mar | Shoreham Transport Fair at The Shoreham Centre, 2 Pond Street, Shoreham BN43 5WU. 10:00 to 15:30 |
| Sat 15th Mar | Transport & Toy Enthusiast’s Bazaar at Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell KT17 1UF. 10:00 to 14:30, £3 entry. |
| Sun 23rd Mar | Wood Green Running Day with workings over routes 29, 121, 144, 233/W3 and Eastern National 251. |
| Sun 23rd Mar | West Surrey Running Day, Guildford by the Southern Bus Preservation Group. |
| Sat 29th Mar | Route 19 (Finsbury Park to Battersea) Running Day by the London Bus Museum. |
| Sun 30th Mar | Classic buses from Rickmansworth to Loudwater Village, Amersham and District Motor Bus Society. |
| Sat 5th Apr | South East Bus Festival at The Kent Showground, Detling. 10:00 to 16:00. LSS . |
| Sun 13th Apr | London Bus Museum, Brooklands, Spring Gathering LSS . |
| 4th-6th Apr | Open Days at LT Museum Depot, Acton. 10:30 to 17:00. £15-£19 entry. |
| Sun 27th Apr | LT Country Bus Rally at East Grinstead. |
| Sat 3rd May | Theydon Bois Transport Bazaar, Theydon Bois Village Hall, CM16 7ER. 11:00 to 15:00, £3 entry. |
| Sun 1st Jun | Classic buses from Dorking bus station, Amersham and District Motor Bus Society. |
| Sat 7th Jun | Transport & Toy Enthusiast’s Bazaar at Ewell (as per 15th Mar). |
| Sun 8th Jun | Free heritage operation on London bus route 418 Kingston - Epsom. 10:00 to 17:00. |
| Sun 22nd Jun | London Bus Museum, Brooklands, Summer Festival. |
| 27th-29th Jun | Open Days at LT Museum Depot, Acton. 10:30 to 17:00. £15-£19 entry. |
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LOTS Postal Sales

An updated sales list was included in the November 2024 TLB.

The newest LOTS items:

- **London Bus Review 2023** (£18.50). 80 well-illustrated pages covering bus developments (both routes and vehicles) through the year. View sample pages at www.ltsv.com/lots/
- **London Bus Magazine No.210 Winter 2024** (£6.00). Features include Green Line since 1970 (Part 6: 2011-2022), Weekend Service (in 1976), Centenary of the London Traffic Act and Why was the Bluebird blue?
- **London Route Review 1946-1952** (£18.00). A4 glossy 172 pages. Third volume in this series, with full details of all changes to Central Area bus, tram and trolleybus routes during this period, including garage/depot allocations and vehicle types for bus routes. Includes 47 black & white photos, with three historic colour photos on the cover. View sample pages at www.ltsv.com/lots/
- **SUP-45B London Bus Garages - Allocation and Routes** (£6.00). List of all London bus garages with route and bus allocations as at August 2024. 60 pages with 8 colour photos.
- **SUP-46A London Transport Trolleybuses - Allocations and Disposals 1948-1962** (only available as a free digital download from www.ltsv.com/lots/). Allocation histories and disposals for all LT trolleybuses. 102 pages.
- **SUP-47A London's Advert Buses 1969-2024** (£8.00). All known all-over advert buses in the London area. Over 1000 buses and over 4000 adverts listed. 76 pages, 18 colour photos.
- **London Bus and Tram Fleetbook 2024** (£8.50).
- **SUP-39D TfL's Bus Operators - Fleet Allocations and PVRs** (£5.50). As at 6th March 2024.

New and recent titles from other publishers:

- **London Transport's Service Fleet** by Mick Webber. £35.00 (Bowden Publishing). A4 hardback, 160 pages. Looking at the service vehicle fleet from the 1920s to the 1970s with numerous photos (some previously unpublished), location plans and contemporary documents.
 - **The RTW Class** by Tony Beard and James Whiting. £19.95 (Capital Transport). 96 pages
 - **The Spread of London's Underground – 4th Edition** by Tim Demuth. £9.95 (Capital Transport). Mapping the changes to the LU network from its beginnings in 1863. 32 pages
 - **London Overground Walks** by Jeff Lock. £9.95 (Capital Transport). Details of walks starting from 22 of the stations. 96 pages
 - **London Underground Station Encyclopedia - 2nd Edition** by David Leboff. £50.00 (Capital Transport). A very large book (416 pages, 1,000 photos) with histories and details of all 272 London Underground stations.
 - **Trolleybus Operations Vol. 1** by Keith Farrow, Chris Holland & Roger Smith. £45.00 (Trolleybooks). 312 pages with 230 photos, 250 diagrams and over 350 maps. First of two volumes, it deals with the history of the introduction of trolleybuses in London, the pioneering LUT system and the development and operation of the network in south and west London.
 - **A World of Wheels** by Clive Birch. £25.00 (Barron Books of Buckingham). An illustrated history of the family and firm of Birch Bros Ltd, pioneers of stage carriage, Royal Mails, bus, coach and taxicab.
 - **Served by Southdown** by Stewart J. Brown and Chris Warren. £35.00 (Heathfield Publishing). 144 pages, photos from the 1950s and 1960s with detailed captions.
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GENERAL and INDUSTRY NEWS

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National News, TfL and Politics

Announcements by Chancellor of the Exchequer Rachel Reeves on 29th January indicated Government support for several major transport infrastructure schemes. These included:

A third runway at Heathrow which would be built to the north and involves a realignment of the M25 with a new road tunnel. A formal decision in the form of a Development Consent Order could take up to two years unless the Government changes the rules. This is likely to be subject to judicial review so it could be several years before work starts with completion unlikely before 2040. The scheme is opposed by Mayor of London Sadiq Khan and various environmental groups.

A second runway at Gatwick. These plans are more advanced and could be given the go-ahead by the Secretary of State for Transport within weeks. The scheme just involves moving the parallel northern runway, currently used by taxiing aircraft or when the main runway is out of use. However, any expansion here will be opposed by environmental groups and local residents living under the flight path.

The Lower Thames Crossing which would link the A2 with the A13 and M25, taking traffic under the Thames east of Gravesend and Tilbury and joining the M25 at a new junction near North Ockendon. The 14 mile long road is intended to relieve congestion at the Dartford Crossing. It is estimated to cost £9 billion and is expected to be approved in the next few weeks. If this happens the new road could be completed by 2031/32.

The Chancellor said the Government has already approved plans to increase capacity at **London City Airport and Stansted Airport**. Further afield are schemes to create a ‘Silicon Valley’ corridor between Oxford and Cambridge and a regeneration of the Old Trafford area in Greater Manchester. There was no mention of any bus or local rail based schemes.

Transport for London celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. The London Transport Museum will host events to mark the anniversary during the year and a silver roundel will mark the anniversary. TfL Commissioner Andy Lord highlighted improvements including The Elizabeth line - now the busiest rail service in the country, London Trams and the Overground network, Oyster cards, Pay as You Go contactless, the cycle hire scheme and the world’s largest 24 hour Ultra Low Emission zone. The entire bus fleet was made accessible with wheelchair access available on all vehicles by 2005. This coincided with the last traditional Routemasters being withdrawn from the main bus network. TfL also played an important role ensuring the London 2012 Olympic Games were a big success.

TfL is launching new **Superloop consultations**. The first of these is for the BL1, a new Superloop route which follows the alignment of the proposed Bakerloo line extension between Elephant & Castle and Lewisham. The BL1 would start at Waterloo to provide interchange with other Underground and rail lines and bus routes, with stops at Elephant & Castle, Burgess Park, Old Kent Road, New Cross Gate and Lewisham Station, terminating in Lewisham town centre. Buses would run every 12 minutes. It is suggested that seats on BL1 buses will feature Bakerloo line style moquette. Consultations are also to be launched shortly for new routes SL11 Abbey Wood - Thamesmead - Woolwich - North Greenwich and SL12 Gants Hill - Romford - Elm Park - Rainham, Ferry Lane as part of Superloop 2 Expansion Programme.

Corporate and company news

Further to TLB 725, I should clarify that while **Reliance Motor Services** has been sold to Transdev Blazefield, services from York to Easingwold and Thirsk became part of the York & Country brand operated from Transdev's York depot from 19th January. Eleven buses were expected to be transferred to Transdev but Reliance continues to exist and still operates most of its school services.

First Group has purchased Irish operator **Matthews Coach Hire** which is based near Dundalk in County Monaghan. The deal involves around 40 vehicles including two recently purchased battery-electric coaches. Matthews Coach Hire operated six commercial commuter routes between Dundalk, Drogheda and Dublin.

Other General News

Franchising is being recommended in Cambridge & Peterborough following voting at the Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority on 24th January. A consultation resulted in 63% of respondents supporting the proposal. The local Mayor will now decide whether to proceed. Delaine Buses and Stephenson's of Essex are strongly opposed to franchising but Whippet Bus, which runs services on the Cambridge busway, is in favour. Delaine's long established routes into Lincolnshire are exempt from the franchising proposals. Stephenson's says franchising will not solve the issues of congestion, bus infrastructure, road space allocation and low parking charges and questions whether the Combined Authority has the skills, resources and finances to deliver all the changes necessary.

In South Yorkshire a consultation on franchising closed on 15th January with over 7,000 responses received. A report recommending whether to proceed will be produced in spring 2025. Meanwhile in **West Yorkshire**, Leeds City Council and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority are reviewing operation of the A64 guided busway. Proposals are likely to recommend replacing the guided busway with segregated bus lanes which all buses can use.

Wrightbus has launched a new range of battery electric vehicles as part of a deal with Chinese manufacturer King Long. There will be two buses, in 6-metre and 9-metre lengths as well as a 7.5 tonne truck. The buses will be produced in China and will be sold under a new mobility brand called Rightec which will exclusively sell battery electric vehicles.

As south Londoners bemoaned the loss of the 118 in January, Dubliners lost the long-established and much cherished **46A route between Phoenix Park, City Centre and Dun Laoghaire** which had been serving the capital city since 1926. On 26th January it was replaced by a new 24-hour service E2 as part of Transport for Ireland's Bus Connects Redesign scheme. This introduced several new (and rather long) cross city links.

TfL is installing over a hundred new bus shelters in the Borough of Croydon. Not really a news item you might think, except that back in 2021 Croydon Council signed a contract worth £6.8 million with a firm called VALO Smart City based in the USA to install new shelters, but none appeared. Several existing shelters were removed in anticipation leaving passengers cold and wet. It transpired that VALO had never installed bus shelters anywhere in the UK, despite attractive mock-ups and the contract has now been terminated, so TfL is having to step in at a cost of £3.2 million.

Mick Lynch, General Secretary of the RMT Union has announced his retirement from the biggest rail workers union. He is best known for leading rail disputes during the last Government which made him unpopular in certain quarters. However, in recent years he became a bit of a media hero for his dry sense of humour, especially when confronted with ill-informed politicians and journalists.

I sometimes finish this section with a short obituary for someone well known in the bus industry but this month I would like to pay tribute to a local journalist here in Brighton, **Adam Trimmingham** who passed away recently. Adam was an outstanding writer; he was born in London but spent most of his career working for the Brighton Argus. A regular bus user and cyclist, he always wrote informative, well-balanced articles and promoted buses whenever he could. Roger French knew him well and has written an excellent obituary in his blog busandtrainUser.com.

We should also mark the passing in December of **George Watson**, who was the first General Manager of bus company Clydeside Scottish when it was formed in 1985. George was the driving force behind the re-introduction of crew operation using former London Transport Routemasters, and within a couple of years a fleet of 80 such buses was amassed, with other local operators such as Kelvin Scottish following suit. He later worked at Stagecoach, Sheffield Omnibus and Dart Buses, and became a transport consultant. George also owned three Routemasters (including the first one that went to Clydeside, RM652), was one of the founders of the Routemaster Operators and Owners Association, and wrote several books including the children’s “Rodney the Routemaster” series.

GREATER LONDON AREA - Route Developments

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LONDON BUSES - TENDERED ROUTES UPDATE

Route	Current Operator	Award	Start date and award length	Tranche
138	Go-Ahead Metrobus (MB)	Awarded to Stagecoach Selkent using existing diesel single-decks. PVR 3.	15th March 2025, 5 years	#910
285/=	Transport UK (TF)	Retained by Transport UK using existing hybrid double-decks. PVR 15 to 16.	28th June 2025, 3 years	#925
318	Arriva London North (AR)	Awarded to Go-Ahead London General using existing diesel single-decks. PVR 9.	8th November 2025, 3 years.	#936
324	Metroline Travel (W)	Retained by Metroline Travel using existing diesel single-decks. PVR 7.	25th October 2025, 3 years.	#936
326	London Sovereign (BT)	Retained by London Sovereign using existing diesel single-decks. PVR 15.	26th July 2025, 3 years	#926
H25	Transport UK (TF)	Retained by Transport UK using existing diesel single-decks. PVR 9 to 10.	15th November 2025, 3 years.	#941

An update to the tendering programme: Two new routes, BL1 and SL12 have been added to the tendering programme as supplementary tranches #948A and #954A (in the 2026/27 tendering programme, the first part is listed below). (*See consultations, later.*)

A correction to a typo last month, route 202 PVR is 15 to 16.

The 2024/25 tendering programme, is now complete.

The 2025/26 tendering programme, in full, is now as follows. Note that, as no 2-year extensions are due to be awarded in future, we no longer show them.

Tranche No. and start dates	Routes out on offer (with current operators)
#914 (4-5/25)	424, 485 (G-A London General)
#919 (05/25)	386 (G-A London Central)
#921 (06/25)	106 (G-A London General)
#925 (06/25)	105/=, K2 (London United)
#930A (09/25)	605, 606 (Metroline Travel)
#931 (8-10/25)	224 (London United)
#934 (09/25)	246, 356 (S'ch Selkent), 352, 354 (G-A Metrobus)
#934A (11/25)	217 (G-A London General)
#935 (9-10/25)	165, 179, 193, 252, 256, 365, 385 (S'ch East London)
#935A (09/25)	248 (Arriva LN)
#936 (10/11/25)	144 (Arriva LN), 699 (UNO)
#937 (10/25)	173/673, 174/674, 296, 496 (S'ch East London)
#937A (10/25)	149/= (Arriva LN)
#938 (10/25-1/26)	649/650/651 (G-A Blue Triangle), 675 (Arriva LN)
#939 (10/25)	654 (G-A Metrobus)
#939A (10/25)	220/= (London United)
#940 (11/25)	12/= (G-A London Central)
#940A (11/25)	453/= (G-A London Central)
#941A (11/25)	969 (Transport UK)
#942 (11-12/25)	79 (London Sovereign), 292 (Metroline Travel), 452 (London Transit)
#943 (11-12/25)	S1 (G-A Metrobus), S4 (Transport UK)
#944 (12/25)	51, 178, 244, 291, B11 (G-A London Central)
#945 (12/25)	R5/R10, R7 (G-A Metrobus)
#946 (01/26)	469, B12 (G-A London Central), B15 (Arriva LN)
#947 (1-2/26)	96 (S'ch Selkent), 229, 428, 492 (Arriva LN), 486/= (G-A London Central)
#947A (01/26)	472/= (S'ch Selkent)
#948 (1-2/26)	43/=, 134/= (Metroline Travel), 184 (G-A London General), 616 (S'ch East London)
#948A (TBA)	BL1 (New Route: Waterloo - Lewisham 'Bakerloop')
#949 (02/26)	3/N3 (Transport UK), 122 (S'ch Selkent)
#950 (2-3/26)	123/=, 158/=, SL2 (Arriva LN), 275, 372 (S'ch East London)
#951 (03/26)	317 (Metroline Travel), 456 (G-A London General)
#952 (03/26)	162 (G-A Metrobus), 367 (Transport UK), 484 (G-A London Central)
#953 (03/26)	493 (G-A London General)

The first part of the 2026/27 tendering programme, is listed below:

Tranche No. and start dates	Routes out on offer (with current operators)
#954 (04/26)	207/N207 (Transport UK), SL8 (Metroline West)
#954A (TBA)	SL12 (New Route - TBA)

ROUTE AND SERVICE CHANGES

Saturday 11th January 2025: Temporary timetables on 16, 328 revert to normal.

- 29 (*Arriva London North-WN*) (Wood Green Station & Trafalgar Square) and
N29 (*Arriva London North-WN*) (Enfield, Little Park Gardens & Trafalgar Square) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 36/= (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (New Cross Garage & Queens Park Station) Revised daily timetables, contract timetables introduced early. Peckham (PM) garage once operated some night journeys but these were withdrawn some years ago, sorry! (*see also 8th February*).
- 51 (*Go-Ahead London Central-BX*) (Woolwich, High Street & Orpington Station) Re-allocated to Morden Wharf (MG) garage.
- 141 (*Arriva London North-AD*) (Palmers Green, North Circular Road & London Bridge Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 7 years using new ED-class electric BYD B11E02 double-decks in due course.
- 244 (*Go-Ahead London Central-BX*) (Woolwich, Common, Queen Elizabeth Hospital & Abbey Wood Station) Re-allocated to Morden Wharf (MG) garage.
- 323 (*Stagecoach East London-WH*) (Mile End Station & Canning Town, Bus Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 7 years using existing AD E20D Enviro200D diesel single-decks. Although awarded on existing electric single-decks, these currently have been re-allocated for conversion to the Silvertown bike service.
- 329 (*Arriva London North-WN*) (Turnpike Lane Station & Enfield, Little Park Gardens) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 5 years using existing HV-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-decks. Mon-Sat daytime frequency reduced from x7½ to x8mins.

PVR changes Saturday 11th January 2025:

- Arriva London North: 329 to 14/14/14 #WN181+, No change to 29/N29, 141 PVRs;
Go-Ahead London Central: 36 to 29/28/18 #NX1+, =36 to 5 nightly #NX121+ (^36),
51 to 20/20/12 #MG51+, 244 to 12/12/8 #MG321+;
Metroline Travel: 16 to 15/14/11 #W51+, 328 to 19/19/16 #W351+;
Stagecoach East London: No change to 323 PVRs.

Saturday 18th January 2025: Widened timetable for route 7 for Westway works. Temporary timetable on 390 reverts to normal.

- 99 (Woolwich, High Street & Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Go-Ahead London Central for 7 years from Bexleyheath (BX) garage using new electric DEL-class Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner double-decks in due course, later in Summer 2025, initially using a mix of existing E/WVL/WVN-class diesel double-decks. Previously operated by *Arriva London North* from Dartford (DT) garage using a mix of T-class AD E40D Enviro400 and DW-class Wrightbus DB300 Gemini 2 double-decks.
- 198 (*Arriva London South-TH*) (Thornton Heath, High Street & Shrublands, Bramble Close) Buses to operate this route moved to Norwood (N) garage, but still operated by staff from Thornton Heath (TH) garage. This is similar to the arrangement that happened when Arriva London South operated the 157 a few years ago.
- 269 (Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre & Bromley North Station) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Go-Ahead London Central for 7 years from Bexleyheath (BX) garage using new electric DEL-class Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner double-decks in due course, later in Summer 2025, initially using a mix of existing E/WVL/WVN-class diesel double-decks. Previously
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- operated by *Arriva London North* from Dartford (DT) garage using a mix of T-class AD E40D Enviro400 and DW-class Wrightbus DB300 Gemini 2 double-decks.
- 273 (*Stagecoach Selkent-TL*) (Lewisham, Tesco & Petts Wood Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years using existing diesel single-decks. Note that a re-routing in the Grove Park area is under consultation.
- 347 (*Arriva London North-GY*) (Romford Station & Ockendon Station, Mon-Sat shopping hours) ROUTE WITHDRAWN.
- 401 (Thamesmead, Town Centre & Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Go-Ahead London Central for 7 years from Bexleyheath (BX) garage using new electric DEL-class Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner double-decks in due course, later in Summer 2025, initially using a mix of existing E/WVL/WVN-class diesel double-decks. Previously operated by *Arriva London North* from Dartford (DT) garage using a mix of T-class AD E40D Enviro400 and DW-class Wrightbus DB300 Gemini 2 double-decks.
- 422 (*Stagecoach Selkent-PD*) (North Greenwich Station & Bexleyheath, Shopping Centre) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years using existing diesel double-decks.
- B16 (*Go-Ahead London Central-BX*) (Kidbrooke, Wingfield School & Bexleyheath Garage) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 7 years using new electric SEL-class Wrightbus GB Kite single-decks in due course, later in Summer 2025, initially using the current allocation of SE-class AD E20D Enviro diesel single-decks.
- N18 (*London United-RP*) (Trafalgar Square & Harrow Weald Garage) Nightly frequency on both the full route and short workings from Trafalgar Square to Sudbury & Harrow Road Station increased from x30 to x15 mins.
- SL3 (*Stagecoach Selkent-TB*) (Bromley North Station & Thamesmead, Town Centre, Limited Stop) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 7 years using new AD Enviro400EV electric double-decks in due course.

PVR changes Saturday 18th January 2025:

Arriva London North: 99, 269, 347, 401 Withdrawn.

Arriva London South: 198 no change to PVRs or TH running numbers but buses allocated to N;

Go-Ahead London Central: 99 to 14/13/11 #BX131+, 269 to 13/12/9 #BX161+,
401 to 8/7/4 #BX151+, B11 links from B16 withdrawn, B16 to 10/10/6 #BX251+;

London United: N18 to 13 Su-ThN/31 Fr-SaN #RP251+ (^18) No change to 18 PVRs.
(No, 31 isn't a typo! Daytime buses from route 18 run on the night services and include vehicles for meal-relief breaks!)

Metroline Travel: No change to 7 PVRs, 390 to 21/20/16 #HT91+;

Stagecoach Selkent: 273 to 9/9/8 #TL51+, 422 to 17+/18/14 #PD201 (+1/669),
SL3 to 15/15/15 #TB231+.

Saturday 1st February 2025: Widened timetables for 223, 487 and H17 for Wembley roadworks.

- 41 (*Arriva London North-AR*) (Archway Station & Tottenham Hale Station) and
N41 (*Arriva London North-AR*) (Trafalgar Square & Tottenham Hale Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 7 years using new EZ-class Volvo BZL/MCV electric double-decks in due course. Frequency increased on route 41 Sunday early AM from x20 to x12 mins and Sunday daytimes from x10 to x8 mins.
- 45 (*Transport UK-WL*) (Clapham Park, Atkins Road & Elephant & Castle) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 5 years using existing AD40H Enviro400H hybrid double-decks. Route withdrawn between Elephant & Castle and Camberwell Green, Denmark Hill. Re-routed at
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- Streatham Hill via Streatham High Road, Streatham Common, Manor Road, Commonsidge East, Mitcham, Wandle Road to terminate at Morden Station, replacing route 118. Buses stand in WL except early Mon-Sat, all day Sundays and evenings when buses turn out of service at Camberwell via Camberwell New Road, Medler Street and Camberwell Road.
- 59 (*Arriva London South-BN*) (St.Bartholomew’s Hospital & Streatham Hill, Telford Avenue) Rerouted at Streatham High Road/Brixton Hill via Streatham Place to terminate at Clapham Park, Atkins Road.
- 98 (*Metroline Travel-AC*) (Holborn, Red Lion Square & Willesden Garage) and
 N98 (*Metroline Travel-AC/HD*) (Holborn, Red Lion Square & Stanmore Station).
 N98 fully re-allocated from Willesden (AC) garage to Harrow Weald (HD) garage. Some late journeys on route 98 will therefore be operated by Harrow Weald (HD) garage.
- 109 (*Transport UK-BC*) (Brixton Station & Croydon, Town Centre) and
 N109 (*Transport UK-BC*) (Oxford Circus & Croydon, Town Centre) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 118 (*Go-Ahead London General-SW*) (Morden Station & Brixton Station) ROUTE WITHDRAWN, Replaced by an extension of route 45.
- 121 (*Arriva London North-E*) (Turnpike Lane Station & Enfield Island Village) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years using existing DW-class Wrightbus DB300 Gemini 2 diesel double-decks. Frequency increased Sunday shopping hours from x15 to x10 mins.
- 125 (*London Sovereign-BT*) (Colindale Station & Winchmore Hill, Station Road) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years using existing BCE-class BYD D8UR Enviro400EV electric double-decks. Revised daily timetables for running time and reliability.
- 149/= (*Arriva London North-AR*) (London Bridge Station & Edmonton Green Station) Revised daily schedules for increased running time and reliability.
- 153 (Finsbury Park Station & Liverpool Street Station) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Metroline Travel for 7 years from Holloway (HT) garage using new WSE-class Wrightbus GB Kite Electroliner single-deck vehicles, although initially intended for route 143. Daily daytime frequency reduced from x12 to x15 mins. Previously operated by *Go-Ahead London General* from Waterloo (RA) garage using SEe-class BYD D9UR Enviro200EV electric single-decks.
- 220/= (*London United-RP*) (Harlesden, Willesden Junction & Wandsworth, Southside Shopping Centre) Revised daily and nightly schedules for running time and reliability.
- 258 (Watford Junction & South Harrow Station) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Metroline Travel for 3 years from Harrow Weald (HD) garage using existing TE-class and VW-class diesel and VWH-class hybrid double-decks. Sunday daytime frequency increased from x30 to x20 mins. Previously operated by *London United* from Park Royal (RP) garage using ADE-class AD40D Enviro400 diesel double-decks.
- 299 (*Go-Ahead London General-NP*) (Muswell Hill Broadway & Cockfosters Station) LBSL (QC) contract renewed for 7 years using existing SE-class AD E20D Enviro diesel single-decks initially, but with new electric single-decks (type TBA) in due course by Autumn 2025. Operated by *Go-Ahead London General* on a temporary basis since 3rd August 2024, using WS-class Wrightbus StreetLite diesel single-decks. This route, cross-linked with routes 389/399, had previously been operated by *Sullivan Buses*.
- 343 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (Aldgate Station & New Cross, Jerningham Road) and
 N343 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (Trafalgar Square & New Cross, Jerningham Road) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 5 years using existing EH-class AD40H Enviro400H hybrid double-decks. Note the daytime 343 is proposed to be cutback to Tower Gateway under consultation.
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- 389 (*Go-Ahead London General-NP*) (Barnet, The Spires & Barnet, Western Way, Mon-Sat shopping hours) and
- 399 (*Go-Ahead London General-NP*) (Barnet, The Spires & Hadley Wood Station, circular, Mon-Sat shopping hours) LBSL (QC) contract renewed for 7 years using existing SE-class AD E20D Enviro diesel single-decks initially, but with new electric single-decks (type TBA) in due course by Autumn 2025. Operated by Go-Ahead London General on a temporary basis since 3rd August 2024, using WS-class Wrightbus StreetLite diesel single-decks. These routes, cross-linked with route 299, had previously been operated by *Sullivan Buses*.
- 481 (*Transport UK-TF/Metroline Travel-AH*) (Kingston Cromwell Road Bus Station & West Middlesex Hospital, Mental Health Unit) The PM SDO journeys from Turing House School revised to start within the school grounds, though also with widened timetable introduced for A316 roadworks. This change was deferred from 4th January.
- 640 (*Metroline Travel-HD*) (South Harrow Station & Harrow Weald, Clamp Hill, SDO) Reallocated to Greenford (G) garage thus novated to Metroline West.
- W4 (*Arriva London North-WN*) (Ferry Lane Estate & Oakthorpe Park, Ostliffe Way) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 5 years using existing ENN-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-decks. Early morning daily frequency increased from x20 to x15 mins.
- W6 (*Arriva London North-WN*) (Southgate Station & Edmonton Green Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years using existing ENS-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-decks. Early morning daily frequency increased from x20 to x15 mins.

PVR changes Saturday 1st February 2025:

Arriva London North: 41 to 19/19/14 #AR201+, N41 unchanged at 5 nightly #AR231+, 121 to 22/21/20 #E221+, 149 to 30/25/20 #AR51+, W4 to 14/14/12 #WN51+,
No change to =149 and W6 PVRs;

Arriva London South: No change to 59 PVRs;

Go-Ahead London Central: No change to 343, N343 PVRs;

Go-Ahead London General: No change to 299, 389/399 PVRs, 118, 153 Withdrawn.

London Sovereign: 125 to 18/17/12 #BT401+;

London United: 220/= no change to PVRs, 258 Withdrawn.

Metroline Travel: 153 to 9/8/7 #HT281+, 258 to 12/12/8 #HD151+;

98 No change to AC PVRs but add ^N98 (late journeys operated by HD),

N98 to 9* every night #HD251+ (^98), No change to 481 PVRs, 640 novated to Metroline West;

Metroline West: No change to 223, 487, H17 PVRs, 640 to 2/-/- #G141+;

Transport UK: 45 to 17*/15/12* WL101+ (*363 M-Th & Su), 68 links to 45 withdrawn, 363 to 13+/12/10+ #WL361 (+1/45 M-Th & Su), (^N63),

N63 no change to PVRs but with daytime running numbers from 45 & 363,

No change to 109/N109, 481 PVRs.

Planned route changes after our closing date are listed below but may be subject to change.

Saturday 8th February 2025: Widened timetables for 83/N83 for Wembley roadworks (+1 PVR daily).

- 36/= (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (New Cross Garage & Queens Park Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 5 years using existing EH-class AD E40H Enviro400H hybrid double-decks. Revised timetables introduced on 11th January.
- 298 (*Uno-HF*) (Arnos Grove Station & Potters Bar Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years, using existing AD40D Enviro400 double-decks, having been operated on a temporary contract since 3rd August 2024 following takeover from Sullivan Buses, with the tendered service introduced early on 30th November 2024.

Saturday 22nd February 2025:

- 14/= (*Go-Ahead London General-AF*) (Putney Heath, Green Man & Russell Square) Mon-Sat daytime frequency increased from x10 to x8 mins, Suns and evenings from x12 to x10mins. Daytime, but not overnight service, partially re-allocated to Waterloo (RA) garage.
- 233 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-MB*) (Eltham Station & Swanley, Beechenlea Lane) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 7 years using new ADL Enviro100EV (type code TBA) electric single-decks in due course.
- 414 (*London Transit-X*) (Putney Bridge Station & Marble Arch) ROUTE WITHDRAWN. Replaced by increased frequency on route 14. Last day will be Friday 21st February.
- H28 (*Transport UK-GW*) (Hayes, Bull Bridge Tesco & Osterley, Tesco) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years, using existing AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-decks.

Saturday 1st March 2025:

- 55 (*Stagecoach East London-T*) (Oxford Circus & Walthamstow Central Station) and N55 (*Stagecoach East London-T*) (Oxford Circus & Woodford Wells, Horse & Well) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 4 years using existing LT-class NRM new Routemasters. Mon-Sat daytime frequency on route 55 reduced from x6-7 to x8mins.
- 56 (*Stagecoach East London-T*) (Whipps Cross & St.Bartholomew's Hospital) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years using existing AD40H Enviro400H hybrid double-decks. Daytime and evening frequency reduced from x8 to x10 mins.
- 335 (*Arriva London North-DT*) (North Greenwich Station & Kidbrooke, Wingfield School) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years using existing HV-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Eclipse hybrid double-decks.
- 357 (*Go-Ahead London General-NP*) (Chingford Hatch, Prince of Wales & Whipps Cross ext. Suns to Whipps Cross Hospital) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 397 (*Stagecoach East London-AW*) (Crooked Billet, Sainsbury's & Debden Broadway, no evening service) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years using existing AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-decks.
- 423 (*London United-HH*) (Hounslow, Bus Station & Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years using existing VH-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Eclipse hybrid double-decks.
- 488 (*Stagecoach Lea Interchange-LI*) (Bromley-by-Bow, Tesco & Dalston Junction) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years using existing diesel single-decks.
- H22 (*London United-AV*) (Hounslow, Bell Corner & West Middlesex Hospital) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years using existing DLE-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-decks.

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- H37 (*London United-AV*) (Hounslow, Blenheim Centre & Richmond, Manor Circus) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years using existing DXE-class AD E20D Enviro200 diesel single-decks.
- H98 (*London United-AV*) (Hounslow, Bus Station & Hayes End, Kingsway) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 5 years using existing LT-class NRM new Routemasters. Frequency increased Sunday shopping hours and evenings from x15 to x12 mins.

Sunday 2nd March 2025:

- 246 (*Stagecoach Selkent-TB*) (Bromley North Station & Westerham) seasonally extended on Suns/PH to Chartwell. No change to PVRs. Please note, double-decks are not approved to Chartwell, so whilst double-decks appear temporarily during the week, the route should be single-deck on these days.

Saturday 8th March 2025:

- 212 (*Go-Ahead London General-NP*) (St. James Street Station & Chingford Station) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 282 (*Metroline West-G*) (Ealing Hospital & Mount Vernon Hospital) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 308 (*Stagecoach Lea Interchange-LI*) (Wanstead Station & Clapton, Lea Bridge Roundabout) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years using existing hybrid double-decks.
- 415 (*Transport UK-QB*) (Tulse Hill Station & Old Kent Road, Tesco) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years using existing LT-class NRM new Routemasters.
- 444 (*Go-Ahead London General-NP*) (Turnpike Lane Station & Chingford Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 7 years using new electric SEL-class Wrightbus GB Kite single-decks in due course.
- 657 (Crooked Billet, Sainsbury's & Woodford Wells, Bancroft's School SDO) LBSL (QX) contract awarded to Stagecoach East London from Leyton (T) Garage for 3 years using existing hybrid double-deck. Currently operated by *Go-Ahead London General* from Northumberland Park (NP) garage using MHV-class Volvo B5LH MCV EvoSeti hybrid double-deck.
- W16 (*Stagecoach East London-AW*) (Chingford Mount, Prince Albert & Leytonstone Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years using existing diesel single-decks.

Saturday 15th March 2025:

- 138 (Bromley North Station & Coney Hall, Princes Way) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Stagecoach Selkent from Catford (TL) garage for 5 years using existing diesel single-decks. Currently operated by *Go-Ahead Metrobus* from Orpington (MB) garage using AD E20D Enviro200 (ex Metrobus) diesel single-decks.
- 161 (*Stagecoach Selkent-PD*) (North Greenwich Station & Chislehurst, War Memorial) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 6 years using existing hybrid double-decks. Frequency increased early AM Mon-Sat from x20 to x15mins and Sunday early AM from x30 to x20 mins.
- 172 (*Go-Ahead London Central-NX*) (Aldwych & Brockley Rise, Chandos) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 7 years using new electric DEL-class Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner double-decks in due course.

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Saturday 15th March 2025 continued

- 181 (*Stagecoach Selkent-KB*) (Lewisham, Town Centre & Grove Park Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years using existing diesel single-decks.
- 225 (Hither Green Station & Canada Water Station) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Stagecoach Selkent from Catford (TL) garage for 3 years using existing diesel single-decks. Currently operated by *Go-Ahead London Central* from Morden Wharf (MG) garage using AD E20D Enviro200 (ex Metrobus) diesel single-decks.
- 284 (*Stagecoach Selkent-KB*) (Lewisham, Town Centre & Grove Park Cemetery) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years using existing diesel single-decks. Mon-Sat daytime frequency increased from x12 to x10 mins, early AM Mon-Sat from x20 to x15mins and Sunday early AM from x30 to x20 mins.
- 677 (*Go-Ahead Blue Triangle-RR*) (Ilford High Road & Debden Station SDO) Renewal of LBSL (QX) contract for 3 years using existing WHV-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-deck vehicle. Re-allocated to Northumberland Park (NP) garage and novated to Go-Ahead London General. Some EBD-class BYD B11E02 electric vehicles were noted in the last week of January.

Saturday 22nd March 2025:

- 126 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus-MB*) (Eltham, Southend Crescent & Bromley, Ringers Road) LBSL (QC) contract extended for 2 years.
- 169 (*Stagecoach East London-BK*) (Barking, London Road & Clayhall, The Glade) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 7 years using new electric (Type TBA) double-decks in due course. Early morning Sunday frequency increased from x30 to x20 mins.
- 247 (*Stagecoach East London-NS*) (Barkingside Station & Romford Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 7 years using new electric Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner double-decks in due course.
- 287 (*Stagecoach East London-RM*) (Rainham, Abbey Wood Lane & Barking Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 7 years using new electric (Type TBA) double-decks in due course.
- 482 (*Transport UK-GW*) (Southall, Town Hall & Heathrow Terminal 5) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years using existing hybrid double-decks. Sunday daytime frequency increased from x30 to x20 mins.
- C10 (*Transport UK-WL*) (Canada Water Station & Victoria Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 7 years using existing electric single-decks. Revised schedules were introduced earlier on 21st December 2024. (*see TLB724/725*).
- U5 (*Transport UK-DH*) (Uxbridge, York Road & Hayes, Clarendon Road) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 3 years using existing electric double-decks.

Saturday 29th March 2025:

- 68 (*Transport UK-WL*) (Euston Station & West Norwood, High Street) and
- N68 (*Transport UK-WL*) (Tottenham Court Road Station & Old Coulsdon, Tudor Rose) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 5 years using existing LT-class NRM new Routemasters.
- 468 (*Arriva London South-N*) (Elephant & Castle, Borough Road & South Croydon, Swan & Sugar Loaf) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 5 years using existing HV-class Volvo B5LH Wrightbus Gemini 3 hybrid double-decks.

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- B14 (*Stagecoach Selkent*-TB) (Bexleyheath, Library & Orpington Station Mon-Sat and Sun Shopping Hours) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 7 years using new AD Enviro100EV electric single-deck vehicles in due course. Re-routed at St. Mary Cray, via Lower Road, Chelsfield Road, St. Mary Cray High Street, Blacksmith's Lane, then in one way loop in both directions via Burrfield Drive, Crockenhill Road, then Okemore Gardens, Sweeps Lane, Molash Road, Wotton Green, Sandway Road, Mill Brook Road, Station Road, Sevenoaks Road to rejoin current route at St. Mary Cray Station Approach. This absorbs the route of R6 which is withdrawn. Sunday service improved to operate at all times. (*see later*).
- R1 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus*-MB) (Green Street Green, High Street & St.Paul's Cray, Grovelands) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 7 years using new ADL Enviro100EV (type code TBA) electric single-decks in due course.
- R2 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus*-MB) (Orpington, Gravel Pit Way & Biggin Hill, Melody Road, Mon-Sat except late evenings) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 7 years using new electric single-decks in due course. Note these are specified for 50-seat capacity so type and code TBA.
- R3 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus*-MB) (Princess Royal Hospital & Orpington Station) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 7 years using new ADL Enviro100EV (type code TBA) electric single-decks in due course.
- R4 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus*-MB) (Princess Royal Hospital & Paul's Cray Hill) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 7 years using new ADL Enviro100EV (type code TBA) electric single-decks in due course.
- R6 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus*-MB) (Orpington Station & St. Mary Cray Station) ROUTE WITHDRAWN and replaced by re-routing of route B14. Last day will be Friday 28th March.
- R8 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus*-MB) (Orpington Station & Biggin Hill, Post Office, Mon-Sat except late evenings) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 7 years using new ADL Enviro100EV (type code TBA) electric single-decks in due course.
- R11 (*Go-Ahead Metrobus*-MB) (Green Street Green, High Street & Sidcup, Queen Mary's Hospital) Renewal of LBSL (QC) contract for 7 years using new electric single-decks in due course. Note these are specified for 50-seat capacity so type and code TBA.
- SL6 (West Croydon, Bus Station & Russell Square, Mon-Fri peak hours, Limited Stop) LBSL (QC) contract awarded to Arriva London South from Norwood (N) garage for 7 years using new EE-class AD40 Enviro400EV electric double-decks. Currently operated by *Go-Ahead London Central* from Camberwell (Q) garage using EH-class AD40H Enviro400H hybrid double-decks.

SERVICE PROPOSALS

A new consultation was issued on 13th January with a closing date of 23rd February for the permanent withdrawal of the weekend night service on route **319**. This was one of many weekend night services that was suspended, along with others, at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020. Apart from routes **145** and **486** which have appeared in previous consultations, there are a few others that haven't been re-instated or appeared in a consultation, which is a bit odd, but TfL are obviously reappraising the bus network and including the different daytime and night-time economies that now prevail. TfL state (somewhat hopefully!): "The route has remained suspended and as such its permanent withdrawal would not impact any existing passengers".

A new consultation was issued on 27th January with a closing date of 9th March for the withdrawal of school route **654**. TfL state “the route is largely paralleled by route 353 between Addington Village and Harris Academy Orpington.” (Apart from a short section of Croydon Road at Hayes Common) and also serves sections of Warren Road and Court Road in Orpington not served by other routes, rather than running direct to Harris Academy. TfL add “Recent on-bus surveys found usage to be low with around 40 trips in the morning (50% of the total users are adults) and around 60 trips in the afternoon (15% of total users are adults). At Harris Academy Orpington demand is around 6 passengers in the morning and 10 passengers in the afternoon”.

A new consultation was issued on 31st January with a closing date of 14th March for new route **BL1** as an express route from Waterloo to Lewisham “to expand the Superloop network with a new express bus route called the Bakerloop.”. Starting and terminating at Waterloo, Waterloo Road, this would only call at Elephant & Castle, London Road and New Kent Road, Old Kent Road at Burgess Park/Dunton Road and Ilderton Road, New Cross Gate and Lewisham, calling at Lewisham Station (and also Lewisham Clock Tower and Loampit Vale, northbound), terminating at Lewisham Centre. It is planned to run every 12 minutes daytime and every 15 minutes evenings and Sundays. TfL seem to be chatty with their use of verbs! For example, “At Waterloo we think the BL1 would start and stop on Waterloo Road, at the same bus stops that route 172 does now...In Elephant & Castle it is proposed the BL1 would stop on both sides of the junction, at London Road and New Kent Road...In Lewisham we expect the BL1 would use the same bus stops as route 21 between Lewisham High Street and Lewisham Station/Loampit Vale.” In all cases, this is for ease of access for connections with other bus and train services. As a former resident of Lewisham, though, Waterloo is better accessed direct using National Rail, but clearly this is aimed at attracting users along the heavily populated and intensive bus services along Old Kent Road and will help to justify the extension of the Bakerloo Line. Interestingly, the map includes the current Superloop diagram which includes new diagrams of routes from North Greenwich to Abbey Wood via Thamesmead and Gants Hill to Rainham, but without any reference to route numbers or that these are proposals (*see General and Industry News on page 6*). If other Superloop routes are proposed as promised by the Mayor, this section could be busy over the next few months!

A summary of the main proposals variously awaiting results:

TLB686 p12: 410 stop changes in Norwood.

TLB705 p14: 419 fixed stops in Barnes.

TLB708 p16: and TLB722 p18: Oxford Circus and Oxford Street.

TLB714 p19: 188/= rerouting via Tunnel Avenue, North Greenwich.

TLB718 p13: 241 extension in Stratford to Here East.

TLB719 p18: 350 extension in Hayes & Harlington.

TLB720 p15: Camden Town pedestrianisation.

TLB721 p16: 310 report on trial operation.

TLB723 p15: 30 cutback and 205 reroute to Marble Arch.

TLB723 p16: 224 reroute in Park Royal area.

TLB723 p16: 452 cutback to Notting Hill Gate.

FORTHCOMING CHANGES IN BRIEF

This list includes tenders that have been decided and principal route changes already in past TLBs. All dates and all details are subject to alteration or deferment. Contracts are now being awarded or renewed for various lengths; all contracts do have “break” clauses and can be terminated by the operator or TfL at any time and for any reason, which remain commercially confidential of course!

Contracts are no longer offered on the basis of a 2-year extension after 5 years, although several routes still remain that will still be offered this for the time being, using the notes as follows:-

CEx = Existing Contract extended by x years; CRx = Contract awarded or renewed for x years
The * suffix = award specified new buses; the # suffix = award specified part new bus allocation.
Not all award dates will be necessarily the same date that new buses are introduced. All new buses must now be Zero Emission - electric or hydrogen. Change of operator now in **bold**.

- TBA 2025: 273 reroute, 394 extension, 91/N91 extension & 123/232 cutback.
- 5th Apr 25: CR3 on 432 (Arriva LS), CR7 on 263/N263(N271)* (Metroline Travel).
- Mon 7th Apr 25: TfL have announced this the planned date for the opening of Silvertown Tunnel. Silvertown cycle service, (S'ch East London), 129 extension from North Greenwich to Great Eastern Quay (G-A London Central to **G-A Blue Triangle**), SL4 Canary Wharf & Grove Park (G-A London General).
- 12th Apr 25: CR7 on SL5* (Arriva LS), SL7* (G-A Metrobus),
CR3 on 427 (Transport UK), CE2 on 127 (G-A Metrobus).
- 26th Apr 25: CR7 on 31/N31* (Metroline Travel to **London Transit**),
CR7 on 95* (Metroline West), 171/N171* (G-A London Central).
- 3rd May 25: CR7 on 196* (Transport UK to **Arriva LS**),
485*, G1* (G-A London General to **Transport UK**), CR7 on P5# (Transport UK),
CR3 on 241 (S'ch East London),
CR3 on 330, 474/= (S'ch East London to **G-A Blue Triangle**).
- 24th May 25: CR7 on 337* (G-A London General to **Transport UK**),
CR5 on 25/N25 (S'ch East London).
- 31st May 25: CR2 on 67 (G-A London General to **Arriva London North**),
CR3 on 37/= (G-A London Central), CR4 on 87/N87 (G-A London General),
CR5 on 44/N44, 77 (G-A London General),
CR7 on 219 (G-A London General), 270* (Transport UK), 491*(Metroline Travel).
- 7th Jun 25: CR7 on 268* (Metroline Travel),
CR3 on 231, 631/H2/H3 (Metroline Travel), 304 (G-A Blue Triangle).
- 21st Jun 25: CR7 on 46 (Metroline Travel), CR7 on 230* (G-A London General),
CR3 on 30, 274 (Metroline Travel).
- 28th Jun 25: CR3 on 285/= (Transport UK), 460 (Metroline Travel), 499 (S'ch East London),
K1, K3 (London United), CE2 on 498 (S'ch East London).
- 5th Jul 25: CR7 on 425* (S'ch East London), CR3 on 331 (Metroline West).
- 26th Jul 25: CR3 on 326, N5 (London Sovereign), N20 (Metroline Travel).
- 16th Aug 25: CR3 on R9 (G-A Metrobus).
- 30th Aug 25: CR7 on 60*, 166*, 405*, 412/685*, 466* (Arriva LS),
CR5 on 73/N73 (Arriva LN), 390/= (Metroline Travel), H12 (London Sovereign),
CR3 on 139/= (Metroline Travel), 293 (London United), 434 (G-A Metrobus),
N550/N551 (S'ch East London).
- 6th Sep 25: CR7 on 312* (Arriva LS).
- 13th Sep 25: CR7 on 319 (Arriva LS), D8 (S'ch Lea Interchange),
CR5 on D6 (S'ch East London).
- 20th Sep 25: CR3 on 202 (Arriva LS).
- 25th Oct 25: CR3 on 324 (Metroline Travel), 403 (G-A Metrobus).
- 8th Nov 25: CR3 on 318 (Arriva LN to **G-A London General**).
- 15th Nov 25: CR3 on H25 (Transport UK).
- 29th Nov 25: CR7 on 61*, 261* (S'ch Selkent).
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OTHER SPECIAL and MISCELLANEOUS non-TfL OPERATIONS IN LONDON

No new items to report this month.

DIVERSIONS AND DISRUPTIONS

Central: From 13th to 31st January, owing to electrical works on Ada Street, (back of Ash Grove garage), route **394** was diverted northbound via Pritchard's Road, Hackney Road, Mare Street and Westgate Street. Thanks to member Joel for the report. From 10th February to 15th December, work will be undertaken on Lambeth Bridge for bridge deck repairs, waterproofing and replace the roundabouts at either end of the bridge with signal-controlled junctions recognising the high accident rate at these locations. Basically, the bridge will be closed in one direction, Therefore, routes **3/N3 and C10** will be diverted southbound at all times from Horseferry Road/Great Marsham Street, via Great Peter Street, Millbank, Westminster Bridge (N3), then York Road for C10 with routes 3/N3 continuing southbound via Westminster Bridge Road to Kennington Road. On the weekends on 7th to 10th February and 18th to 21st July, the bridge is totally closed so routes will be additionally diverted northbound. From 15th January to 5th March, owing to cosmetic works in Gray's Inn Road, Clerkenwell, routes **17, 46 and N89** are diverted southbound via King's Cross Road, Rosebery Avenue, Clerkenwell Road, Theobald's Road, Drake Street, Procter Street and High Holborn. After the water works reported last month, from 1st February to 6th March, this time for cosmetic works in Pentonville Road, King's Cross, routes **30, 73/N73, 205/N205, 214/= and 476** are once again diverted westbound via Penton Rise, King's Cross Road, Swinton Street and Gray's Inn Road. From 6th January to 22nd March, owing to gas works in New Bridge Street, Blackfriars, routes **40 and 63/N63** are diverted southbound via Ludgate Hill, St Paul's Church Yard, Cannon Street, Friday Street and Queen Victoria Street.

South-East: From 13th to 17th January, owing to gas works in Well Hall Road/Prince Rupert Road, Eltham, routes **132, 161 and 286** were diverted in both directions via Eltham Hill and Westhorpe Avenue. Thanks to member Graham for the report. From 25th to 30th January, owing to a burst water main in Grovebury Road, Abbey Wood, route **469** was diverted in both directions via Sewell Road and the old section of Harrow Manorway, to regain line of route on the flyover section of Harrow Manorway. Nearby and from 27th to 29th January, Nuxley Road, Upper Belvedere was closed for water works. Routes **401 and 601** were diverted in both directions via Parsonage Manorway, Brook Street, Erith Road and Albert Road, although circuit via the northern arm of Nuxley Road to serve appropriate stops. From 6th January to 1st February, owing to electrical works on Surrey Quays Road, routes **47/=, 188/=, 199 and 225** were diverted in both directions via Surrey Quays Road (east), Redriff Road, with 47/=, 188/= and 199 also via Salter Road and Brunel Road. Route **P12** diverted northbound direct via Lower Road to Deal Porters Way, and southbound via Redriff Road, Lower Road, Rotherhithe New Road, Rotherhithe Old Road and Lower Road. Staying with route **P12**, from 10th January to 14th April, owing to heating works on Ilderton Road, Bermondsey, the route is diverted in both directions via Old Kent Road and Rotherhithe New Road. From 16th January to 5th February, owing to a water leak in Sprules Road, Brockley route **484** was diverted westbound via Shardeloes Road and Vesta Road.

South: From 15th to 18th January owing to a burst water main at Brigstock Road/Bensham Manor Road, Thornton Heath, Route **50** was diverted in both directions via Parchmore Road and Green Lane. Route **250/N250** were diverted in both directions via London Road. Route **450** was diverted in both directions via Station Road, Wellesley Road, St. James Road, Hogarth Crescent, Whitehorse Road, High Street and Parchmore Road. Routes **198 and 663** curtailed at Thornton Heath garage. Thanks to member Peter for the report. From 21st to 24th January, owing to roadworks in Smitham Down Road, Coulsdon, route **434** was diverted in both directions via Brighton Road and Grovelands Road. From 28th to 31st January roadworks at the junction of Brighton Road/Old Lodge

Lane meant that once again route **312** was unable to serve Old Lodge Lane and turned at Coulsdon. On 22nd January at least, Foxley Hill Road, Purley was closed for roadworks so route **439** was diverted in both directions direct via Godstone Road to Kenley. Thanks to member Martin for these reports.

South-West: From 20th January to 21st February, part of Eden Street, Kingston is closed from the junction of St. James's Road for urban realm works. Routes **85/= and 371** terminating journeys are revised to operate via Brook Street, Wheatfield Way, Kingston Hall Road, High Street, East Lane and The Bittoms, returning via Wheatfield Road and Brook Street. Routes **458, 465, 513, 514 SDO and 715** are diverted in both directions via Brook Street, Wheatfield Road, Kingston Hall Road to High Street, with routes **514, 515, K1 and K4** diverting via Brook Street and College Hall Roundabout to line of route. On 23rd January water works on the westbound slip road at Hook Junction meant that southbound buses on route **467** were obliged to divert via the A3 to Tolworth then circumnavigate the roundabout before returning to Hook Junction to take the off-slip towards Hinchley Wood. Through buses at Richmond were also observed serving Red Lion Road direct instead of serving the Bus Station. From 23rd January to 21st February, owing to pavement works on Common Road, Claygate, route **K3** is diverted in both directions direct between Hare Lane and Oaken Lane. Thanks to member Graham for these reports. From 8th January to 4th February, route **K3** was also affected by sewer works on Roehampton Vale. It was diverted southbound via Robin Hood Way, Beverley Way, Beverley Court, Coombe Lane Flyover, Beverley Way and Robin Hood Way. From 27th January to 18th February owing to gas works on Civic Street, Hounslow, route **H20** was revised to start and finish journeys in Lampton Road south of Balfour Road, From 30th January to 5th February, owing to a gas leak on St John's Road, Isleworth, route **H37** was diverted westbound via Twickenham Road and London Road.

West: From 30th January to 4th February, owing to a water leak on Spring Bridge Road Ealing, routes **E2, E7, N7 and N11** were diverted via St Leonard's Road and Gordon Road, with routes **65/N65 and E8** terminating in Ealing New Broadway and starting in Bond Street. West Drayton Station Forecourt was fully restored to normal from 18th January with routes returning as mentioned last month. Thanks again to member Chris for all the updates.

North-West: From 22nd January to 7th February, owing to a water leak in Acton Lane, Harlesden, routes **187, 226, 228, 260 and 487** were diverted in both directions via Winchelsea Road, Knatchbull Road, Craven Park, with routes 187, 228 and 487 and then route **206** joining and continuing via Craven Park Road and Manor Park Road (return High Street).

North: From midday on 23rd January to 29th January owing to a burst water main in Slades Hill, Enfield. Routes **121 and 307** were diverted in both directions via The Ridgeway, Stag Hill, Cockfosters Road and Bramley Road (121). Routes **377 and 456** diverted in both directions via Old Park Avenue, Old Park Ridings, The Grangeway, Vera Avenue, Cadogan Gardens, Green Dragon Lane and Worlds End Lane (377). Thanks to member Keith for the report and the initial chaos this caused! From 6th January to 6th February, owing to cosmetic works on Mildmay Park, route **141** was diverted southbound via Newington Green (south), Newington Green Road, Essex Road and New North Road, and northbound via Southgate Road, Dove Road, Essex Road and Newington

North-East: From 14th to 23rd January, New North Road, Hainault was closed for water works. Routes **150, 247 and N8** were diverted in both directions via Manford Way, Manor Road and Fencepiece Road. Thanks to member Graham for the report.

East: Apologies! The correction to the 252 correction last month should have read Collier Row Road/Hog Hill Road. (Not Collier Wood!). Thanks again to Alan for pointing out and yes my A-Z atlas is up to date! The curtailment of route **8** at Old Ford (*see TLB722*) was extended to 22nd February. From 27th January to 27th February owing to road works on High Street North, East Ham, all routes are diverted northbound via Ron Leighton Way.

COUNTRY AREA- ROUTE DEVELOPMENTS

Section Editor: Phil Miller, email to tlbcountryroutes@hotmail.com. This section is set out in adjacent geographical areas anti-clockwise around London from Tilbury to Gravesend. It covers all local bus services of all operators running outside the Greater London County but within the traditional LT/ LCBS 'London Country' areas.

West and South ESSEX, including THURROCK

Sunday 5th January 2025

200 (First Essex); 375 (Central Connect) and 49, 483/ 484 (NIBS) all as in TLB 724/ 725.

Sunday 23rd February 2025

251 (*Arriva KT*) - see Herts.

339 (*The London Bus Co, Epping Stn & North Weald Stn, Sats & Suns; extended in the summer months to Shenfield; operates certain weekdays also*) Revised timetable.

HERTFORDSHIRE and Southern BEDFORDSHIRE

Sunday 21st July 2024 (!) Further to TLB 719

755 (*Arriva the Shires, Luton Leagrave & London Victoria, Mon-Fri peaks; evening peak journeys commence from Luton Interchange*) The timetable revision was somewhat more significant than was spotted at the time. Until this date the evening peak journeys ran from Luton Interchange via only the more direct of the two morning journey routings, i.e. via New Bedford Road. So, those who had boarded the morning journey via Hitchin Road, Wigmore Lane and Wigmore had to change onto local services upon arrival at Luton Interchange when returning in the evening. From this date, however, three evening peak journeys were introduced, at 1755 then x60 from Luton Interchange via Hitchin Road, Round Green, Stopsley, Wigmore Lane to Wigmore Asda.

Saturday 4th January 2025

242 (Metroline & Uno) as in TLB 725.

Sunday 5th January 2025

40/ 40A, 231 (South Beds dial-a-ride); 46, 80, 304, 366, B (Centrebus); 614, 653, X10 (Uno); and out on the borders, 14, 23/ 23A, 27, A, CS1, F70, F77, X1, X4, Z (Arriva the Shires) and MK1 (Stagecoach in Bedford) all as in TLB 725.

Additionally, a timetable change on Centrebus route 10/A, Luton (Silver Street) & Marsh Farm.

We don't normally cover Country Route diversions in TLB but there are a couple of whoppers this month which were too impressive to omit. The first was in place from early January (date unknown) until approximately 21st Jan in the Buntingford area, when Hare Street Road was closed for water works. Most of the 331 journeys operating via Braughing plus the 36A were simply diverted direct via the A10 (some 331s already go that way of course). However, school journeys on the 331 needed to continue moving pupils between the schools in Buntingford and Braughing, so these journeys (usually using double-decks) went via Baldock Road, the A10 (north of Buntingford) to Reed, then The Joint, Royston Road, Barkway, London Road to line of route at Hare Street, adding about 20 minutes to the journey time.

The second mega-diversion took place on the weekend of the 18th and 19th January, then was repeated during the offpeak daytime on Friday 31st January. Due to the closure of the road through Bedmond, Arriva KT's route 20 (Watford Holywell Estate & Hemel Hempstead) diverted between Woodside and Leverstock Green via Horseshoe Lane, route 321 (the A405 and Chiswell Green) to the King Harry roundabout in St Albans (!) then via the 721 (King Harry Lane and Hemel Hempstead Road).

Sunday 19th January 2025

RA3 (First Berkshire) as in TLB 725.

Friday 31st January 2025

HertsLynx DRT service (Buntingford area) Operation by Uno withdrawn. LDO Thurs 30th January.

Monday 3rd February 2025

HertsLynx DRT service (Buntingford area) Operation resumes, now "in house" by Herts CC. There is therefore a hiatus in service on Friday 31st January, Saturday 1st February and Sunday 2nd February.

Monday 17th February 2025

TL1 (*Barnett's Coaches*) New route. Mon-Fri, two early a.m. southbound journeys and two p.m. peak northbound journeys. Limited stop, departing Woodhall Farm (Cupid Green/ Cuffley Court stop) in Hemel Hempstead at 0530 and 0630 and calling at Grovehill (Aycliffe Drive), Highfield (Bellgate shops), Gadebridge Park, Hemel Hempstead (Bridge Street), Adeyfield (Adeyfield Rd/ Longlands), Leverstock Green (on the A414 near M1 junction 8) then Brent Cross, Finchley Road station, St John's Wood (Lord's cricket ground), Baker Street station, Marble Arch and Victoria station (arrives at stop 16 at the entrance to the bus station). Return journeys depart from Victoria (stop 11 on Buckingham Palace Rd) at 1730 and 1830.

Sunday 23rd February 2025

- 34 (*Red Eagle, Dunstable & St Albans (St Peter's Street) Mon-Sat except evenings; peaks operates to St Albans City Stn instead of St Peter's Street, SDO journeys further to Nicholas Breakspear School*) Revised timetable for reliability.
- 100 (*Arriva Kent Thameside, Stevenage Bus Stn & Luton Airport, Mon-Sat except evenings*) The current loop working at the Luton end abandoned. The northern section of the loop i.e. Crawley Green Road and Wigmore area will no longer be served, buses now running both ways between Luton Interchange and the Airport via the Busway, the A505 and Airport Way. Two early Saturday a.m. journeys that ran Hitchin to Stevenage back-projected to start from Luton (the first from the Interchange, the second from the airport). Introduced on Sundays, x60, Stevenage & Luton Interchange only (no service to the airport) providing a combined x30 headway with the 101.
- 101 (*Arriva Kent Thameside, Stevenage Bus Stn & Luton Interchange, daily*) Revised timetable. One extra early morning journey added on Sundays between Hitchin and Stevenage.
- 251 (*Arriva Kent Thameside, Hammond Street & Upshire, Mon-Sat except evenings*) Rerouted in Waltham Abbey via Crooked Mile, Parklands and the very northern end of Ninefields ex Farm Hill Rd and Broomstick Hall Rd.
- 331 (*Arriva Kent Thameside, Hertford & Buntingford, Mon-Sat except late evenings*) One mid-late evening journey in each direction introduced, following the Braughing/ Hare Street routeing. No change to A2B's Sunday service.
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Sunday 23rd February 2025 continued

- 395 (*Arriva Kent Thameside, Sele Farm & Ware circular, Mon-Sat except evenings*) Revised timetable (Mon-Fri peaks).
- 511 (*Arriva Kent Thameside, Bishops Park (Tesco) & Thorley Street, Mon-Sat except evenings*) An additional evening journey added towards Bishops Park added. One a.m. journey retimed for Avanti Grange School pupils.
- 755 (*Arriva the Shires, Luton Leagrave & London Victoria, Mon-Fri a.m. peaks; evening peaks Luton Interchange & Luton Leagrave or Wigmore (Asda)*) Revised timetable for reliability.
- 757 (*Arriva the Shires, London Victoria & Luton Interchange, 24/7*) Revised timetable for reliability.
- 821 (*Arriva the Shires, Luton Interchange & Townsend School, SDO*) Revised a.m. timetable.

Also from this date, revised timetables on **Arriva the Shires** 24 (Luton & Lewsey Farm), 25/26 (Luton & Bramingham Park) and 31 (Luton & Dunstable). The 24, 25 and 26 will now operate a one-way loop through the town centre, calling at the Interchange then Silver Street. **Stagecoach** have minor timetable changes on their MK1 (Bedford & MK via Luton). Elsewhere from the same date, **First Essex** routes 322/ 323/ 324 (Bishops Stortford & Lindsell/ Great Dunmow/ Stebbing) are rerouted in Great Dunmow to serve the new housing estate off Blackwater Drive. See also 23rd March.

Monday 24th February 2025

- 361 (*Red Eagle, Borehamwood (Well End) & St Albans (St Peters St), Mon-Sat except evenings; M-F peak journeys to Garston and SDO journeys to New Greens (Townsend School)*) Timetable changes for reliability.

Sunday 23rd March 2025

- 36 (*Central Connect, Buntingford (The Crown) & Bishops Stortford Interchange, Mon-Sat except evgs*) Improved Mon-Fri p.m. peak timetable, with additional journeys from Bishops Stortford to Buntingford and better spacing of journeys in the opposite direction. Minor timetable changes on Sats.
- 36A (*Central Connect, Buntingford (Baldock Rd) & Bishops Stortford Interchange, Mon-Fri except evgs, SDO journeys extended to Birchwood High School*). One Mon-Fri a.m. peak journey from Bishops Stortford to Little Hadham added; there is currently no a.m. peak facility in this direction.
- 37 (*Central Connect, Buntingford (The Crown) & Stevenage Bus Stn, Mon-Sat except evenings*) Revised timetable Mon-Fri p.m. peaks and Sats.
- 836 (*Central Connect, Braughing & Buntingford (Freman's College), SDO*) Timetable changes.

Operation of routes 322/323/324 between Bishops Stortford and Lindsell/ Great Dunmow/ Stebbing is to pass from **First Essex** to **Central Connect** from this date. Central Connect have registered a new, commercial 335 (yes, that's 335) between Bishops Stortford and Birchanger. Detail to follow.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, SLOUGH AND WINDSOR

Sunday 5th January 2025

X4, X6 (Arriva the Shires) and Red Rose 100 all as in TLB 725.

Monday 6th January 2025

334 (SDO journeys Red Eagle to Carousel), 607(Carousel), 643 (Red Rose to Carousel) and 702 (Reading Buses) all as in TLB 725.

Saturday 1st February 2025

From this date, a routeing change on Z & S Transport's out-of-area K1 in the Armstrong Fields area of Aylesbury.

Sunday 23rd February 2025

Changes and a number of improvements to the **Carousel Buses** High Wycombe network.

- 27 (*High Wycombe (Pheasant Drive) & High Wycombe (Magpie Wood), Mon-Fri offpeaks*) Withdrawn between High Wycombe Bus Stn and Pheasant Drive (replaced by 29). The remaining section east of the town centre substantially recast. So, from Castle St no longer via the station or the western end of Totteridge Road (replaced by 34), instead via Corporation St, High St, Easton St, London Rd, Gordon Rd, Bowerdean Rd, Totteridge Rd, Totteridge Lane, Hollis Rd, Hicks Farm Rise, Hatter's Lane, London Rd then a one-way loop as present via Hammersley Lane, Robinson Rd, Rayners Ave and London Rd. The double-run to Olympic Way is withdrawn (replaced by 34), as is the eastbound operation along Orchard Rd and Gomm Rd (now both ways along that stretch of London Rd). The section in the Hatters Lane area partly replaces the 39. Reduced from x70 to just three journeys westbound, and two journeys eastbound (though a further journey each way is provided on the 27A, qv).
- 27A New route. One Mon-Fri offpeak journey each way (westbound a.m., return p.m.). High Wycombe Bus Stn & Magpie Wood via the new 27 routeing to Bowerdean crossroads then Bowerdean Rd, Arnison Drive, Walton Dr (return via Totteridge Dr and Kingston Rd), Totteridge Lane, Hatter's Lane and then via the new 27 routeing. Partly replaces 39 and the 39A (the latter previously provided the once per day M-F facility to the Walton Drive area).
- 29 New route. High Wycombe Bus Stn & Pheasant Drive via current 27 route. Four return journeys providing an x120 headway, Mon-Fri offpeak only. The 27 had provided five at a headway of x70 although with a later start and an earlier finish.
- 30 (*High Wycombe Bus Stn & Downley, daily*) Frequency increased Mon-Fri except evenings from x30 to x20, and Mon-Fri early evenings up from x60 to x20. Revised timetable Sats (no frequency change). No change Suns.
- 31 (*High Wycombe Bus Stn & Penn, daily except late evenings*) Extended Mon-Sat from Penn to Beaconsfield (Aylesbury End) via Church Rd, Witheridge Lane, Knotty Green, Penn Rd, Beaconsfield Stn and Station Road. Schoolday journeys extend in a one-way loop via Wycombe End, Butlers Ct Rd and Wattleton Rd to serve Aylesbury High School. Frequency retained as x30 Mon-Sat, no change Suns. Replaces the Mon-Fri peaks-only 577.
- 31S (*Penn & Bourne End Stn, SDO*) Withdrawn between Flackwell Heath and Bourne End Stn.
- 32 (*Booker (Asda) & Micklefield, Mon-Sat except evenings*) Frequency increased Mon-Fri offpeaks and Sat daytimes from x20 to x15. Still x20 at all other times, and no change to the evening/ Sunday 32A.
- 34 (*High Wycombe Bus Stn & Lane End, Mon-Sat except evenings; also Mon-Fri early evenings, High Wycombe Bus Stn & High Wycombe Coachway*) Extended from High Wycombe Bus Stn via Castle Street, High Wycombe Stn, Totteridge Road, Hollis Rd, Hicks Farm Rise, St. Hugh's Ave, Roebuck Ave, Hicks Farm Rise, Micklefield Rd, London Rd and Cock Lane to Olympic Way. Return journeys operate anti-clockwise through the St. Hugh's Ave and Roebuck Ave area. Replaces parts of routes 27 and 39. Frequency remains x30 offpeaks (throughout, so a vast improvement on the 27 and 39). Morning peaks no change, still x30-40;
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- p.m. peaks up from x35 to x30 between Lane End and High Wycombe Bus Stn but only every other journey continues to Olympic Way, so x60 east of the town centre. Sats remains x30 Lane End & High Wycombe Bus Stn, and x60 on to Olympic Way. Also introduced Sundays except evenings, High Wycombe Bus Stn & Lane End only, x60.
- 38 (*High Wycombe Bus Stn & Desborough Ave circular, Mon-Fri daytimes and p.m. peaks*) The p.m. peak service withdrawn. Reduced offpeaks from x60 to x120.
- 39/A (*High Wycombe Bus Stn & Totteridge circulars, Mon-Sat except evenings*) Withdrawn. Replaced by 27, 27A and 34.
- 41 (*High Wycombe Bus Stn & Amersham Stn, Mon-Sat except evgs; SDO journeys extend in High Wycombe to Marlow Hill Schools*) Introduced Sunday daytimes, x60, High Wycombe Bus Stn & Great Missenden Stn.
- 41S (*High Wycombe, Marlow Hill schools & Amersham Stn*) Rerouted in Amersham between Copperkins Lane and Oakfield Corner direct via Chesham Road instead of via the Quill Hall Estate (North Rd, Chestnut La, New Rd, Grimsdell's La, Sycamore Rd).
- 102 (*High Wycombe Bus Stn & Heathrow Central Bus Stn, daily*) Revised timetable.
- 103 (*High Wycombe Bus Stn & Slough, Mon-Sat except late evenings; extended except evenings to Windsor*) Introduced Mon-Sat late evenings and Sunday evenings, x60, High Wycombe & Slough. Together with the (unchanged) X103 which runs Sundays except evenings, a daily service is now provided (other than on the Windsor extension).
- 104 (*Uxbridge Stn & Beaconsfield Stn, Mon-Fri except late evenings, Sats except evenings and Sunday daytimes; extended Mon-Sat to High Wycombe Bus Stn*) A later journey in each direction introduced on Sundays, thus now operating into the early evening on that day.
- 106 (*Amersham Stn & Slough, Mon-Sat except late evenings*) The first of the two Mon-Sat early evening journeys that run Amersham Stn & Chalfont & Latimer Stn only is extended through to Slough. A further, later southbound journey added between Wexham Park Hospital & Slough, and two northbound mid-evening journeys added from Slough to WPH. Also introduced Sunday daytimes, x60, Slough & Wexham Park Hospital.
- 577 (*Hazlemere & Beaconsfield (Waitrose), Mon-Fri peaks*) Withdrawn. Replaced by 31.

For completeness, Carousel's out-of-area routes with changes are the 275 (Chinnor & Oxford with just the first and last journeys to and from High Wycombe), which has a timetable change, and the 850 (High Wycombe & Reading) which is reduced from x20 to x30 but gets short journeys between High Wycombe and Henley-on-Thames to provide an x15 headway on that stretch. The hourly evening and Sunday services on the 850 are doubled to x30 throughout. Finally, a new Mon-Fri 127 service by Carousel is introduced between Maidenhead and Reading. It will follow a similar route as Thames Valley Buses' Saturday 127 and maintains that third Carousel bus an hour between Twyford and Reading, otherwise lost with the reduction on the 850.

No further news yet regarding the intended withdrawal of **Red Eagle's** Wednesday morning 199 Chesham & Tring service from Saturday 5th April.

Sunday 6th April is set to see significant changes on the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead's tendered services. Details should be available for TLB 727, but the only official news to emerge at time of going to press is that **Carousel** have registered a new 10/A between Windsor and Staines via Datchet, Sunnymeads, Horton and Hythe End, with an SDO extension to Egham Hythe.

SURREY and northern parts of WEST SUSSEX

Monday 6th January 2025

436, 456, 479(Falcon), RHS Wisley Shuttle (Stagecoach South & Woking Community Transport) all as in TLB 725.

Sunday 19th January 2025

RA2 (First Berkshire) as in TLB 725.

Saturday 1st February 2025

- 1 (*Metrobus, Crawley Bus Stn & Broadfield (Creasys Drive), daily*) Increased frequency Mon-Fri p.m. peaks, and at similar times on Saturdays, from approximately x40 to approximately x20 mins.
- 2 (*Metrobus, Ifield West & K2 Leisure Centre, daily; SDO journeys bifurcate to Hazelwick School*) Frequency increased Mon-Sat daytimes from x13-14 mins to x12 mins; Mon-Sat late evenings from x60 to x30; and Sunday daytimes from x30 to x20.
- 3 (*Metrobus, Bewbush West (Barlow Road) & Gatwick Airport (South Terminal), daily*) Frequency increased Mon-Sat late evenings from x40 to x30. Introduced every night, x70, to become a 24/7 service. Extended Mon-Sat evenings (until around 0110 a.m.) and early Sat a.m. from South Terminal a short distance along London Road to a new stand at Atlantic House.
- 4/5 (*Metrobus, Pound Hill & Gatwick Airport (South Terminal), daily plus northbound journeys from 0300hrs*) Extended from South Terminal via London Road to a new stand at Atlantic House. Combined mid-late Mon-Sat evening frequency increased from x35-70 to x30 mins. No change Sunday evenings. Both routes introduced in both directions every night at a combined frequency of approximately x67 mins, thus becoming 24/7 services.
- 10 (*Metrobus, Bewbush (Dorsten Square) & Gatwick Airport (North Terminal), 24/7*) Extended from 0300hrs to 2245hrs via Sullivan Drive, bus-only link, Somerset Rd, Calvert Link to Kilnwood Vale (Millpond La). Frequency increased from x8-10 (Mon-Fri daytimes) or x10 (Sat daytimes) to x7-8 mins; also early evenings (daily) from x15 to x12, mid evenings (daily) from x20 to x15; and Sunday daytimes up from x12 to x10.
- 20 (*Metrobus, Pease Pottage & Langshott, 24/7*) Frequency increased Mon-Sat daytimes from a slightly irregular x20-25 minutes to a regular x20.
- E9 (*Metrobus, Epsom town circular, daily except Sunday evenings*) Revised timetable for reliability and better connections at Epsom Railway Station. There is also a slightly earlier finish Mon-Sat late evenings.
- E10 (*Metrobus, Epsom Stn & Noble Park, daily except Sunday evenings*) Revised timetable for reliability and better connections at Epsom Railway Station. There is also a slightly earlier finish Mon-Sat late evenings.

Monday 3rd February 2025

Changes to the Spelthorne Shopper services operated by Reptons under contract to Surrey County Council. This is apparently for reliability and safety issues, likely related to narrow roads. Note that all these changes have been reported by Surrey CC as having taken place but bustimes.org (unusually) does not reflect any of this. Local observations would be appreciated.

- 571 (*Upper Halliford & Staines Bus Stn, Mon/ Wed/ Fri daytimes*) Withdrawn from Oakington Drive, Mark Way and Elm Drive, and revised to operate direct along French Street instead. Also revised to omit the stop at Two Rivers Shopping Centre in Staines.
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Monday 3rd February 2025 continued

- 572 (*Sunbury Common & Sunbury (Tesco), Mon-Fri daytimes; extended Tues & Thur to Staines Bus Stn*) Withdrawn from the Kenyngton Drive loop in Sunbury. This would suggest that Beechwood Ave would cease to be served although Surrey CC suggest otherwise.
- 574 (*Repton, Ashford (Boundary Rd) & Sunbury Tesco, Tues & Thur daytimes*) Withdrawn from the Briar Road and Bush Road loop in the Shepperton area. Surrey CC suggest that Rosewood Drive would continue to be served, although it is not clear how given the other change!

Also from this date;

- 400 (*Falcon, Staines Bus Stn & Walton-on-Thames, Mon-Fri daytimes*) Revised timetable for reliability. No change to the SDO journeys operated by Bear Buses.

Monday 24th February 2025

- 24 (*Compass Travel, Cranleigh High St & Guildford Bus Stn, SDO jnys extended to Glebelands School*) The first Mon-Fri morning journey in each direction is retimed to run slightly earlier, and neither of these will now serve Elmbridge village on request. It seems as though these measures are to ensure a timely arrival of pupils at Glebelands School in Cranleigh.

Saturday 1st March 2025

- 446 (*White Bus, Hatton Cross & Chertsey, daily, extended except late evenings to Kingfield Green*) Revised timetable Mon-Fri for reliability.

North and West KENT

Wednesday 1st January 2025

Arriva Click Ebbsfleet DRT service (Arriva KT) as in TLB 725.

Additionally, and very much out on the fringes, Arriva Kent & Surrey introduced a new non-stop service H3 between Knights Park and Tunbridge Wells Hospital, operating every 15 minutes during Mon-Fri peak hours only.

Thursday 2nd January 2025

GC1 (*Go-Coach*) as in TLB 725.

Monday 6th January 2025

- S5 (*Go-Coach, Sevenoaks Weald & Greatness (Trinity School), SDO; the p.m. journey extends from Sevenoaks Weald to Hildenborough (Flying Dutchman)*) Rerouted both a.m. and p.m. in Sevenoaks via Worships Hill, Witches Lane, Bullfinch Lane, double-run to Riverhead (Tesco) then London Rd, ex the very much shorter and more direct route via London Rd. Converted from single-deck to double-deck to address capacity issues.
- S8 (*Go-Coach, Bessels Green & Knole Academy, SDO*) Extended from Bessels Green (Chipstead Corner) via Sundridge to Brasted (both a.m. and p.m.).

Monday 20th January 2025

202, 211, 212 plus out-of-area 70, 77, W4, W5 (Nu-Venture) all as in TLB 725.

Monday 3rd February 2025

- GC1 (*Go-Coach, Ebbsfleet International and Greenhithe Stn, daily except late evenings*) The daily service between approximately 1000 and 1630 withdrawn and 'replaced' by Go2.
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Monday 3rd February 2025 continued

Go2 (*Go-Coach*) A new DRT service introduced, daily 0600-0100 (Mon-Sat) or 0600-0000 (Sun & Bank Holidays). The area covered is roughly that bound by Stone Crossing station, Bluewater shopping centre, Darent Valley Hospital, the A2, Ebbsfleet and Northfleet.

The revised GC1 and Go2 represent the long-term replacement for the Arriva Click DRT service withdrawn from 1st January.

Sunday 23rd February 2025

Arriva Kent & Surrey are making changes to their Tunbridge Wells/ Tonbridge network, all just timetable changes unless otherwise stated. Affected routes on the borders are the 6/6H (Tunbridge Wells Stn & Tunbridge Wells Hospital (6H)/ Maidstone (6)), with an extra morning journey on the 6H; the 277 and 281 (Tunbridge Wells town services); and SDO routes 286, 774, 775 and 776. The in-area routes affected are as below;

7 (*Tunbridge Wells Stn & Maidstone Bus Stn, Mon-Fri exc. late evgs, Sats, and Suns exc. evgs*)

218/ 219 (*Tonbridge circulars, daily except late evenings*)

402 (*Tunbridge Wells & Sevenoaks Bus Stn; Mon-Fri early a.m. journeys extend to start from Dunton Green; SDO journeys extend from Sevenoaks Bus Stn to Knole Academy*). Arriva mention that a minor rerouting has been effected on the Knole Academy journeys though it is not yet quite clear what!

582 (*Tunbridge Wells Stn & Tonbridge (Hugh Christie Technical College)*)

PUBLICITY NEWS

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A new title from TfL is “**Making rail accessible: Helping older and disabled passengers**”, a forty-four-page A5 book dated November 2024. The predominately blue cover features four different coloured rings (reminiscent of the Olympic rings) with a photo in three of them. The book is divided into five chapters outlining how customers can arrange assistance in journey planning, buying tickets, using stations, boarding and alighting trains and during disruption. It has been produced for customers using Underground services at thirty stations which are managed by National Rail operators, including the Elizabeth line and London Overground.

Inviting comments on proposals to alter fares is “**Your black cabs. Your say.**” a double-sided landscape A5 card presented in the ‘Have your say’ format. It outlines a variety of ways that the public could view and respond to proposals during a consultation which ended on Monday 2nd December 2024.

Visitors to the London Transport Museum can provide feedback by completing “**How are we doing?**” The double-sided postcard features the title and multicolour Museum roundel on one side, whilst the reverse has a simple questionnaire plus option to leave contact details.

Golden Tours usually use an ‘extra-long’ multifold slimline for their publicity but have opted for a standard size on “**London by Night Open Top Bus Tour**” which has a route map, ticket prices and brief timings for this tour valid from 1st June 2024 until 31st March 2025. The same size is used for “**Fun Things To Do in London & the UK**” which features the London Eye on the cover. Inside are adverts for a variety of activities including the company’s English Tea Bus and Hop-on Hop-off

tours in the capital and Windsor. Although undated it carries an advert for the Princess Diana photo exhibition which closed on 2nd September 2024. Sightseeing tours of London on both Christmas Day and Boxing Day plus a ‘Singalong Christmas Lights Tour’ and New Year’s Eve River Cruises are included in “**Christmas Sightseeing Tours and Experiences.**” This is also a standard sized multifold slimline with a print date of 15th November 2024.

Readers seeking some publicity nostalgia can visit The London Archives for a London's Tramways Posters exhibition showing until 26th June. The display will showcase 40 posters dated from 1922 to 1933, including official tramways guides, photographs and a map.

‘Now up to every 30 mins on Sundays’ is promoted prominently on the cover of “**461**” from Falcon Buses, a sixteen-page slimline book valid from 3rd November 2024. A full timetable is accompanied by route map and details of various fare deals.

Previously unreported is “**592**” from Carlone, a double sided A4 sheet dated 28th August 2023. The front has a large route number whilst the reverse has a timetable for the route which links Addlestone with either Brooklands or Woking dependent on the day of the week.

Alterations from 1st February are covered in eight leaflets issued by Metrobus, all A6 size featuring different colour covers complete with a single deck cartoon bus. All the leaflets have the ‘Metrobus area bus routes including Brighton & Hove Buses connections’ map showing how each route fits into the company’s wider network. Most also have a driver recruitment advert featuring Josephine and an average annual driver salary of £38k.

‘Increased frequency Monday - Saturday afternoon’ is promoted in a yellow circle on the light green cover of multifold “**Route 1**”. Inside is a full timetable and route map. The yellow circle on the navy-blue cover of “**Route 2**” simply states ‘Improved frequency.’ The sixteen-page book offers the full timetable and route map. Also, a sixteen page book is “**Route 3**” with the purple cover advertising ‘Now operating 24 hours a day with improved evening services Monday-Saturday’. It also has the full timetable and route map. The same cover message appears on the navy-blue cover of “**Routes 4,5**”, accompanied by a black circle with the message ‘Extended to start and finish outside Atlantic House at Gatwick Airport. The twenty-page book has a combined route map and timetable for both routes which serve a common core but navigate the ‘loop’ at Pound Hill in different directions. There is also an advert for the Gatwick Travelcard available to airport employees. Orange is the vivid colour on the cover of “**Route 10**”, another twenty-page book. As well as the Fastway logo and a ‘24 hours’ logo, the cover has two circles; a yellow one reads ‘Extended from Bewbush to serve Kilnwood Vale 7 days a week’, whilst a darker orange circle tells passengers ‘Increased frequency throughout the daytime and evening’. The route map is an imposing colour coded diagram showing Fastway routes 10, 20 and 100 on a black background. The Gatwick Travelcard advert is also included, but not the driver recruitment advert. Fellow Fastway “**Route 20**” carries the same logos on its blue cover, with the yellow circle advertising ‘Frequency increased to every 20 minutes Monday - Saturday daytime. The twenty pages have the timetable accompanied by the same maps and adverts found in ‘Route 10’. Two multifolds complete the set; ‘Minor timetable updates to improve train connections at Epsom station’ is the yellow circle message on the green cover of “**Route E9**”. The same message is also found on the purple cover of “**Route E10**”.

CURRENT VEHICLE NEWS

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General news:

A re-cap of the growing electric bus fleet within London, per operator is shown below: Please note this includes delivered buses that are awaiting introduction into service.

Arriva London	184	
Go-Ahead London	721	Includes ‘demonstrators’ EL1 and MVB1. NB: Not including IE21-48 and SEe37-40 as not in TfL use.
Metroline	329	Includes LT11. NB: Not including OEM2750 as not in TfL use.
RATP	335	
Stagecoach London	259	
Transport UK	248	
Uno Bus	4	

Total: 2080 electric buses (correct to 5th February).

Other electric buses in our LOTS coverage area, operating on non-TfL services are:

Big Bus Company	12	AN327-30/32/33/35/36/41/42/45/46 (LJ12 GKL, GSZ, JSX, GTZ, JSY, JWA, LJL, JUT, JVL, JVZ, MYG/H). In use on Central London sightseeing routes
Centaur Overland	2	Optare MetroDeckers CN21 FZA/B In use on the University of Greenwich service
Go-Ahead London	32	E200EVs SEe37-40 (LJ66 CHK/L/N/O) In use on ‘HereEast’ contract in Stratford, E20 IE21-48 delivered for Kent ‘Fastrack’ in Spring
Metroline	1	Optare MetroCity OEM2750 (YJ71 GPX) In use on local Potters Bar town route PB1
National Express	4	E400EVs E030-33 (LG22 AYA/B/C/D) In use on the Warner Bros Studios visitor shuttle service from Watford Junction - Leavesden
Stagecoach South	9	BYD E200EVs 74001-9 (LJ68 CZA/B/C/D/E/F/G/H/K) In use on Guildford Park & Ride services.
Tootbus	2	ULE100 (PO68 CAX) and VXE732 (YJ11 TVT). In use on Central London sightseeing routes

Total: 62 electric buses (correct to 5th February).

Section 1: Major TfL operators

ARRIVA LONDON

ARRIVA LONDON NORTH - AD, AR, CT, DT, DX, E, EC, GY, SF and WN;

ARRIVA LONDON SOUTH - BN, CN, N, TC and TH.

A new vehicle order is for 21 x Volvo BZL/MCV 10.9m double decks for route 41 (AR), to be numbered EZ52-72. These will follow on from the 51 already ordered for routes 243 and 341.

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The last day of operation on route 347 (GY) was Friday 17th January with Enviro200 ENL111, after which the route was withdrawn. Route 99, 269 and 401 (DT) were duly lost to Go-Ahead London (BX) on 18th January, leading to several 61-plate DB300s (DW class) and 59-plate Enviro400s (T class) being withdrawn. The Volvo B5LHs (HV38-48, HV145-152) at DT are staying put and these are intended for routes 301 and 335, with the 65-plate Enviro400s (T301-331) allocated to routes 229 and 492.

AD E40H-City HA18-31 allocated to route 198 transferred from Thornton Heath (TH) into Norwood (N) on the night of 17th January. Note: the drivers are still sourced from TH, but the physical parking of buses is at N. Two more Electroliner EVs (ES104/133) are now in use at TH.

More Electroliner EVs continue to transfer into Enfield (E) to progressively convert route 279 from Enviro400s (T class) to electric bus (ES class) operation. Thus far twenty-three of the '24-plate' Electroliners (ES51/52/54-64/66-69/73/74/76/78-80) are in use at Enfield. This in turn has enabled some ex route 279 '61-plate' Enviro400s to filter into GY to semi convert route 66, 103 and 370 from '09/59-plate' DB300 operation. Most of the GY DB300s are destined to be stood down in the coming months.

In the long term, GY will receive Volvo B5LH hybrids from AR, with HV271-279, 342-378 being the intended batch, as per the tender re-award of routes 66, 103 and 370. This won't happen until AR gets electrified and the ordered Volvo BZL/MCV deckers (EZ class) are introduced onto routes 243 and 341. DW201/2 are now part of the Rail Replacement pool of buses based at EC, joining DW210/216/219/225/244.

As part of their tender re-award, routes 150 and 175 (DX) will also receive Volvo B5LHs in due course. The intended batch are HV161-192 and HV341, which will replace the Enviro400s on route 150 and the DB300s on route 175. Electrification work at AD will need to be completed first and the ordered BYD B11E02 (ED class) put to use on route 34 and 141, before the Volvo hybrids can be released to DX. Note: HV187-189/191 are currently in use at AR, serving as 'refurb floats'.

As part of its tender re-award, route 329 (WN) will receive E40H-City HA1-17 to replace the 61-plate Enviro400s. HA15/16 are already at WN to start the process, however the rest of the batch are still needed on Superloop SL1 (AD) for now, at least until AD gets electrified and route SL1 receives its quota of BYD B11E02 electric buses (ED class).

LTs at Enfield (E) are allocated to routes 313 and 349, however on a daily basis a handful of DB300s (DW class) and Enviro400s (T class) buses are also allocated to help meet vehicle requirements. At GY, route 248 is intended for LT operation (using LT88-94, 136-142, 176-178) but again a handful of DB300s (DW class) are used daily to meet PVR. Note: LT177 has been VOR since 18th December 2022.

The StreetLites allocated to route 410 (TH) are refurbished/repainted SLS1-9/11-21. SLS10 is stood down (last used 8th July 2024). SLS24/25/27 are still in use, 'on paper' covering for SLS10 and SLS15. SLS22 (last used 27th December 2024) has now also been stood down, joining SLS23/26/28-30.

A rare working was EA20 on route 417 (BN) on 14th January, followed by EA16 on 16th January and EA5 on 24th January. This route is usually solidly an Electroliner EV operation.

EKL1 and 2, the first examples of the EKL class of Wrightbus GB Kite Electroliners, entered service on route 255 (TH) as we closed for press on 7th February. The rest of the batch EKL3-11 were delivered some time ago but have not yet been listed in TLB because they have been stored outside of London at the Arriva garage in Birkenhead (along with a couple of outstanding ES class double-deckers).

Recent repaint/refurbs noted include HV239, HV240, HV242, HV246, HV292, HV301, HV302, HV304, HV305, HV309, HV361, LT814 and LT820.

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To recap: HV280-294/298/301/302/304-306/309/311/314/315/317 have been refurbished + repainted thus far from the large batch of Volvo B5LH/Gemini 3 at Norwood (N).

Note: HV280 was refurbished/repainted in 2022, as part of the tender award for route 432 (N).

Also: HV321 being a recent transfer from N to WN, should be added to the list in TLB725, of Volvo B5LHs (HV class) to be refurbished/repainted for route W3 (WN).

Still on loan:

T18 (LJ08 CVO) Enviro400 training bus had been on loan to Luton for a period. Now it has moved on to Arriva Midlands (Thurmaston) for continued loan. Update to TLB720, pg.35.

Transfers:

August 2024

ENL63 TC/TCu
LT205 CT/CTu

November 2024

T263 WN/WNu

December 2024

SLS22 TH/CNw

January 2025

DW201 GY/EC
DW202 GY/EC
DW203 GY/GYw
DW204 GY/GYw
DW206 GY/GYw
DW207 GY/GYw
DW228 GY/GYw
DW331 DT/DTw
DW423 DT/DTw
DW424 DT/DTw
DW425 DT/DTw
DW426 DT/DTw
DW427 DT/DTw
DW430 DT/DTw
DW433 DT/DTw
DW434 DT/DTw
DW436 DT/DTw
DW439 DT/DTw
DW440 DT/DTw

DW442	DT/DTw	HA16	EC/WNt
DW444	DT/DTw	HA18	TH/N
DW445	DT/DTw	HA19	TH/N
DW446	DT/DTw	HA20	TH/N
DW449	DT/DTw	HA21	TH/N
DW450	DT/DTw	HA22	TH/N
DW452	DT/DTw	HA23	TH/N
DW453	DT/DTw	HA24	TH/N
DW456	DT/DTw	HA25	TH/N
DW457	DT/DTw	HA26	TH/N
DW459	DT/DTw	HA27	TH/N
ES52	Et/E	HA28	TH/N
ES54	ECu/E	HA29	TH/N
ES55	ECu/E	HA30	TH/N
ES57	Eu/E	HA31	TH/N
ES60	ECu/E	HV12	BN/TC
ES62	ECu/E	HV16	BNu/Nw
ES63	ECu/E	HV20	EC/ECu/DT
ES66	Et/E	HV25	BNu/BNw
ES67	ECu/E	HV32	BN/N
ES68	ECu/E	HV37	BNw/GYw
ES69	ECu/E	LT205	CTu/CT
ES74	ECu/E	T11	DT/DTw
ES76	ECu/E	T71	DT/DTw
ES78	ECu/E	T72	DT/DTw
ES79	ECu/E	T76	DT/DTw
ES80	ECu/E	T77	DT/DTw
ES104	Nu/TH	T79	DT/DTw
ES133	Nu/TH	T80	DT/DTw
HA15	DX/WNt	T81	DT/DTw

T119 EC/ECw
T125 EC/ECw
T126 EC/ECw
T210 EC/N
T211 EC/N
T223 EC/N
T230 E/GY
T232 E/GY
T234 E/GY
T237 E/GY
T239 E/GY
T248 E/GY
T251 E/GY
T253 E/GY
T256 E/GY
T300 E/GY

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EKL1 Nu/TH
EKL2 Nu/TH
ES64 ECu/E
ES73 ECu/E
HA15 WNt/AD
T240 E/GY
T243 E/GY
T245 E/GY
T263 WNu/WN

All-over advert changes:

- LT210 from advert for Cos back to red (01/2025)
- LT318 to advert for Emirates (02/2025)
- LT320 to advert for Emirates (02/2025)
- LT430 to advert for Emirates (02/2025)
- LT493 to advert for ESN - Elite Sports Nutrition (01/2025)
- LT532 to advert for Emirates (02/2025)
- LT582 to advert for Emirates (01/2025)
- LT732 to advert for Fulfil Protein Bar (01/2025)

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LT737 to advert for Samsung S25 Ultra (02/2025)
LT825 to advert for Fulfil Protein Bar (01/2025)
LT956 from advert for Squid Games 2 back to red (02/2025)
LT971 from advert for Uniqlo HeatTech back to red (01/2025)
LT974 from advert for Asos - Night Shift back to red (01/2025)

Disposals:

T119, T122-T127 left the fleet (February).

GO-AHEAD LONDON

BLUE TRIANGLE - RR,DS; **DOCKLANDS BUSES** - SI; **LONDON CENTRAL** - BX, MG, NX, PM, Q; **LONDON GENERAL** - A, AF, AL, FT, GM, NP, PL, RA and SW; **METROBUS** - C, MB. Outstations: FK=Folkestone, LD=Lower Dicker, LZ=Leighton Buzzard.

Further to information in TLB724, pg.26: the 131x Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner EVs and 53x Wrightbus GB Kites on order are now known to be assigned DEL and SEL class codes respectively and the intended route allocations are as follows:

DEL1-16 for route 151 (A).	SEL1-15 for route 355 (Q).
DEL17-39 for route 131 (AL).	SEL16-28 for route 360 (Q).
DEL40-59 for route 22 (AF).	SEL29-39 for route B16 (BX).
DEL60-75 for route 99 (BX).	SEL40-53 for route 444 (NP).
DEL76-90 for route 269 (BX).	
DEL91-99 for route 401 (BX).	<u>Note:</u> DEL class are 10.6m
DEL100-115 for route 172 (NX).	SEL class are 10.9m
DEL116-131 for route 171 (NX).	

The first batch of Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner EVs (DEL class) are starting to arrive and these are to start the conversion of route 151 from 58-plate AD Trident/Optare Olympus (DOE class) to electric bus operation by the Spring. The future of Electroliner EV demonstrator EL1 (LY71 GHZ) is unsure for now, but it's been a loyal servant on route 151 since 28th February 2024. The DOE class are destined to remain with the wider Go-Ahead Group, but at pastures new outside of London.

Route 51 (alongside with Enviro400s EN29-40/47/48 and Volvo B9TLs WVL414-421) and route 244 (along with Enviro200s SE55-67) duly transferred from Bexleyheath (BX) to Morden Wharf (MG) on 11th January.

Route 473 (DS) started to be allocated BYD B11E02 electric buses on 14th January, when seven were in service (EBD45-48/52-54), since joined by EBD49-51. In turn this released some Volvo B9TLs (from the batch WVN2-9/11) to help stock route 99, 269 and 401, which were won from Arriva London (DT) from 18th January and now operated by Bexleyheath (BX).

13 x BYD B11E02 electric deckers (EBD1/2/3/5/6/7/12-18) entered service on school routes based at River Road (RR) on 15th January, later joined by EBD10. These are from the batch (EBD1-18) intended for route 321 (NX), which are planned to fully convert from Enviro400 to electric bus operation in the Spring. The allocation of these EBDs at RR helped release further Volvo B9TLs and mainly Enviro400s (see transfers) needed for the increase of work at BX from 18th January.

Irizar ie tram IE7 was the last member of the batch (IE1-20) to enter service on route 358 on 16th January. One 65-plate Mercedes-Benz Citaro (MEC62) lingered on in service until 17th January and this has now joined the rest of the batch in being stood down (see disposals below). In reality, the Irizar ie trams on route 358 are supported on a daily basis by a handful of Enviro200s (usually from the 751-759 batch).

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A couple of the Irizar ie trams for the Fastrack network (IE21-48) have been seen on the road doing trials, but they were running on trade plates. The batch is likely to be given new 25-plate registrations before entering service. Of the ex-Luton Airport Mercedes Citaros, only MEC70/72/73 (BX64 WHH/K/L) have been noted in service, all in red but unlettered apart from MEC73. Does anyone know their revised seating capacity? MEC71 (BX64 WHJ) and the reported fifth member of the batch have yet to be seen and may now not be used. There was a report that ex-Go-Ahead London MECs would be used on Fastrack work, so as to release SE-class Enviro 200s back to London, but none had been noted as of early February.

A generous pool of 16 x BYD B11E02 electric deckers (EBD19-34) are allocated to route 320 (MB) for now, converting the route from Enviro400s to electric bus operation. This in turn released some Enviro400s from MB to BX for allocation to routes 99, 269 and 401. The intended and ordered batch (EBD100-113) will eventually swap over and these should receive 25-plate registrations.

Additionally, WVL425/426 transferred from AL to BX, helped by the fact that eight Optare MetroDeckers (Me2/8/11/13-17) are now back in use on route 200, with more pending, although admittedly at a slower pace than expected.

Route 118 (SW) was duly withdrawn after service on 31st January, having been replaced by an extension to route 45 (Transport UK - QB). The 60-plate Enviro400s (E138-150) formerly allocated to route 118 will be utilised elsewhere with London, potentially to transfer into RR to release the temporary allocation of EBD buses on the school routes, for onward use on their intended allocation on route 321.

EBD11 was the first of the batch (EBD1-18) to enter service on route 321 (NX) on 1st February, with EBD8/9 now also in use, and others to follow in due course.

EBD21 has been given Superloop red and white livery, with branding to promote the proposed new BL1 service: Waterloo - Lewisham Centre ('Bakerloop' bus service). Route consultations are currently underway, with a potential launch date in the Autumn.

Route 153 (RA) was duly lost to Metroline (HT) on 1st February with its previously allocated batch of BYD/E200EVs SEe65-76 due to move to route 219 (AL) in the coming months.

At NP, four Enviro400s (EN42/43/44/46) have so far arrived for allocation onto route 217. Enviro400s E246-248 (from NX) should be joining these in the coming weeks with more to follow. This is for vehicle age profile reasons as part of the tender award and will in turn release Volvo B9TLs (WVL293, 435, WVN12-17/23, WVN41-45). School route 657 (NP) is lost to Stagecoach London (T) on 8th March, by which point all the Volvo B9TLs should be no longer needed at NP.

A further four BYD E200EVs (SEe12/18/25/26) entered service on route 108 (NX), leaving just SEe13 still to do so. A handful of Mercedes-Benz Citaros (MEC7/20/27/34) remain in use on route 108 for now, until the BYD E200EVs 'bed in'. The SEe buses have spent nearly 2 years in storage since Red Arrow routes 507 and 521 (RA) were withdrawn in April 2023. The '09-plate' Mercedes-Benz Citaros (MEC class) are being withdrawn and are planned to be sold on.

Three more BYD/E200EVs (SEe291-293) are now in use on route 325 (RR), joining SEe294 thus far. The full batch (SEe291-303) are likely to fully convert the route from Enviro200 to electric bus operation by Spring, with unused and stored SEe295-298 next to enter service.

Route 476 (NP) is officially allocated MHV11-18/20/53/54/56-62, however BYD E400EVs can and do appear on the route, including Ee40 and Ee47 on 14th January. Just four MHVs (MHV56/59/60/62) have been refurbished/repainted for route 476 so far.

Route 355 (Q) is 'on paper' allocated StreetLites (WS91-103), although of late the route is also home to four BYD/E200EVs (SEe263/264/270/271) until they are needed for route P12 (PM). E40H MMCs and Volvo B5LHs also appear on the route, including EH119, EH121 and MHV84 on 23rd January.

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SEe324 was a rarity on routes 209 and 378 on 23rd January.

Route 485 (AL) is now operated by BYD/E200EVs, usually from the batch (SEe276-290) allocated to route 152. This arrangement is expected to remain until the route passes to Transport UK on 3rd May.

Route 225 (MG) is lost to Stagecoach London (TL) on 15th March. The batch of Enviro200s (740-746) currently allocated to the route are likely to be retained and utilised elsewhere within the London fleet, at least in the short term.

The Volvo B5LHs intended for route 147 (RR) have now all been refurbished/repainted. To confirm, these are MHV1-10, WHV70/101-103/105/106/109/110/112-114/167. The next batch of Volvo B5LHs (WHV51-59) currently being done are for route 368 (RR).

Recent repaint/refurbs include LT904, LT905, MHV81, WHV53, WHV55, WHV57, WHV59, WHV105, WHV121, WHV126, WHV134, WHV137, WHV140, WHV159, WS67 and WS90. Note: LT904/5 were previously in East London Transit livery.

To recap: WHV115/117/121/126/130/134-142/158-161 have been refurbished/repainted so far, from the batch at Putney (AF). WHV116/118-120/122-125/127-129/131-133/162 are still to be done.

Superloop branding update:

EDB21 is in Superloop red and white livery with branding for the proposed BL1 service.

Note: This is for TfL promotional purposes and is not intended for the actual route allocation.

Forthcoming EBD55-75 are in Superloop red and white livery and intended for deployment on route SL4 from 7th April, when the new Silvertown tunnel opens and the new route is launched.

New Deliveries:

New deliveries (January):

EBD77/83/91/94 (LF74 TWX/TXD/TXN/TXR). BYD B11E02 10.9m H42/19D

New deliveries (February):

DEL9/10 (LV74 TMU/X) Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner 10.6m H40/20D.

Additional information: Irizar ie trams IE21-48 for Kent ‘Fastrack’ are confirmed as B31D. They have four less seats than the red TfL batch (IE1-20) on route 358 (MB), as some tables are fitted towards the rear.

Update to TLB725, pg.41: EBD21 is LF74 UAD (not TZX), EBD27 is LF74 TZX (not UAD). EBD21/27 had their registration numbers swapped upon formal registration.

Booked registration numbers:

DEL1-16 (LV74 TLF/N/O/U/X/Y/Z, TMO/U/X/Y/Z, TNE/F/J, YVE) Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner 10.6m H40/20D for route 151 (A).

EBD55-75 (LF74 TVP/T/U/V/W/X/Y/Z, TWA/C/D/E/G/J/K/L/M/N/P/U/V)
BYD B11E02 10.9m H42/19D for route SL4 (DS).

EBD76-99 (LF74 TWW/X/Y/Z, TXA/B/C/D/E/G/H/J/K/L/M/N/O/P/R/S/T/U/V/W)
BYD B11E02 10.9m H42/19D for route 129 (DS).

Note: Most of EBD55-99 are already in London, noted parked up at various locations including RATP’s Westbourne Park garage. However, just four are confirmed as having been delivered to Go-Ahead (see above).

GO-AHEAD LONDON continued**Transfers:****October 2024**

Ee116 A/Au

December 2024

MEC57 MB/MBw

MEC61 MB/MBw

MEC68 MB/MBw

SE81 BX/BXw

WS140 NP/NPu

January 2025

E110 RR/BX

E118 RR/BX

E121 MB/BX

E122 MB/BX

E123 RR/BX

E124 DS/BX

E126 RR/BX

E186 RR/BX

E189 RR/BX

E190 RR/BX

E191 RR/BX

E192 RR/BX

E193 RR/BX

E207 RR/BX

E208 MB/BX

E209 MB/BX

E210 MB/BX

E212 RR/BX

E213 RR/BX

E214 RR/BX

E225 MB/BX

E227 MB/BX

E228 RR/BX

E274 BX/MG

E276 RR/BX

EBD1 MGu/RR

EBD2 SIu/RR

EBD3 SIu/RR

EBD5 SIu/RR

EBD6 MGu/RR

EBD7 SIu/RR

EBD10 SIu/RR

EBD12 SIu/RR

EBD13 SIu/RR

EBD14 SIu/RR

EBD15 MGu/RR

EBD16 SIu/RR

EBD17 NXu/RR

EBD18 MGu/RR

EBD21 SIu/MB

EBD22 RRt/MB

EBD34 SIu/MB

EBD45 SIu/DS

EBD46 SIu/DS

EBD47 SIu/DS

EBD48 SIu/DS

EBD49 SIu/DS

EBD50 SIu/DS

EBD51 SIu/DS

EBD52 SIu/DS

EBD53 SIu/DS

EBD54 SIu/DS

EBD77 --/SIu

EBD83 --/SIu

EBD91 --/SIu

EBD94 --/SIu

Ee116 Au/A

EH134 RR/NX

EH135 SW/NX

EN29 BX/MG

EN30 BX/MG

EN31 BX/MG

EN32 BX/MG

EN34 BX/MG

EN35 BX/MG

EN36 BX/MG

EN38 BX/MG

EN39 BX/MG

EN40 BX/MG

EN43 MB/NP

EN46 MB/NP

EN47 BX/MG

EN48 BX/MG

IE5 NXu/MB

IE7 NXu/MB

MEC1 MGu/RR

MEC2 MG/MGw

MEC3 MG/RR

MEC4 MG/RR

MEC5 MG/RR

MEC6 MG/RR

MEC8 MG/RR

MEC9 MG/MGw

MEC10 MG/RR

MEC12 MG/RR

MEC30 MG/RR

MEC32 MG/RR

MEC37 MG/RR

MEC46 MG/RR

MEC50 MG/RR

MEC62 MB/MBw

SE55 BX/MG

SE56 BX/MG

SE57 BX/MG

SE58 BX/MG

SE59 BX/MG

SE60 BX/MG

SE61 BX/MG

SE63 BX/MG

SE64 BX/MG

SE65 BX/MG

SE66 BX/MG

SE199 SWu/SW

SE273 MB/SW

SEe12 NPu/NX

SEe18 NPu/NX

SEe23 NPu/NX

SEe25 NPu/NX

SEe267 AL/AF

SEe291 SIu/RR

SEe292 SIu/RR

SEe293 SIu/RR

WS98 Qu/Q

WVL294 DS/BX

WVL296 BX/MG

WVL358 RR/BX

WVL359 RR/BX

WVL413 MGu/MG

WVL414 BX/MG

WVL415 BX/MG

WVL416 BX/MG

WVL417 BX/MG

WVL418 BX/MG

WVL419 BX/MG

WVL420 BX/MG

WVL421 BX/MG

WVL422 RR/BX

WVL425 AL/BX

WVL426 AL/BX

WVN2 DS/BX

WVN3 DS/BX

WVN4 DS/BX

WVN5 DS/BX

WVN7 DS/BX

WVN8 DS/BX

WVN11 DS/BX

February 2025

DEL9 --/SIu

DEL10 --/SIu

E140 SW/RR

E141 SW/RR

E143 SW/RR

E148 SW/BX

E150 SW/BX

EBD4 DSt/RR

EBD8 NXt/NX

EBD9 SIu/NX

EBD11 NXt/NX

EH138 SW/RR

EH141 PM/NX

EN42 MB/NP

SEe13 NPu/NXu

SEe26 NPu/NX

SEe65 RA/RAu

SEe66 RA/RAu

SEe67 RA/RAu

SEe68 RA/RAu

SEe69 RA/RAu

SEe70 RA/RAu

SEe71 RA/RAu

SEe72 RA/RAu

SEe73 RA/RAu

SEe74 RA/RAu

SEe75 RA/RAu

SEe76 RA/RAu

SEe196 ALu/AL

WS74 AF/NX

WS140 NPu/NP

GO-AHEAD LONDON continued

All-over advert changes:

LT56 to advert for Emirates (02/2025)

LT58 to advert for Emirates (01/2025)

LT450 from advert for Cos to one for HSBC (01/2025) then removed, then to Boss One (02/2025)

LT506 to advert for Samsung S25 Ultra (01/2025)

LT509 to advert for Emirates (02/2025)

LT851 to advert for Charlotte Tilbury - Jourdan Dunn (01/2025)

LT860 from advert for Asos - On Campus back to red (02/2025)

LT865 to advert for Fulfil Protein Bar (01/2025)

LT869 from advert for Boss Watches back to red (01/2025)

LT870 to advert for HSBC (01/2025) then removed then to advert for Samsung S25 Ultra (02/2025)

LT881 to advert for Emirates (02/2025)

LT883 to advert for Boss One (02/2025)

LT884 to advert for Emirates (01/2025)

LT887 to advert for ESN - Elite Sports Nutrition (01/2025)

WHV121 from advert for San Miguel back to red (01/2025)

Note: The HSBC adverts above (and with other companies) were applied in January but then all removed within a few days, for reasons unknown.

Disposals:

MEC52/53/55/57-59/61-69 to Carousel Buses, High Wycombe (January).

SE81 left the fleet for scrap (January).

METROLINE (within the Comfort DelGro group of Singapore)

METROLINE TRAVEL - AC, AH, EW, HD, HT, KC, PB, PV, SG and W;

METROLINE WEST - G, HZ, UX and WJ. Additionally CELF.

Fleetnumbers are now allocated for all the 280-odd new buses currently on order, although delivery of some batches has already started. Below is a complete list, with some information that is additional to that previously published.

WSE2929-2962 (x34) Wrightbus GB Kite Electroliner for routes 143 (W) and C11 (HT).

VMSS2963-2972 (x10) Volvo BZL/MCV for route 382 (PB).

VMSL2973-2984 (x12) Volvo BZL/MCV for route 206 (WJ)

BDE2985-3030 (x46) BYD B11E02 for routes 210 (W), W7 (HT), W8 (PB) plus x1 for 206 (WJ).

WDE3031-3049 (x19) Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner for route 4 (HT).

BDE3050-3073 (x24) BYD B11E02 for route 98 (AC).

BDE3074-3094 (x21) BYD B11E02 for route 90 (PV).

WDE3095-3111 (x17) Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner for route E2 (AH).

WDE3112-3128 (x17) Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner for route E8 (AH).

WSEL3129-3138 (x10) Wrightbus GB Kite Electroliner for route 153 (HT).

WDE3139-3163 (x25) Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner for route 266 (W).

WSEL3164-3183 (x20) Wrightbus GB Kite for routes U1 and U2 (UX).

WDE3184-3210 (x27) Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner for routes U3 and U4 (UX).

Route 153 was duly won from Go-Ahead London (RA) on 1st February, and is now operated by 10.3m GB Kites WSE2929-38 from Holloway (HT) garage. This is a temporary measure, until the ordered WSEL class 10.9m GB Kites arrive. The WSE buses in use are from the batch intended for routes 143 (W) and C11 (HT).

METROLINE continued

Route 258 was won from RATP (RP) on the same day and is now operated by Harrow Weald (HD) using mainly Volvo B9TLs (VW1035-42/46-48) plus a couple of Enviro400s transferred in (TE1430/32) and supported by ‘native’ VWHs. Route 190 (AH) has reverted to mostly single deck operation, with DEL2245 being the first of the batch of 11 x E20D MMCs to return. This was on the route from 20th January, followed by DEL2244/46-54 in the following days. This in turn released VW class buses from AH into HD for the takeover of route 258.

School route 640 moved from Harrow Weald (HD) to Greenford (G) from 3rd February. On the first day at Greenford, TE1444 and VW2093 covered the AM journeys and TEH1461 and VWH2134 covered the PM journeys. This move was to help make room for route 258 at HD, aided also by the complete route N98 operation now being from HD and no longer part operated by AC.

Most of the 10.3m Volvo BZL/MCV single decks have now entered service on routes 187 and 487 (WJ), with just three (VMS2809/20/33) still to do so. The first 10.8m Volvo BZL/MCV single deck (VMSL2881) for route 316 entered service on 17th January, followed by seven more (VMSL2880/85/90/91/93/94/95). The batch (VMSL2878-2905) are intended to upgrade routes 228 and 316 from Enviro200 to electric bus operation, as per their tender awards.

Following the ending of Metroliner operation of commercial route 242 (PB) after 3rd January, Enviro200s DEL848/854 have been withdrawn. The route is now operated by Uno Bus.

TEH1231 had been VOR, technically ‘withdrawn’ since 3rd May 2023, but was back in use on 7th January 2025. The ‘classic’ E40Hs (TEH1228-41) at Cricklewood (W) are intended for allocation to route 210 until the route converts to BYD B11E02 (BDE class) in Autumn 2025. The newer E40H MMCs (TEH2072-87) at Cricklewood (W) are usually allocated to route 139.

Routes 9/N9 and H91 (AH) are ‘on paper’ both allocated LT buses, however route 9/N9 get priority being a Central London route, which often leads to route H91 having a handful of Volvo B5LHs (VWH class) in use on a daily basis to help meet peak vehicle requirements (PVR).

The one and only ‘electric’ Wrightbus NBfL, LT11 has been VOR since 14th December 2023 and is very unlikely to be back in service any time soon and is still HTu.

Recent repaint/ refurb include LT745, LT762, VWH2282, VWH2367, VWH2372, VWH2386 and VWH2412.

Just VWH2269 is still to be done from the batch VWH2266-84 intended for route 120 (SG).

To recap: VWH2364-74 (AC) are now all refurbished/repainted, joining VWH2318-30. Out of the batch LT754-767 at HT, just LT754 is still to be done.

New deliveries (January): *(see above for intended route allocations)*

WSE2957/58/60/61 (LV74 CFU/X/Z, CGE). Wrightbus GB Kite Electroliner 10.3m B26D.

BDE2987/88/91/93-96, 3000/01/03/12 (LF74 UAP/R/U/W/X/Y/Z, UBD/E/H/S). BDE B11E02 10.9m H42/19D. *Note that, although delivered, these buses have not yet been licensed and they may yet get re-assigned 25-registrations.*

WDE3036/37 (LV74 YVT/U). Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner 10.6m H40/20D.

WDE3112/15-22/24-28 (LV74 TJO, TJY/Z, TKA/C/D/E/F/J, TKN/O/T/U/X) Wrightbus StreetDeck Electroliner 10.6m H40/20D. Just WDE3123 outstanding.

WSEL3132 (LV74 YVJ). Wrightbus GB Kite Electroliner 10.9m.

Booked registration numbers: *(see above for types and route allocations)*

WDE3031-38 (LV74 TKY/Z, YVP/R/S/T/U, YWV). WDE3123 (LV74 TKK).

WSEL3129-31 (LV74 YVF/G/H).

METROLINE continued

Transfers:

January 2025

DES796 PBw/HZw
 DES798 PBh/PBw/HZw
 DEL848 PBh/PBw/HZw
 DEL854 PBh/PBw/HZw
 DE957 WJ/WJw
 VW1039 AH/HD
 VW1041 AH/HD
 VW1047 AH/HD
 DE1630 WJ/WJw
 DE1638 WJ/WJw
 DE1643 WJ/WJw
 DE1646 WJ/WJw
 DE1647 WJ/WJw
 DE1660 WJ/WJw
 DEL2244 WJ/AH
 DEL2245 AHt/AH
 DEL2246 WJ/AH
 DEL2247 WJ/AH
 DEL2248 WJ/AH
 DEL2249 WJ/AH
 DEL2250 WJ/AH
 DEL2251 WJ/AH
 DEL2252 WJ/AH
 DEL2253 WJ/AH
 DEL2254 WJ/AH
 OME2659 PBu/PB
 VMS2811 WJt/WJ
 VMS2812 HZu/WJ
 VMS2813 WJu/WJ
 VMS2814 HZu/WJ
 VMS2817 PVu/WJ
 VMS2819 WJu/WJ
 VMS2821 HZu/WJ
 VMS2823 Wu/WJ
 VMS2825 HZu/WJ
 VMS2826 WJu/WJ

VMS2827 PBu/WJ
 VMS2828 PVu/WJ
 VMS2829 HZu/WJ
 VMS2830 WJu/WJ
 VMS2831 WJu/WJ
 VMS2832 HZu/WJ
 VMSL2880 WJu/WJ
 VMSL2881 WJu/WJ
 VMSL2885 HDu/WJ
 VMSL2893 WJu/WJ
 VMSL2895 WJu/WJ
 WDE2909 CELFu/PVu
 WDE2910 CELFu/PVu
 WDE2913 CELFu/PVu
 WDE2915 CELFu/PVu
 WDE2916 CELFu/PVu
 WDE2922 CELFu/ATHu
 WDE2926 CELFu/ATHu
 WSE2929 PVu/HTu
 WSE2930 PVu/HTt
 WSE2931 PVu/HTu
 WSE2932 PVu/HTu
 WSE2933 PVu/HTu
 WSE2934 PVu/HTu
 WSE2935 PVu/HTu
 WSE2936 CELFu/HTu
 WSE2942 CELFu/ATHu
 WSE2945 --/ATHu
 WSE2946 --/ATHu
 WSE2956 --/CELFu
 WSE2957 --/CELFu
 WDE3116 --/CELFu
 WDE3117 --/ATHu
 WDE3118 --/ATHu
 WDE3120 --/CELFu
 WDE3121 --/CELFu
 WDE3124 --/CELFu

WDE3127 --/CELFu
 WDE3128 --/CELFu
 WSEL3132 --/CELFu
 LT543 Wu/W

February 2025

VW1035 AH/HD
 VW1036 AH/HD
 VW1037 AH/HD
 VW1038 AH/HD
 VW1040 AH/HD
 VW1042 AH/HD
 VW1046 AH/HD
 VW1048 AH/HD
 VW1375 HD/G
 TE1430 HDt/HD
 TE1432 HDt/HD
 VWH2134 HD/G
 VWH2432 AC/PV
 VMS2810 PVu/WJ
 VMSL2890 HTu/WJ
 VMSL2891 HZu/WJ
 VMSL2894 CELFu/WJ
 WSE2929 HTu/HT
 WSE2930 HTt/HT
 WSE2931 HTu/HT
 WSE2932 HTu/HT
 WSE2933 HTu/HT
 WSE2934 HTu/HT
 WSE2935 HTu/HT
 WSE2936 HTu/HT
 WSE2937 HTt/HT
 WSE2938 HTt/HT

Notes: ATH = Athlon Road

All-over advert changes:

LT760 to advert for Emirates (01/2025)
 LT764 from advert for Boss Watches back to red (01/2025)
 LT789 to advert for Emirates (01/2025)
 LT792 from advert for Carolina Herrera back to red (01/2025)
 LT794 from advert for Yas Island back to red (01/2025)
 LT795 to advert for Fulfil Protein Bar (01/2025)
 LT797 to advert for Charlotte Tilbury - Kate Moss (01/2025)
 VWH2337 from advert for £5.25 back to red (01/2025)

RATP-DEV TRANSIT LONDON

LONDON SOVEREIGN - BT, CP and SO; **LONDON TRANSIT** - X;

LONDON UNITED – AV, FW, RP, S, TV, V and WK (ex HH).

New vehicle orders are:

17 x BYD B11E02 10.9m for route 31/N31 (X), to be numbered BDE47178-194.

42 x BYD B11E02 10.9m for route 18/N18 (X), to be numbered BDE47195-236.

This corrects information in TLB724, pg.31. BYDs are on order, not 10.6m Electroliner EVs.

The 20 x 10.9m Wrightbus GB Kites on order for route 33/N33 will be numbered WKE37102-21. This follows on from the last BYD/E200EV in the fleet: BE37101. Further to TLB723, pg.34: the 10 x Wrightbus GB Kites on order for route 218 will be numbered WKE37122-31. These will be 10.9m (not 10.3m).

Route 258 (RP) was lost to Metroline (HD) on 1st February, leaving just three routes now at Park Royal (RP): 18/N18, 220 and 224. Consequently more Enviro400s have now been stood down.

Route 414 (X) is being withdrawn, with its last day to be Friday 21st February, replaced by an increased frequency on route 14 (Go-Ahead London - AF). The 13-year-old E40Hs (ADH45061-78) currently allocated to route 414 are likely to be re-used elsewhere, at least temporarily.

Route 419 (AV) is now operated by 10.9m E20D MMCs (DLE class) and no longer the 10.2m Enviro200s (DE class). Within the fleet, route 218 (V) is still home to 10.2m Enviro200s (DE20149-56 and others) for now, until its ordered electric GB Kites arrive, when the route will move from Stamford Brook (V) to Westbourne Park (X).

Route 33 (FW) is home to a mix of 10.2m Enviro200s (DE class) and longer 10.8m Enviro200s (DLE class), with ordered GB Kites due to replace these and upgrade the route to electric later this year. 'On paper' route 326 (BT) has a mixed allocation of 10.2m Enviro200s (DE20190/92-99), which work alongside 10.5m E20D MMCs (DME30373-81).

Several Enviro200s (DE class) have been stood down (see transfers), joining other Enviro200s (SDE2041-46 and SDE20282-84), which are still in the fleet, parked up and awaiting disposal.

Recent repaint/ refurb include DLE30133, DLE30139, DLE30319, DLE30322, DLE30332, DLE30334, DLE30342, BE37025, BE37033, VH45139, VH45185, VMH45332 and VMH45349.

Note: DLE30129-39 are now all refurbished/repainted and allocated to route 72 (S). The batch VH45124-52 are now all refurbished/repainted.

Re-cap on Volvo B5LH/eVoSeti deckers refurbished/repainted at X: VMH45328-40/42-51, with VMH45321-27/41/52 still to be done.

Transfers:

October 2024

DE20098 AV/WKw
DE20105 AV/WKw
DE20111 AV/WKw
DE20113 AV/AVw
ADH45048 BT/V

DE20123 FW/AVw
DE20124 FW/AVw
DE20128 FWw/AVw
ADH45011 V/Vw
VH45234 RP/RPu
BCE47005 S/Su
LT83 S/Su

ADE40421 RP/RPw
ADE40422 RP/RPw
ADE40423 RP/RPw
ADE40424 RP/RPw
ADE40425 RP/RPw
ADE40427 RP/RPw
ADE40429 RP/RPw
ADE40430 RP/RPw
ADE40431 RP/RPw
ADE40433 RP/RPw
ADE40437 RP/RPw
ADE40438 RP/RPw
ADE40439 RP/RPw
ADE40440 RP/RPw

November 2024

DE20099 AV/WKw
DE20100 AV/WKw
DE20102 AV/WKw
DE20107 AV/WKw
DE20108 AV/WKw
DE20120 FW/AVw

December 2024

DE20020 Xs/TVu
DE20103 AV/AVw
DE20106 AV/AVw
ADE40417 AV/AVw
ADE40418 AV/AVw

ADE40441	RP/RPw	DE20177	BTu/NCu	BCE47049	FW/S
ADE40442	RP/RPw	DLE30008	AV/V	BCE47054	FW/S
ADE40443	RP/RPw	WLS30027	Xu/Xw	BCE47160	X/BT
ADE40444	RP/RPw	WLS30028	Xu/Xw	BCE47169	S/X
ADE40445	RP/RPw	WLS30029	Xu/Xw	BCE47173	X/S
ADE40472	RP/RPw	WLS30030	Xu/Xw	LT83	Su/S
ADH45012	V/Vw	ADE40414	AV/AVw		
ADH45030	CP/?w	VH45185	V/FW	February 2025	
ADH45040	RP/RPw	VH45186	V/FW	ADH45042	RP/V
		VH45234	RPu/RP	BCE47005	Su/S
January 2025		ADH45287	BTu/BT		
DE20110	AV/V	ADH45296	SOu/SO		

All-over advert changes:

LT71 to advert for Emirates (01/2025)

LT81 to advert for Emirates (02/2025)

OME46035 from advert for Zero Emissions back to red (01/2025)

Disposals:

ADE40401/27-30/42 to EnsignBus, Purfleet (January).

ADE40437, ADE40472 to Uno Bus, Hatfield (January).

STAGECOACH LONDON (part of Stagecoach Holdings)

EAST LONDON - AW, BK, BW, CS, HK, NS, RM, T and WH;

LEA INTERCHANGE BUS CO - LI; **SELKENT** - KB, PD, TB and TL.

Further to information in TLB720, pg.41: the 16x AD Enviro100EVs on order for route W12 (AW) will be numbered 46021-46036. The balance of the order, a further 8, are destined for route B14 (TB). Fleet numbers TBC but likely to follow on as 46037 upwards.

BYD/E200EV 64203 was the last electric bus to operate route 323 on 11th January, with the route now operated by Enviro200s (36570-74). The batch of five BYD/E200EVs (64201-5) are currently being down-seated and converted to carry bicycles for their new role on the Silvertown cycle bus service, starting 7th April.

School route 657 is won from Go-Ahead London (NP) on 8th March and will be operated by Leyton (T) using an existing E40H in the fleet. The complete batch (82065-82) of Electroliners intended for route 257 (T) have now been delivered, with three stored at T and the rest stored at WH. Electroliner 82049 is currently at Leyton (T) for driver type training duties. Volvo BZL/MCVs 86216/18 are at Bromley (TB) on driver familiarisation duties.

Route 225 has been won from Go-Ahead London (MG) from 15th March. The route will be operated by Catford (TL) using existing Enviro200s. Route 138 has been won from Go-Ahead London (MB) from 25th March and will be operated by Catford (TL) using existing Enviro200s in the fleet. This will be until route B14 (TB) receives its complement of AD Enviro100EVs, at which point E20D MMCs 37501-6 are earmarked for route 138.

The only StreetLites (39123-38) in the fleet are allocated to route 236 (LI), although two more (39121/22) are in purple livery in the training bus fleet (WH). All of the Optare Solos that were previously allocated to routes 309, W5 and W12 have now departed the fleet.

Volvo BZL/MCV 86183 was a rarity on route 135 on 6th January, followed by 86212 on 24th January. Volvo BZL/MCV 86194 was a rarity on route 308 on 9th January, after which the route hosted the odd electric bus on numerous recent days. Several visits of the type to route 97 have occurred during January, including 86185 on 29th January.

STAGECOACH LONDON continued

Three more ADL E40Hs from the wider Stagecoach national group have arrived as ‘donor vehicles’ for parts retrieval prior to disposal, these are 12068/80/81 (NK11 DHG, DJF/J) and parked at WHw, joining 12078. ‘Donor bus’ 12079 is still at PDw being cannibalised.

25% of the **Selkent** fleet is single deck, as a re-cap their official route allocations is as follows:

- 36267/99, 36346/47/50/51/56/64/71/73, 36541-43/45-50/52-54 for route 314 (TB).
- 36528-40, 36581/84-87 for route 124 (TL).
- 36609-21 for route 146 and 336 (TB).
- 36622-31 for route 273 (TL).
- 36641-56 for route 380 (PD).
- 36671-84 for route 284 (KB).
- 36685-99 for route 181 (KB).
- 37501-6 for route B14 (TB).
- 37507-13 for route 356 (KB).

Recent repaint/refurbs noted include 12371, 13095, 12511, 12524, 13121, 13125, 13128, 13129, 37772, 37777 and 37781.

Checking on ‘classic’ E40Hs refurbished/repainted for route 56 (T), shows that 12132, 12135, 12140, 12143, 12151, 12152 and 12153 have all been done, completing the batch (12128-53). This batch received blue standard Stagecoach seating moquette replaced the previous and unusual green seating moquette.

From the batch 13121-37, just 13124/32 are still to be refurbished/repainted for route 135 (LI).

Transfers:

June 2024	November 2024	10196	BKu/BKw	64204	WH/WHu
19869 BK/T	19869 T/LI	12301	PD/BW	64205	WH/WHu
	36038 HK/WHw	12309	BW/PD	82049	HKu/Tt
October 2024	LT389 T/Tu	12316	BWu/BW	86216	LIu/TBt
10325 BK/BKu		19858	LI/T	86218	LIu/TBt
12285 PD/PDu	December 2024	19869	LI/T	LT389	Tu/T
16997 LI/LIw	19824 RM/RMw	36608	BK/PD		
36037 HK/WHw		36625	TL/KB	February 2025	
39125 LI/LIu	January 2025	36626	TL/KB	36625	KB/TL
84166 PD/WHu	10117 LI/T	64201	WH/WHu	39125	LIu/LI
	10120 LI/T	64202	WH/WHu		
	10131 PD/NS	64203	WH/WHu		

All-over advert changes:

- LT245 from advert for Costa Del Sol back to red (01/2025)
- LT246 to advert for HSBC (01/2025), removed then to advert for Samsung S25 Ultra (01/2025)
- LT259 from advert for Cos back to red (02/2025)
- LT261 to advert for Boss One (02/2025)
- LT262 from advert for Carolina Herrera back to red (01/2025)
- LT266 to advert for ESN - Elite Sports Nutrition (01/2025)
- LT271 to advert for Boss One (02/2025)
- LT360 to advert for Charlotte Tilbury - Kate Moss (02/2025)
- LT380 from advert for Asos - Power Trip (*not Asos - Stable Girl*) back to red (01/2025)

Disposal:

10196 to EnsignBus, Purfleet (January). This was the bus de-roofed in November.
 Correcting TLB724, 47986 went to Stagecoach South Wales for spares recovery (October), not to Ripley.

TRANSPORT UK

TRANSPORT UK LONDON BUS - BC, QB, WL;

TRANSPORT UK WEST LONDON BUS - DH, GW, TF.

Two of the batch of five E20D MMCs (see below) that passed from Abellio London to Go-Coach Hire in November 2021 have been re-acquired and are now based at WL for use on route P13. 8347 entered service on 21st January, with 8346 to follow. These have undergone a refurb and repaint back into red, as they were in Go-Coach yellow/purple livery.

A rare working was GB Kite 1708 on route 195 (GW) on 11th January, followed by 1711 on 18th January. This route is usually operated by E20D MMCs (8876-8892).

The allocation of LT buses (LT603-618) intended for route 211 (QB) are in the process of being refurbished/repainted, with six (LT604/608/610/613/615/616) completed so far.

To recap on the electric fleet (aside from the GB Kites mentioned in TLB725) and their intended allocation:

1001-11 are allocated to route 322 (QB). Supported by 1012/13, which are part of the E5 batch. 1014-24 are allocated to route E5 (GW).

1500-34 are allocated to route C10 and P5 (WL). 1501 is long term VOR.

1535-43 are allocated to route 433 (BC). Although 1535/36 are currently in use at WL.

3001-30 and 3103 are allocated to route 111/N111 (TF). Supported by 3065 and 3094.

3031-37 are intended for route 363 (WL), alongside E40H MMCs (2569-76). Supported by 3095.

3038-58/66-85/87/89/90/92/96/98, 3100-2 are allocated to route 133 and C3 (QB).

3059-64/86/88/91/93/97/99 are temporarily allocated to route U5 (DH).

3401-29 are intended for route 63 (WL).

3430-41 are temporarily in use on route 63 and 381 (WL).

Note that 12 x Electroliners (3059 etc) and 12 x BYD/E400EVs (3430-41) are due to swap back at some point.

Recent reported repaints/ refurbishes include LT608, LT610, 2524, 2550, 2551, 8164, 8178 and 8194.

Re-acquired (January):

8346/47 (YX66 WFG/H) AD E20D - AD Enviro200 (MMC) 9.75m B27D from Go-Coach Hire.

Transfers:

November 2024		January 2025					
1535	BC/WL	2420	QB/GW	2522	GW/WL	8786	DH/TF
		2434	QB/GW	3077	WL/QB	8863	TF/DH
		2436	QB/GW	3083	WL/QB		
December 2024		2437	QB/GW	3084	WL/QB	February 2025	
1535	WL/BC/WL	2446	QBu/QB	3087	WL/QB	1536	BC/WL
2432	QB/BC	2519	GW/WL	8234	DH/GW	1539	WL/BC
9528	GWw/GW	2520	GW/WL	8346	--/WLu	1726	TFu/TF
		2521	GW/WL	8347	--/WL	LT1000	TF/GW/TF
				8591	GW/BC		

All-over advert changes:

2542 from advert for San Miguel back to red (01/2025)

LT19 to advert for Emirates (01/2025)

LT20 to advert for Emirates (01/2025)

LT35 to advert for Emirates (01/2025)

LT607 from advert for Boss Watches back to red (01/2025)

LT612 from advert for Cos to one for Fulfil Protein Bar (01/2025)

LT617 from advert for Uniqlo HeatTech to one for ESN - Elite Sports Nutrition (01/2025)

TRANSPORT UK continued

LT684 to advert for Charlotte Tilbury - Kate Moss (01/2025)

LT701 from advert for Squid Games 2 to one for HSBC (01/2025) then removed (02/2025)

LT705 from advert for Boss Watches to one for ESN - Elite Sports Nutrition (01/2025)

LT770 from advert for Uniql HeatTech to one for Charlotte Tilbury - Jourdan Dunn (01/2025)

Disposal:

2486 left the fleet some time ago. Last used 5th October 2022. MoT expired 24th July 2023.

Section 2: Other operators

ARRIVA'S 'COUNTRY BUSES' (within Arriva Southern Counties and Arriva The Shires)

Vehicles in each part that are based at the relevant garages are covered in full, with any transfers to or from other areas of AtS and ASC outside our sphere of coverage mentioned where necessary. These are: Colchester (CO), Southend (SE), Milton Keynes (MK), Gillingham (GL), Maidstone (MD) and Tunbridge Wells (TW).

Part 1: North West Kent (NF garage, Arriva Kent Thameside licence).

E20D MMC 4111 and StreetLite 4306 have been repainted into light blue livery, formerly in 'Fastrack' livery.

Further to the re-cap of vehicles and route allocations at Northfleet (NF) in TLB725, pg.47:

Routes 414/414A/414B (joining 482/483/489) are usually allocated 8.8m Dart SLFs or StreetLites.

School route 497 (forms part of the schedule for route 477) is allocated an AD Enviro200 MMC.

Out of the fleet:

1031/33 (RF68 FLL/FLP) to Arriva Southend (SE) for use as 'ferry vehicles'.

1032 (RF68 FLM), 4111 (SN17 MXK) to Area 2.

Disposals:

1619/1621 (GN05 ANV/AOA) to Hardwick for scrap (January).

Part 2: Hertfordshire and West Essex (HA, HH, SV and WE garages, all on AKT licence)

Five more VDL SB200s have arrived at HH (see below), joining the three last month (see TLB725, pg.48). WE now have five ex Northfleet (NF) StreetLites (4301-5) in use.

Optare Versa 2403 had been VOR since 21st October, deemed withdrawn and moved to Southend (SE) but is now back in service at WE as of 7th January. Optare Versas 4185 and 4242 had been VOR since September and October, respectively and both have now transferred on to Southend (SE). Two Enviro300s (3552/53) at SV are now back in use and not withdrawn as yet, although brothers 3556/58 are now withdrawn instead. Volvo B7RLE 3889 and E20D MMC 4076 have been 'on loan' to WE (from 31st January to 3rd February inclusive) and are now both back 'home' at HA.

Recap on buses in the fleet in 'Herts Connect' dark blue livery: 3566/67/68 (HH), 4114/15/16 (SV) and 4302/4 (WE). Also 3652/59 (LD) as well (area 3). Ten in total.

A re-cap of vehicles and route allocations at Stevenage (SV):

VDL SB180/MCV 2790 is usually allocated to local town routes SB2/3/4/5.

Enviro300s 3552/53/57/59/74 are allocated to routes 55, 101, 301, 725 and local town routes SB2/3/4/5.

ARRIVA's COUNTRY BUSES continued

VDL SB200s 3751/63/70/73-75, 3780-85/88-94/96/97/99 are allocated to routes 55, 97/98, 100/101, 301, 725 and local town routes SB1/2/3/4/5 + SB40/50.

Volvo B7RLEs 3875/76/78-80/85/86 are allocated to routes 100/101, 301 and local town routes SB2/3/4/5 + SB40/50.

E20D MMCs 4114-19/27/28 are intended for route 725, although do appear on routes 100/101 and 301.

StreetLites 4274-77/85-88, 4321 are allocated to routes 97/98 and local town routes SB1/2/3/4/5/7/9 + SB40/50.

A re-cap of vehicles and route allocations at Ware (WE):

Mercedes-Benz Sprinters 1011/12/13, 4705 are allocated to local services 308/380, 378/379, C1 + M2-M5.

Optare Versas 2401/3/4/5, 4185/86/98, 4214-17, 4228, 4236 are allocated to routes 251, 323, 395, 401, 404/405 and 908/SB18.

StreetLites 4301-5 are intended for routes 908/SB18, although do appear on route 323 as well.

E40D MMCs 6485-98, 6508/23/30 are allocated to routes 66, 310 and 331.

Into the fleet:

1032 (RF68 FLM) Mercedes-Benz 516CDi Sprinter – EVM B16F.

2676, 2949, 2986, 3002, 3023 (CX58 EUU, MX09 LXU, MX59 JZA/AAJ/JJE) VDL SB200 Wright Pulsar 11.9m B44F.

4111 (SN17 MXK) AD E20D - AD E20D (MMC) 11.5m B45F.

Transfers: 1010 WE/WEw. 1032 AKT/ WEs. 2403 SEw/WE.

2676, 2949, 2986, 3002, 3023 Arriva Merseyside/ HH.

2952 HH/HHw. 3552/53 SVw/SV. 3554 HH/HHw. 3556/58 SV/SVw. 3773 HA/SV. 3820

HA/HAw. 3889, 4076 HA/ WE (loan)/HA. 4041 HH/HHw. 4111 Area 1 (NF)/ HA. 4192

HH/HHw.

4304 WEu/WE.

Out of the fleet:

3985 (GN07 DLK) to Arriva Colchester - CO (January).

4185 (KX62 JJO), 4199 (YJ58 PFZ), 4242 (KX13 DHM) to Arriva Southend - SE (January).

T016 (BD12 DHP) to Area 3.

Part 3: Bedfordshire (LD garage, on Arriva Shires licence)

All electric tri-axle demonstrator Yutong GTe14 coach YD24 EUB is currently on trial at LD for a three-week period from 24th January until 11th February for route evaluation on Greenline route 757.

Into the fleet:

T016 (BD12 DHP) Mercedes-Benz Citaro 12.0m B41F.

Transfers: T016 Area 2 (SVtu)/LDt

Out of the fleet:

3023 (BD12 DHV) Now numbered T04 as a training bus at Arriva Ashington (see TLB720, pg.45).

T18 (LJ08 CVO) now based at Arriva Midlands (Thurmaston). Note: Training bus.

A2B TRAVEL GROUP, Royston

Optare MetroCity YJ15 AOT was stood down in September 2024 upon its MoT expiry.

Disposals:

X329 HLL, UH55 UNO and YX58 DWF left the fleet by January.

BV55 UCU left the fleet in January.

CAROUSEL BUSES, High Wycombe (part of the Go-Ahead group)

Fifteen 65-plate Mercedes-Benz Citaro have been acquired from Go-Ahead London and are due for single door conversion, refurbishment and repaint, prior to entering into service from the Spring.

9 x brand new AD E200 (MMC) are on order, due for delivery in the Summer for Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM) and Buckinghamshire contracts which start in April. In the meantime, seven ex Nottingham City Transport AD E20D MMCs are due in, these being 80592-98 (YX69 NRJ/K/L/N/O/U/V), ex NCT 303-309. These should start to arrive later in February.

Out of the seven (608-614) AD E40D - Enviro400 (MMC) in two tone green livery with Flightline 102 route branding, just 610 (PK64 OXF) is still to enter into service.

Dark blue 'PickMeUp' liveried Mercedes-Benz Sprinter 986 (RX23 TYU) has been on loan to Oxford Bus in mid-December and is yet to resurface here. Brothers 981-5/7 are still active on their usual 'PickMeUp' duties.

E20D MMCs 80474/79/82 has now received 'The Wycombe Bus Company' fleetnames with branding for Booker to Totteridge, completing the batch (80471-82).

DOE15 (LX58 CXE) hasn't been used as the overflow staff rest room at High Wycombe Bus Station since December, but remains on site at the garage.

Acquired:

80831-45 (BF65 HUO/K/U/Y/Z, HVA/C/D/E/G/H/J/K/L/M) Mercedes-Benz Citaro 12.0m B36D.

Ex Go-Ahead London MEC52/53/55/57-59/61-69.

On loan from Thames Travel:

441/442 (SK66 HRN/O) Wrightbus StreetLite DF 11.5m B41F.

Note: 441 is in grey 'Connector' livery and 442 in blue 'Milton Park' livery.

CENTRAL CONNECT, Harlow and Stansted

Brand new AD Enviro400 MMCs are starting to arrive (see new deliveries below). These are in two tone blue fleet livery and intended to join brothers 502/503 on route 20.

Mercedes-Benz Sprinter 201 (RX20 RJV) has been VOR since 28th October. Mercedes-Benz Sprinter 217 (RX23 TUV) although still in minibus silver (front) and blue (rear) livery, now has 'Central Connect' fleetnames, replacing the former 'Vectare' ones. Enviro200 923 (YX12 DHM) is now a training bus, repainted into two tone blue livery, joining brother 924 (YX12 DHO). Elderly training bus Dart SLF 900 (KP02 PVO) is expected to be stood down soon. Enviro400s 585/587/588 have been converted from dual to single door configuration, joining 586.

Detail change: Enviro400 585-588 have been up-seated and are now H41/28F (previously H41/24D).

New deliveries:

504-510 (YY74 OBM/N/O/P/R/S/T) AD E40D - AD Enviro400 (MMC) 11.5m H????F

CENTRAL CONNECT continued

Into the fleet:

215 (RX23 TFJ) Mercedes-Benz 516CDi Sprinter - EVM Cityline B16F.

315 (YX22 OHB) AD E20D - AD Enviro200 (MMC) B39F + already in two tone blue livery.

Disposals:

596/599 (YP59 OEO/V) left the fleet (January).

910 (CC10 BUS) left the fleet some time ago. Note: MoT expired 19th January 2023.

CENTREBUS, Luton

Disposal:

518 (YX63 ZVU) to Centrebus (North). Update to TLB724, now considered a permanent transfer.

587 (YX14 RWY) to Centrebus (North) by August 2024.

CHASESIDE, Cophorne

Enviro400 204 (MR06 CSP) has been repainted into two tone blue livery, joining 201-203.

CHILTERN BUS COMPANY (T/A Chiltern bus),

This operator has been around since 2016, based in High Wycombe and one we now cover, as they operate regular weekend Rail Replacement service in our area, namely South West Railway work.

Their fleet consists of six members:

LX05 FBL/FCD (Volvo B7TL/Wrightbus Eclipse Gemini 10.1m H41/23D). Both in yellow livery.

Originally WVL172 and WVL164 respectively with London General (prior to Go-Ahead London).

BX55 XNP (Volvo B7TL/ Wrightbus Eclipse Gemini H45/??F) in yellow livery. Originally 9061 with Travel London (prior to Abellio London).

YR59 NPC (Scania N230UD OmniCity 10.8m H41/22D) in white livery. Originally ED2 with CT Plus, Hackney.

CX64 EMS (Scania K230UB OmniLink B43F) in blue livery.

S90 CBC (Volvo B9TL/ Optare Olympus 10.9m H49/26F.) in two tone green livery. Fleet number S90.

ENSIGNBUS, Purfleet

Further to information in TLB724, pg.36: Enviro400 123 (YUI 5582) was only used in service for 10 days, up until 3rd December. It is no longer in the operational fleet and is now part of the sales fleet.

Volvo B9TLs 124-126 (BV10 WWE/WWG/WVY) are still in use, usually allocated to the peak time Z2 service (Tilbury to Canning Town). These are confirmed as officially part of the sales fleet. Both 123 and 125 have been repainted to all over white.

The temporary shuttle service 546 (Keston Church to Downe High Street) finished on 20th December, as planned. The two Mercedes-Benz Sprinters (WUI 7786/8150) used are no longer required and are not in the operational fleet and are currently being prepared for sale.

Optare Versas YJ13 HKA/B/C/E (from Warrington Buses) are in the sales fleet, but in the meantime are being utilised on Rail Replacement work and have been allocated temporary fleet numbers 602-605.

BCI 150 (LX17 GKL) was stood down in mid-January and is likely to be leaving the fleet soon.

ENSIGNBUS continued

The six ex RATP Enviro400s (below) are earmarked for conversion from dual to single door before use. Enviro400s 301/302 (below) are both de-roof victims from their previous owners and are intended for use in the Summer season to replace sold open toppers Volvo B7TLs 370/371 (see TLB725).

Acquired for operational fleet:

101-106 (YX12 FNG/FOP, GHJ/K/N, YX62 BYJ) (ex RATP ADE40401/27-30/42).
301 (SN11 FPA) AD E40D - AD Enviro400 10.8m O47/30F (Ex First Glasgow 33908).
302 (SN63 NCA) AD E40D - AD Enviro400 10.2m O41/24D (Ex Stagecoach London 10196).
408 (DC66 UUI ex XL66 ACL) BCI FBC6123-BRZ2 tri-axle 12.5m H61/37F + repainted into blue/grey fleet livery.
701 (SB66 SUL) AD E20D - AD Enviro200 (MMC) 9.75m B27D (ex Sullivan Buses AE21).

Acquired for heritage fleet (all in 2024):

RT542 (HLX 359) AEC Regent III/ Weymann H30/26R. In London Transport red livery.
375 (KMW 175P) Daimler Fleetline/ ECW O43/31F. In Southdown green and cream livery.
426 (BUF 426C) Leyland PD3/ Northern Counties O39/30F. In Southdown green and cream livery.
6690 (HKE 690L) Bristol VR/ ECW O43/34F. In cream with green relief.

On loan:

ER882 (WLT 882), RMC1510 (510 CLT), RML2588 (JJD 588D) AEC Routemaster.

Note: these join RM54 (LDS 279A), RMC1485 (485 CLT), RML2405 (JJD 405D) and RML2734 (SMK 734F) that are already on long term loan.

Also RTL453 (KLB 648) is still here (had been on loan), but no longer in use.

Off loan:

RM1361 (VYJ 808) AEC Routemaster.

FIRST in BERKSHIRE (First Beeline Buses Ltd) (RG, SH garages)

Just three Volvo B7RLEs (69387/90/94) remain in service here for now. The five Scania K340/Caetano Levante coaches (23651-55) have now departed the fleet. A further two StreetLites have arrived.

StreetLites 47688/92 are still in 'City red' livery from their time with First Southampton, whereas the latest arrival StreetLites (see below) are still in two tone blue livery from their time with First Solent.

Into the fleet:

47422/26 (SK63 KMM/X) Wrightbus StreetLite DF 10.5m B37F.

Disposals:

23654/55 (UHW 661, WSV 409) to First Kernow (January).

68386/93 (HY09 AZB/D) to First Greater Glasgow (January).

69401 (HY09 AZG) has left the fleet for scrap (January).

GO-COACH HIRE, Swanley

E40E20D MMCs 8346/47 were stood down in December and November respectively.

Disposals:

8346/47 (YX66 WFG/H) to Transport UK (January).

GOLDEN TOURS, Alperton

Volvo B9TLs 110/112/117/119/121/122/125 have been repainted into a version of the new livery, with a blue front section, red back section and generic ‘Hop On, Hop Off’ branding, joining 111, 118, 124 and 131.

LONDONER BUSES, Wandsworth

Silver Jubilee liveried AEC Routemaster RM1650/SRM3 (650 DYE) is now regarded as part of the London fleet and is seen regularly on route T15.

METROBUS, Crawley and Cophorne (part of B&H Buses within the Go-Ahead Group)

The company announced in early January that a new livery and company logo will be introduced across the fleet. The two-tone blue still remain the base colours, but now with diagonal yellow and green stripes. The new livery is carried by GB Kite Hydroliners 6413-23 so far (photo in TLB725).

Ex Southdown AD Enviro200 MMC 6713 has been repainted into two tone fleet livery (not the very latest livery).

The ‘74-plate’ batch of GB Kite Hydroliner FCEVs (6401-23) have been ‘grounded’ after use on 20th December for ‘recall’ work to be carried out and are expected to re-enter service later in February.

To help cover the shortfall of vehicles, OmniCitys 6626/6629 continued in use (although earmarked for disposal very soon), 1 x loan from Brighton & Hove buses and six loan AD E20D MMCs have arrived (from Dawson Rentals). These are all expected to be needed until the end of February, by which time the modifications should be complete on 6401-6423.

AD Super Dart SLF 6324 was withdrawn in mid-January, joining 6322. Just 6323 is still in use for now.

Single deck GB Kite Hydroliner 6059 was a rarity on route 420 on 24th January, this route is usually operated by Volvo B9TLs.

New delivery (currently stored at Go-Ahead Swindon): **joining 6402/3/14-21.**

6422 (LV74 CAX) Wrightbus GB Kite Hydroliner FCEV 10.9m B37F.

On loan:

672 (YN07 UOU) Scania N270UD OmniDekka from Brighton & Hove Buses and in their B&H livery.

6714/15/16 (YX24 PDO/U, YX74 OPY) AD E20D - AD Enviro200 (MMC) 9.0m B30F + in white

6760/61/62 (YX23 OTB/C, YX74 ODY) AD E20D - AD Enviro200 (MMC) 10.9m B40F + in white (6760/61), although 6762 is in yellow with dark blue bumper skirt.

Disposals:

6628 and 6632 to Scrapco, Paddock Wood (January).

NATIONAL EXPRESS, Wandsworth and Leavesden, Watford

An operator we will now cover, however only the contracted bus work and not the coach operations.

Further to information in TLB725, pg.32, the ex Mullany’s Warner Bros shuttle service from Watford Junction to Leavesden is now operated ‘in house’, based at Warner Bros visitor site, Leavesden, Watford, WD25, where electric bus charging facilities exist. PVR of 3 and the fleet consists of:

E030-33 (LG22 AYA/B/C/D) BYD D8UR - AD Enviro400EV-City 10.9m H39/26F

NATIONAL EXPRESS continued

Another service in our area is the University of West London (UWL) student/staff bus shuttle service, which operates from Ealing Broadway Station to the University site at Brentford. In use are: 4311/12 (YX19 OTU/V) AD E20D - AD Enviro200 (MMC) 9.0m B29F
4313 (SK15 HBF) AD AD - AD Enviro200 8.9m B29F
5420, 7021 (BF68 ZFA/D) Mercedes-Benz Citaro 12.0m B41F.

Note: 4311-13 are white and carry modest route branding for the service. 5420, 7021 are white and serve as spares. PVR is 3 and operation is based at Chartwell Park, Feathers Wharf, Wandsworth, SW18.

GRANT PALMER, Flitwick

Disposal:

707 (LX06 EAW) to Kilvingtons, Leeds (December).

REDLINE BUSES, Aylesbury

Volvo B5TL BF67 GJV has been repainted into red/white fleet livery. On site at the school bus base is currently withdrawn Red Eagle Dart SLF AA53 GHA and Red Rose Travel Volvo B7TL W496 WGH (last used 7th January). These are both purely stored for now and not part of the Redline fleet.

Disposal:

KH55 KMH to Red Rose Travel, Aylesbury (November).

RED ROSE TRAVEL, Dinton near Aylesbury

The only Enviro300 (see below) in the fleet has been re-registered from KH55 KMH to **E13 RRT**.

Acquired:

KH55 KMH AD Enviro300 11.9m B60F (November) + repainted into fleet livery.
YU15 AAF AD E20D - AD Enviro200 10.8m B39F (Jan) . Note: Previously registered SN16 OSY.

REDROUTE BUSES, Northfleet

Disposals:

X653 LLX, PJ52 LWH, LK05 GGX, LK55 KLV, YJ09 EZN all left the fleet some time ago.

Note: MoTs expired 05/02/2020, 26/02/2021, 13/06/2019, 25/07/2019 and 30/04/2021 respectively.

REDROUTEMASTER, Isleworth

The new addition to the fleet (see below) is under the 'Attend It' name, just as Dennis Trident/ALX400 LJZ 1450 is. NK54 NUY carries 'Blue RAILmaster' signage at the front, for its role on regular weekend Rail Replacement work, usually for South West Railway.

Acquired:

NK54 NUY Scania L94UB/Wright Solar B43F. In light blue from its time with Go North East.

STAGECOACH SOUTH, Peasmarsh, near Guildford

BYD E200EV 74007 (LJ68 CZG) is the 7th member of the batch to be repainted into the latest fleet livery, complete with 'Guildford electrics' branding. Just 74005/6 are still to follow.

SULLIVAN BUSES, North Mymms and South Mimms

ELV1 has been VOR since 15th November and was back on the road on 24th January after a new MoT. E59 has been stood down, last used 20th September and now registered as SORN.

Disposals:

ELV7 (PO54 ADU) left the fleet (January). Note: MoT expired 26th April 2024.

TPL926 (EY03 FNK) to Bus & Coach Repairs, Yaxley, Cambridgeshire (January).

TOOTBUS, Wandsworth

To re-cap on the ex RATP Scania OmniCitys in the fleet that are open top and in Union Flag livery.

1 YT09 ZCU	11 YR10 FGA	16 YT10 XCM
7 YT10 XCG	13 YR10 FFW	17 YR10 FGG
8 YT09 BNE	15 YR10 FGE	18 YR10 FFY

Scania OmniCity YT59 RXZ is still in the fleet, although still closed top for now and no fleet number carried as yet. OmniCitys YR10 FGD/FGO are both open top and in Union Flag livery, awaiting fleet number information and entry into service. Update to TLB717, pg:36: A further six OmniCitys are due to arrive, these being: YR10 FFZ/FGJ/FGK/FGN, YT10 XCD/XCN, although not officially in the fleet as yet. More details to follow.

TOP VIEW SIGHTSEEING, Wimbledon

Further to TLB725, pg:53: Enviro400s 404 and 408 are now back in Top View Sightseeing livery.

UNIVERSITYBUS (t/a uno), Hatfield

Following the PVR increase (+1) on TfL School route 699 (from 6th January) and to provide an additional spare bus, two E40Ds (see below) have been acquired for use on TfL work.

Hertfordshire route 242 was duly taken over from Metroline (PB) on 4th January, using two existing single decks in the fleet. AD Enviro400 253 (YX17 NRF) was a rarity operating on route 242 on 28th January.

The HertsLynx DRT service duly passed to Herts County Council on 1st February, along with the associated and branded Mercedes-Benz Sprinters (see disposals below).

The five BYD B12 electric single decks are now not due to arrive until March and likely to be in use by Easter and be registered with 25 plates. Still awaiting fleet number information.

Acquired:

1496/97 (YX62 BXR/BVN) AD E40D - AD Enviro400 10.2m H41/24D (ex RATP ADE40437/72).

Disposals:

37-45 (YK24 EMX, YE73 PYG, YE73 PZZ, YJ23 CWS, RE21 LRJ, RJ21 XDB/YNL, RX72 SZT, GX72 BGK) to Hertfordshire County Council for continued use on HertsLynx DRT (January).

VALE TRAVEL, Aylesbury

The intended fleet livery is white with yellow bumper and back section, however most of the fleet carries the colours of their previous operators, including Volvo B7TLs BYZ 6521, EEZ 2916 (both two tone green), Tridents X399/X401 KBV (blue), Volvo B7TLs PA04 CYK, PO54 ACX (both yellow/red) Enviro400s LX11 BHV/W (red) and Enviro200s YX12 AED/AEO/AKV are yellow with grey relief. Just withdrawn Darts L116 HHV, M454 LLJ, Optare Solo AU54 EOA and Enviro200s CX57 FGU, DK57 OPY and YX09 FLF are in fleet livery. Volvo T260 VAO is now all white and previously in fleet livery.

VALE TRAVEL continued

Acquired:

YX12 DHF AD E20D - AD Enviro200 10.8m B39F. In plain white and being prepared for use.

WHITE BUS SERVICE, Winkfield

The acquired decker is intended for use on school bus workings, including route AH1 in the Bracknell area.

Acquired (September):

32 (HIG 4479) Scania N94UD OmniDekka/ East Lanes H45/31F + in fleet livery. Originally YU52 XVM with Southern Vectis, Isle of Wight.

Z & S TRANSPORT, Aylesbury

Dennis Trident 272 (LR02 BDF) was withdrawn in November 2024, upon its MoT expiry and is now registered as SORN.

Disposal:

270 (LR02 BCF) left the fleet a while ago.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? (Subsequent vehicle disposals)

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Routemasters:

RM7 (VLT 7) updating TLB722, the sale has not been completed and at the time of writing it remains with Mr R Duker.

RMC1458 (458 CLT, ex 7223 YQ 63, ex 115 WX 29) from Mr R Duker to Mr A Shaw, Upminster, Essex (November) for continued preservation. After spending twenty-five years overseas in France including some use as a promotional vehicle, this RMC returned from France to the UK in 2019 (see TLB656) and has now been restored to Green Line condition.

RML2451 (JJD 451D) from Barkers Motors to unknown owner, Merseyside (January) for possible use on a 1960's themed tour in Liverpool.

RML2532 (JJD 532D) from Countrywide Coaches / RM4H to Rentaroutemaster, Ruislip, Middlesex (December).

Miscellaneous low-floor double deck types:

9028 (BX55 XMA) (ex AB) from A1 Minibus & Coach Services to Bus & Coach Repairs (dlr), Yaxley, Cambs. (February 2024); it was then sold to A2B Travel Group, Royston, Cambs. (September).

9042 (BX55 XMS) (ex AB) updating TLB723, the sale shown was via Birmingham Busworks (dlr) (April).

9061 (BX55 XNP) (ex AB) from Moffat & Williamson to Bus & Coach Centre (dlr), Forest Hill, Oxon (November), who then sold it to Chiltern Bus, High Wycombe, Bucks. (December).

9411 (YUI 5582, ex LJ56 VTN) (ex AB) remains available for sale by Ensign Bus (dlr), this after a short loan to Ensignbus, Purfleet when it was used on their Amazon contract between 21st November to 3rd December 2024 when temporarily numbered 123.

- 9437 (LJ09 CBV) (ex AB) for those in doubt, in January it remained in use with Garnett's Coaches.
- 9457, 9463, 9496, 9499 (LJ09 CDV, CEK, OLK, OLO) (ex AB) from Birmingham Busworks (dlr) to McColl's Travel, Dumbarton (9457 in September) (9463 in November) (9496, 9499 in December). All have been repainted into their new livery and join 9453, 9456 in this fleet.
- 9459, 9460 (D18, 24 LTL, ex LJ09 CDY, CDZ) (ex AB) remain with Littles Travel (D18, D24) but under the ownership of the Wellglade Group from October.
- 9465 (LJ09 CEO) (ex AB) was used by Raccoon Franchising during December for a UK tour of 14 cities promoting the clothing brand 'Shein'. Its external style differed from ex ALN T99 in having candy canes depicted over its red vinyls.
- 9471 (LJ09 OKD, ex Y22 HOW) (ex AB) further to TLB722, it was sold to Lally's Tours, Galway, Ireland (December 2018) where it was re-registered 09-G-20014.
- 9490, 9495 (LJ09 OLA, OLH) (ex AB) updating TLB722, 9495 did indeed return to Birmingham Busworks (dlr) (April); both were then exported in May.
- 9500, 9501 (LJ09 OLP, OLR) (ex AB) updating TLB722, both were exported by Birmingham Busworks (dlr) (April).
- 9511 (Y7 THG, ex SN59 AVY) (ex AB) from Go North West (Bee Network) (3119) to Go East Anglia (for use within the Hedingham & Chambers operations) (November), entering service during January numbered 652.
- 9519, 9521 (SN59 AWM, AWP) (ex AB) from go-coach (as dealer) to Redroute Bus & Coach, Northfleet, Kent (August), and were put to service during October.
- DLA343 (LJ03 MDV) (ex ALN) updating TLB720, this DLA passed to Carters Travel, Great Addington, Northants. (March 2024).
- DLP10 (MXZ 3375, ex T210 XBV) (ex ALN) to clarify the entry in TLB724, it was sold from Ripley (dlr) to Rude Boy Brands Ltd (August 2023) and then exported to Jamaica for continued promotional work for Rude Boy Brands Ltd in March 2024.
- DLP54 (LJ51 DJZ, ex 787 EYC) (ex ALN) from Go North East to Alpha Recovery (dlr), Cramlington, Northumberland (December).
- DW71, 73, 91 (LJ04 LGF, LGK, LFG) (ex ALN) from Warrington's Own Buses to Ensign Bus (dlr), Purfleet, Essex (November). DW73 passed direct from Ensign Bus (dlr) to PVS, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (November)
- DW72 (LJ04 LGG) (ex ALN) further to TLB723 and 725, this DW is confirmed as passing to Ensign Bus (dlr), Purfleet, Essex (December).
- DW116 (LJ05 BHY) (ex ALN) further to TLB715, this DW has been acquired by Mullany Coaches and is not a loan as previously reported.
- DW280 (LJ59 LWG) (ex ALN) from Xelabus to Bus & Coach Centre (dlr), Forest Hill, Oxon (February 2023), and then to Bay Travel, Cowdenbeath, Fife (August).
- DW282 (LJ59 LWK) (ex ALN) from Bus & Coach Centre (dlr) to Garnetts Coaches, Tinsdale Crescent, Co. Durham (by November).
- T59 (LJ08 CYP) (ex ALN) from Warrington's Own Buses to Ensign Bus (dlr), Purfleet, Essex (December), and was then sold to Chalkwell Coaches, Sittingbourne, Kent (January).
- T99 (LJ59 LYY) (ex ALN) from Ensign Bus (dlr) to Raccoon Franchising, Edenbridge, Kent (September), appearing during December in overall red with Christmas adornments promoting the clothing brand 'Shein'.
- T100, T102 (LJ59 LYZ, LZB) (ex ALN) from Ensign Bus (dlr) to the charity The Connections Bus Project, Histon, Cambs. (October). Both were still under conversion for local youth communities work during January, and when complete, they will replace former Kentish Bus 533 / Arriva London L533 (G533 VBB) and former Blue Triangle Buses DL909 (V909 FEC).
- T101, 106 (LJ59 LYZ, LYD) (ex ALN) were exported from Ensign Bus (dlr) in September.
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- VLA38 (LJ53 BBZ, ex P9 YMS) (ex ALN) from YMS Travel to Bus Coach Repairs (dlr), Yaxley, Cambs., and then to C&G Coach Services, Chatteris, Cambs. (all in June).
- VLA149, 150 (LJ55 BTZ, BUA) (ex ALN) from Arriva North East to Alpha Recovery (dlr), Cramlington, Northumberland (October and December respectively).
- DN33578, 33581, 33583 (SN09 CDY, CEF, CEK), 33643, 33644 (SN11 BPZ, BRF) (ex FLN) from Warrington's Own Buses to Ensign Bus (dlr), Purfleet, Essex (December).
- DN33592 (SN09 CFF) (ex FLN) from First South West / Kernow to First Hants & Dorset (October).
- DN33597 (SN09 CFM) (ex FLN) from Warrington's Own Buses to Ensign Bus (dlr), Purfleet, Essex, and then to Chalkwell Coaches, Sittingbourne, Kent (all in January).
- DN33646, 33649 (SN11 BRZ, BSV) (ex FLN) further to TLB724, these DNs are confirmed as numbered 40529 and 40532 respectively with Diamond Bus North West.
- SN36053 (YR61 RUA) (ex FLN) correcting TLB724, delete this entry as this report was incorrect.
- SN36067, 36069 (YR61 RVK, RVM) (ex FLN) are confirmed as numbered 40031 and 40032 with Diamond Bus North West.
- VN36117, correcting TLB724, this VN is registered BJ11 DVK (and not BJ11 DTY).
- VN37791 (LK59 CXH) (ex FLN) from First South West / Kernow to First Hants & Dorset (January).
- VN37842 (BV10 WVM) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus (dlr), Purfleet, Essex to Tomorrow's Travel, Wimborne, Dorset (December); it is now converted to single door and is in their purple fleet livery.
- VN37859 (BV10 WWS) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus (dlr), Purfleet, Essex to Stanley Travel, Oxhill, Co. Durham (October). It retains red livery.
- VN37860 (BU54 WAY, ex BV10 WWB), 37861 (GP55 BUS, ex BV10 WWU), 37864 (BU51 WAY, ex BV10 WVZ) (ex FLN) correcting TLB723, these are numbered 717, 718 and 716 with Grant Palmer.
- VN37898 (LXZ 5438, ex BF60 UUK) (ex FLN) from Lothian Buses to Lothian Country (by October).
- VN37964 (A17 HLC, ex BN61 MXP), 37977 (A19 HLC, ex BN61 MYB) (ex FLN) from Lucketts to Diamond Bus North West (December and June respectively) and have been numbered 40633 and 40632.
- VNL32203 (LT52 WTJ) (ex FLN) from Ensign Bus (dlr) to Speedy's Burger Bar, Chandler's Ford, Hants. (November).
- VNL32219 (LT52 WUC) (ex FLN) further to TLB722, this VLN is now confirmed with Bus Shelter, Ipswich, Suffolk (September).
- VNL32316 (LK03 NHX, ex SJI 8106) (ex FLN) was sold for scrap from Marshalls (October).
- VNL32319 (LJ03 NJE) (ex FLN) from Stanley Travel to Proctors Coach & Bus Sales (dlr), Leeming Bar, North Yorkshire (November), and was then sold to Phoenix Coaches, Blyth, Northumberland (January).
- VNW32366 (LK04 HYY) (ex FLN) from Warrington's Own Buses to Ensign Bus (dlr), Purfleet, Essex and then to PVS, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (all in December).
- VNW32408 (LK04 HXU) (ex FLN) from Warrington's Own Buses to Ensign Bus (dlr), Purfleet, Essex (October).
- VNW32421 (LK04 JCX) (ex FLN) from Ellie Rose to Cambridge Bus & Coach, Fen Drayton, Cambs. (October).
- VNW32423 (LK04 JCZ) (ex FLN) was sold by Cambridge Bus & Coach (by September).
- VNZ32343 (LK53 LZE, ex TPR 354) (ex FLN) was sold from First Hants & Dorset (by January).
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- EVL17 (PN02 XCD) (ex GAL) further to TLB680, this EVL has recently been noted dumped at the rear of St Albans fire station, possibly after being used for training.
- PVL194 (X594 EGK, ex 574 CPT, ex 165 DKH) (ex GAL) from Go North East to Alpha Recovery (dlr), Cramlington, Northumberland (November).
- PVL246 (Y746 TGH) (ex GAL) passed back to Go South Coast in October after use by Brighton & Hove. This PVL continues in use as a tree lopper.
- PVL296 (PJ02 RFE) (ex GAL) was sold for scrap by Grey Line (June 2023).
- PVL329 (PJ52 LWH) (ex GAL) was sold from Redroute Bus & Coach (by August).
- PVL401 (K900 GDS, ex LX54 GZN), 404 (Y200 GDS, ex LX54 GZR) (ex GAL) regained their original registrations in August and PVL404 was sold for scrap also in August.
- PVL402 (LX54 GZO) (ex GAL) was loaned from Konnectbus to Brighton & Hove in November.
- PVL405, 416 (LX54 GZT, GZV) (ex GAL) are part of the Littles Travel fleet that became part of the Wellglade group when the company was acquired in October.
- SO2 (BV55 UCU) (ex GAL) from A2B Travel to Bus & Coach Repairs (dlr), Yaxley, Cambs. (September).
- VWL21 (JFZ 8617, ex LF52 TGY) (ex GAL) regained its original registration with Skills in August.
- WVL4 (VM02 BUS, ex LG02 KGX) (ex GAL) was sold from Vapouround (September).
- WVL125 (LX53 AZU, ex J12 XEL) (ex GAL) was sold for scrap from Harpur's Coaches (February).
- WVL127 (LX53 AZW) (ex GAL) was sold from Ensign Bus (dlr) (February).
- WVL134 (LX53 AZG) (ex GAL) from Country Bus to Xelabus, Eastleigh, Hants. (January) via Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex.
- WVL164 (LX05 FCD) (ex GAL) further to TLB724, this WVL is now with Chiltern Bus, High Wycombe, Bucks. and therefore is not in preservation. It retains yellow livery.
- WVL172 (LX05 FBL) (ex GAL) from Garnetts Coaches to Bus & Coach Centre (dlr), Forest Hill, Oxon (November) and then to Chiltern Bus, High Wycombe, Bucks. (December). It retains yellow livery.
- WVL174 (LX05 FBO) (ex GAL) from Garnett's Coaches to Bus & Coach Centre (dlr), Forest Hill (dlr) (May); it was then sold to CommMiniBus (Kettering Catcher Network), Wellingborough, Northants. (October) and was re-registered to J7 YPL in November.
- WVL251 (LX06 EAW, ex BU51 WAY) (ex GAL) from Grant Palmer to Hardwick, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, and then to Kilvington of Leeds, Pudsey, West Yorkshire (all in December).
- WVL261 (LX06 EBM) (ex GAL) has been sold for scrap from Go South Coast (November).
- SLE12 (YN55 NHF) (ex LU) from NIBS Buses to Sargeants Bros, Hereford, Herefordshire (January) via Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex.
- SLE15 (YN55 NHJ) (ex LU) correcting TLB721, this SLE remains with Swindon's Bus Company (which is part of Go South Coast).
- SLE28 (YN55 NJF) (ex LU) from Stephenson's of Essex to Acme Travel, Saffron Waldon, Essex (August) via Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex.
- SP40056, 40060, 40065 (YT09 ZCA, ZCK, BJV), 40076, 40083, 40084, 40085, 40095, 40098, 40102, 40105, 40107, 40108 (YT59 RYA, RYJ, RYK, RYM, SFZ, SGV, SHJ, DXY, DYX, DYY), 40109, 40117, 40119, 40125 (YR59 FYO, FYY, FZA, FZG), 40126, 40127, 40132 (YT59 PBF, PBO, PCF) (ex LU) from Stagecoach Manchester to Transport for Greater Manchester (January). These were meant to have passed to Manchester Metrolink but appear to have been stored instead.
- TA312 (L60 LTL, ex SN03 DZJ) (ex LU) is part of the Littles Travel fleet that became part of the Wellglade group when the company was acquired in October.
- TA324 (SN03 EAE) (ex LU) was sold from Cardinal Buses (December) for preservation.
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- TLA11 (SU53 UNV) (ex LU) from JH Coaches to Alpha Recovery (dlr), Cramlington, Northumberland (October).
- TLA16 (SIL 7947, ex SN53 EUZ) (ex LU) regained its original registration with Skills in November.
- VE7 (PG04 WGY) (ex LU) from Warrington's Own Buses to Ensign Bus (dlr), Purfleet, Essex (December).
- VLE40 (PO54 ADU) (ex LU) was sold from Sullivan Buses (January).
- VR227 (BD51 YCS) (ex LU) from Warrington's Own Buses to Ensign Bus (dlr), Purfleet, Essex (November).
- TA651 (LK05 GGX) (ex ML) was sold from Redroute Bus & Coach (by August).
- TAL129 (X329 HLL) (ex ML) has been sold for scrap from A2B Travel (by January).
- TE828 (LK57 AXF), 905 (LK58 CNV) (ex ML) from Warrington's Own Buses to Ensign Bus (dlr), Purfleet, Essex (November and December respectively).
- TE888, 890 (D21, 22 LTL, ex LK08 DYA, NVE) (ex ML) are part of the Littles Travel fleet that became part of the Wellglade group when the company was acquired in October.
- TE898 (LK08 NVO) (ex ML) returned from Brightbus to Midland Bluebird in October for use on the Stirling sightseeing service.
- TE1078 (LK60 AEZ) (ex ML) from North West Bus Sales to Marshalls, Sutton-on-Trent, Notts. (January). It will be fleet number DD138, arrived having already been converted to single door and has been repainted in all over white livery.
- TP377 (LR52 KWV) (ex ML) was sold for scrap from John Dix Travel (August).
- TPL284 (LR02 BCE) (ex ML) from BBPG to Beat the Bus, Sheffield, South Yorkshire (July) where it is part of the Medieval Mayhem Complex offering escape room experiences for children.
- TPL285 (LR02 BCF) (ex ML) was sold for scrap from Z&S Transport (by January). It was noted being stripped during 2021, so it may well have departed time ago.
- VPL153 (X653 LLX) (ex ML) was sold from Redroute Bus & Coach (by August).
- VPL600 (LK04 NNJ) (ex ML) from JH Coaches to Kilvington of Leeds, Pudsey, West Yorkshire (October). Note that this corrects the report in TLB697 which was not correct.
- VPL603 (LK04 NNP) (ex ML) was sold for scrap from JH Coaches (October).
- TAS17410 (LX51 FHV) (ex SLN) further to TLB708, this TAS is confirmed as passing to St Peter's Church, Brockley, London where it has remained in static use until at least September 2024.
- TA17753 (LX03 BTV) (ex SLN) further to TLB723, this TA was sold from Birmingham Busworks (dlr) to McColl's Travel, Dumbarton, Dunbartonshire (September)
- TA17817 (LX03 BXM) (ex SLN) from Fowler's Coaches to North Yorkshire Caravans, Redcar, North Yorkshire (June) where it will become another glamping home.
- TA17966 (LX53 JZJ), 17971 (LX53 JZO, ex BU51 TOP), 18247 (LX04 FYP) (ex SLN) were re-registered to G23 NST, T70 NST and T80 NST respectively by Northstar in December.
- 15097 (LX09 FYS) (ex SLN) from Ensign Bus (dlr) to JH Coaches, Birtley, Tyne & Wear (December).
- 15143 (LX59 CNN) (ex SLN) from Ensign Bus (dlr) to Sleafordian Coaches, Sleaford, Lincs. (January). It was previously reported in TLB721 as sold to GHP Trading and this was presumably a loan.
- 15163 (LX59 CRJ, ex P700 CXB) (ex SLN) has passed from Connexions Buses to Kilvington of Leeds, Pudsey, West Yorkshire (August).
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Low-floor single deck types:

8115 (KX56 HCZ) (ex AB) was sold for scrap by Britannia Bus in July.

8346, 8347 (YX66 WFG, WFH) (ex AB) were sold from Go-coach returning to Transport UK (January).

8502 (LJ56 ONO) (ex AB) was acquired from Dawson Group Bus & Coach (dlr) by the South London Bus Preservation Group, Croydon, Surrey (December 2019).

8506 (K100 ACL, ex LJ56 ONT) (ex AB) was withdrawn by Aintree Coachline and re-registered back to LJ56 ONT in October.

8562 (YX11 AEM) (ex AB) has been sold for scrap from Vision Bus (August 2023).

8579 (YX61 GAU) (ex AB) was sold from Flexibus to Wilkins Travel, Cymmer, South Wales (April).

8582 (YUI 5568, ex YX61 GBO) (ex AB) returned from Mercian Travel & Tours to BM Coaches, Heathrow, Middlesex (August), who further re-registered it to S29 LGW in September.

8766 (LK56 JKE) (ex AB) from Plaxton Bus & Coach (dlr) to the Stafford Bus Centre (dlr), Stone, Staffs. (September 2019). It was then acquired by Stamps Coaches, Dunkeswell, Devon (December 2020), who then re-registered it to JR04 BUS in January 2021.

8861 (YX16 OAP) (ex AB) from Ensign Bus (dlr) to Go-Ahead London (London General) (November), being used temporarily on their Fastrack network numbered SEN65.

ENL1 (LJ07 ECW) (ex ALN) from BBPG to Chaseside Buses, Cophorne, Surrey (December).

DML44032 (YX58 DWF) (ex FLN) has been sold for scrap from A2B Travel (by January).

DML44037 (YX58 DWN) (ex FLN) was sold from Panther Travel (September) after use for spares.

DML44057 (YX58 FPV, ex YUI 2774) (ex FLN) from Bus & Coach Centre (dlr) to CommMiniBus (Kettering Catcher Network), Wellingborough, Northants. (October) and was re-registered to J15 FLD in November. Clarifying TLB725, it re-gained the registration YX58 FPV in October prior to being sold from BM Coaches.

DML44123 (YX09 FKT) (ex FLN) from Compass Travel to University of Buckingham, Buckingham, Bucks. (February) via Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex. This vehicle has been donated by Compass / Chartwell as a street scene prop for training Doctors in a road traffic crash scenario.

DML44148 (YX10 BFK) (ex FLN) from Whippet Coaches to Banga Travel, Wolverhampton, West Midlands (July).

DML44153 (YX10 BFP) (ex FLN) from Panther Travel to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (September).

DMS44415 (YX09 FLR) (ex FLN) from Plymouth Citybus to Shears (dlr), Winkleigh, Devon (December).

SE12 (LX07 BXV) (ex GAL) from Panther Travel to MC Tractors / Shelton Motors, Ramsey, Cambs. (September).

SE16 (LX07 BYA), 33 (SN57 DWZ) (ex GAL) were sold from Panther Travel (September).

SOE4 (LX09 AYJ) (ex GAL) is reported as sold from Trainfor Group (April).

SOE18, 31 (LX09 AZA, BXP) (ex GAL) were sold from Ensign Bus (dlr) (August and November respectively) but no further details are known.

SOE25 (LX09 AZL) (ex GAL) from Panther Travel to A1 Coaches, Skelmersdale, Lancs. (February) via Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex.

DE20180 (YX11 FZG) (ex LU) further to TLB722 page 30, this DE is confirmed as passing to National Driving School, Croydon, Surrey (July).

DPS549 – the entry in TLB725 should have read Y549 XAG.

DEL856 (LK08 DWL) (ex ML) was re-registered to YB04 BUS by Yorkshire Travel Group in November.

DE859 (LK08 DWO) (ex ML) from Canavan Travel to Campbell (dlr), Dumbarton, West Dunbartonshire (December).

DEL852 (LK08 DWE) (ex ML) from Panther Travel to A1 Coaches, Skelmersdale, Lancs. (February) via Chartwell Bus Sales, Horsham, West Sussex.

DLD702 (LK55 KLV) (ex ML) was sold from Redroute Bus & Coach (by August).

47809, 47810 (YJ59 NRN, NRO), 47915, 47916, 47917 (YJ10EYF, EYG, EYH), 47984, 47985, 47987, 47990 (YJ60 PFD, PFE, PFG, PFO) (ex SLN) from Ripley (dlr) to TM Travel, Halfway, South Yorkshire (November).

47918, 47919 (YJ10 EYK, EYL), 47988 (YJ60 PFK) (ex SLN) were sold from Ripley (dlr) to unknown owner(s) in November (47988) or January (47918, 47919).

47983, 47989 (YJ60 PFA, PFN) (es SLN) from Ripley (dlr) to Connexion Buses, Tockwith, North Yorkshire (November). 47989 was loaned to Hulley's in December.

47995, 47997 (YJ12 GVV, GVX) (ex SLN) from Ripley to Buslink, Drakelow, Derbys. (June).

SERVICE VEHICLES

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LUL/LBSL/TfL Fleet; Newly reported vehicles

9330F	LD74 GOH	Ford Transit Connect Van	TfL	White	SDD
9387F	LD74 GUU	Ford Transit Connect Van	TfL	White	?
9414R	MT74 SYY	Renault Kangoo Van	TfL	White	BKO
9428R	MT74 SYF	Renault Kangoo Van	TfL	White	FCS
9444R	MW74 CRZ	Renault Kangoo Electric Crew Van	TfL	White	EHB
?	LA24 NTL	Ford Transit Connect Van	TfL	White	SDD
?	MT74 SXS	Renault Kangoo Van	TfL	White	?

Additional information and updates

9444R provides a little more variety to the recent deliveries. As well as being electric, it has a modified version of the now standard TfL white livery, with red/yellow chevrons on the rear and a yellow stripe at waist level on the sides. It appears to be for use by TfL PCO (Taxis and Private Hire), which would suggest that it will be one of 3 or 4.

LF24 ULX (TLB722 refers) is numbered 9280F. LJ24 YJZ (TLB722) is 9264F and MW74 CSO (TLB725) is 9422R. 9411R should be deleted. MW74 CRV was noted carrying this number but it was returned to the dealers and the registration number has now been voided. The fleetnumber 9411R will presumably be allocated to a replacement vehicle.

Correcting TLB725, 8736R remains in service (still at SDD), while 8602R is still at Acton Works though in damaged condition and unlikely to return to service.

Transfers and allocations noted are 9208F at ACH, 9226F EWT to FCS, 9316F at ACB, 9319F at ACN, 9365F AGS to ACM, 9382F at ACB and 9427R at ERS.

The following vehicles were put up for auction at the end of January. It is not known if they were sold but it can be assumed that all are withdrawn: MAN lorry 2587 (RX06 FCA), Mercedes dustcart LO66 ZRD, trailers CBT57, T65, T66 and T70, demountable body DB14 plus LT Museum vehicles 5494F (KJ53 UNW), GX52 ZGR, GX52 ZGS and AY58 GDX.

Other vehicles withdrawn are 8209VW, 8282VW, 8288F, 8293P, 8299VW, 8324F, 8416T, 8418T, 8419T, 8470F, 8471VW, 8501F, 8511T, 8512T, 8587T, 8621T, 8631T, 8644VW, 8690T, 8725T, 8793T, 8838T, 8839T, 8841T, 8842T, 8890T, 8892T, 8972T, 8973T, 8974T and 8975T. Note that, once again, the majority of departures are cars, and there won't be many left soon.

Bus Company Fleets; Newly reported vehicles

None reported

Additional information

Arriva London BG23 HGO, BG23 LBY and BJ23 OTF have moved from EC to N. Arriva SC HK68 JVR is withdrawn. RATP MJ69 ZKT (D75117) WV20 FWN (MTR75232) and FH70 FFC (MTR75239) are all withdrawn.

Stagecoach London 92902 (MD69 UFT) is believed withdrawn. DY22 LCJ has returned to BK, presumably leading to the withdrawal of cover vehicle ND73 FVP.

Transport UK MT67 GVE and SG67 VFV have moved from TF to BC. MT67 GVE is now numbered 6857. White Bus 97 (AF06 XXL) is withdrawn.

RAIL REPLACEMENTS

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Piccadilly:

05-06/01/2025: Finsbury Park - Arnos Grove by Arriva using DW and T-class double-decks.

DLR:

25-26/01/2025: Canary Wharf - Galleons Reach by Go-Ahead using E, EH, EN and WHV double-decks; Canning Town - King George V by Metroline using LT, TE and VWH-class double-decks; Canning Town - London City Airport by Ensignbus using E200 and Optare Versa single-decks.

Elizabeth Line:

25-26/01/2025 & 01-02/02/2025: Stratford - Romford by Transport UK London using LT and E400; Newbury Park - Shenfield by Arriva London, Ensignbus, LB Havering and Stagecoach using a variety of double-decks.

Greater Anglia:

25-26/01/2025: Liverpool Street - Witham/Southend Victoria blockade so the following operated:

Newbury Park - Witham (non-stop and also Shenfield and all stations);

Newbury Park - Southend Victoria (Shenfield then all stations);

Also, out of our area, Wickford - Southminster. The following operators were noted:

Angie's, AJK Coaches, Centaur, Completely Coaches, Davian, Dons of Dunmow, Empress, Felixstowe Travel, Goldline, Grange Travel, Ipswich Buses, St Edmunds Travel, South East Coaches, Suffolk Travel, Swift Travel and Vertas using a variety of vehicles.

01-02/02/2025: Newbury Park - Ingatestone by Angie's, AJK Coaches, Central Connect, Dons, Ensignbus, Goldline, Grange Travel, Lodges, MPR & Associates, Peter Godward, St Edmunds Travel, St Margarets Coaches, SBC Engineering, South East Coaches, Stephenson's, Swift Travel, Transport of Essex and Vectare using a variety of double-decks and coaches.

London Overground:

- 11-12/01/2025:** (Windrush Line) New Cross Gate - Dalston Kingsland & Clapham Junction - Canada Water by Arriva using a variety of double-decks.
- 25-26/01/2025:** (Mildmay Line) Stratford - Hampstead Heath by Transport UK using LT and Enviro400 double-decks.
- 25-26/01/2025:** (Windrush Line) Clapham Junction - Canada Water by Arriva London using LT and HV double-decks.
- 01-02/02/2025:** (Windrush Line) Clapham Junction - Canada Water and New Cross Gate - Dalston Kingsland by Arriva London using LT, DW, HT and T double-decks; (Mildmay Line) Stratford - Hampstead Heath by Attend It, Bear Buses, Go-Ahead, Travelmasters and Wembley City Coaches using a variety of double-decks and coaches.

Great Northern / Thameslink: (also LNER south of Peterborough):

- 18-19/01/2025:** Stevenage - Wood Green diverted via Hertford Loop so replacement services by A1 Minibus, Arriva, Barton Coach company, Britannia, Central Connect, City Circle, Kellys, Reg's, Richard Taylor, St. Edmunds Travel, Swift Travel and Weberbus using a variety of vehicles.
- 25-26/01/2025:** Stevenage - St Albans/Luton & Hitchin - Royston/Peterborough by 7 Plus, A2B, Arriva, Barnetts, Central Connect, City Circle, Globus, Hearn's, Kellys, Lucketts, St Edmunds Travel, Swift Travel, Tates, TurboStyle and WestBus using a variety of vehicles.
- 01-02/02/2025:** Another blockade from Peterborough to King's Cross, the following operators observed around Hitchin: A2B, ALM, Arriva, Coachire 4U, Donalds Tours, Hearn's, LH Coaches, London Hire, Richard Taylor, Stagecoach, Swift Travel and Tates using a variety of vehicles, also Finsbury Park - Welwyn Garden City by Airsym, Arriva, City Circle, Kelly's Coaches, Horseferry Coaches and Richard Taylor Travel using a variety of buses and coaches.

Southern:

- 29/12/2024:** Purley - Tattenham Corner by Transport UK using AD E400H double-decks.
- 12/01/2025:** East Croydon - Redhill by Linburg using coaches and Passenger Plus using Yutong E10 single-decks.

SouthEastern:

- 19/01/2025:** Lewisham - Greenwich by Go-Ahead using EH and MHV class double-decks.

SouthWestern:

- 12/01/2025:** Hounslow - Windsor & Eton Riverside by Attend It using ex Stagecoach 17538 (now LJZ1450), Bear Buses using ex Centrewest TN33192 & ex Go-Ahead PVL413, Beeline using Wrightbus Streetlite, Cardinal Buses using ex Metroline TE715 & TE722, Chiltern Bus using ex Go-Ahead WVL172, Chaseside Propulsion using ex Metroline TE1580 (now W44CSP), Horseferry Coaches using ex Go-Ahead WVL250 (now S555HCL), London United using BEs & VHs and Reading Buses using AD E40D;
Hounslow - Ascot by Aldermaston Coach Lines using AD E40D, BM Coaches using AD E400MMCs, Imperial Bus using AD E400MMCs and Westbus using AD E40Ds;
Hounslow - Woking by Angel Executive (Yutong) and Five Stars Cars using a Ford Transit.
- 18-19/01/2025 & 25-26/01/2025:** (For reasons of space I've combined various reports - other operators noted included: Chiltern Bus, First Hampshire and New Punjab).
Clapham Junction blockade to the south so branches served as follows:
To Weybridge: Anderson Travel, Attend It, BM Coaches, Bear Buses, Cardinal Coaches, Comfort Coaches, Five Star Cars and Safeguard using single-decks and coaches;
To Chessington South: London United using a variety of double and single decks;
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To Worcester Park: BM Coaches, Chiltern Bus, Master Coaches, Mortons and Passenger Plus using double-decks and Yutong single-deck;

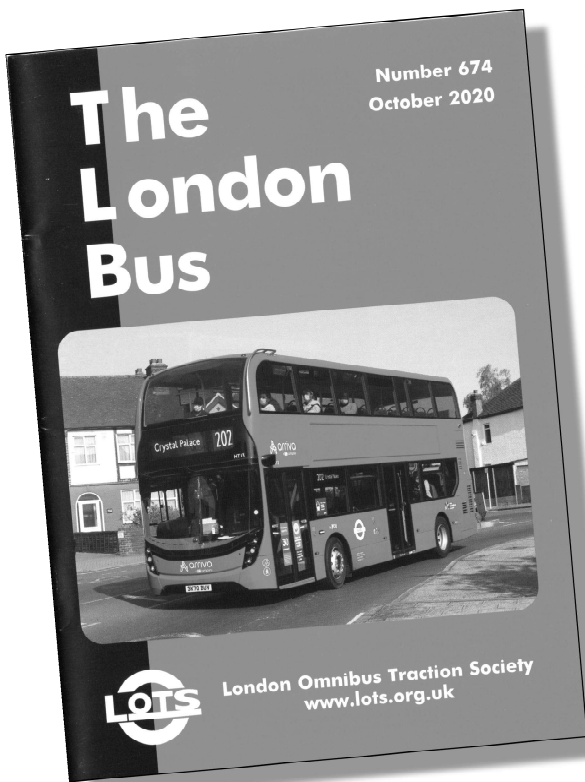
To Surbiton: Attend It, BM Coaches, Farnham Coaches, Horseferry Coaches, Imperial Coaches, London United, Mortons, NP Coaches, Standard Coaches, Tudor Travel and Xelabus using a variety of vehicles;

To Effingham Junction: Bear Buses, BM Coaches, London United, Mayfair Coaches and Stewart Coaches using single-decks or minibuses;

To Hampton Court: Beeline, Commonwealth Coaches, Solent and Teulu Travel using a variety of vehicles.

Thanks to members Barry, Ian and Peter for the above reports.

LOOKING BACK - News from yesteryear



On the cover of TLB674 (October 2020) was Arriva London HT13 working route 202. These were the first 70-reg buses to enter service in London. Although not apparent at the time, a more significant milestone was that they were the last new diesel-engined buses (albeit hybrids) to be delivered for TfL work, all later buses being electric or hydrogen. The photo also shows another change taking place around this time, which was the switch from driver's side mirrors to rear-facing cameras.

The world was still coping with the COVID-19 pandemic. Visible in the cover photo there are various advisory notices at the bus entrance, while all the passengers appear to be wearing face masks. With schools re-opening for the Autumn term, many bus routes had additional school-time journeys added, officially given V prefixes (as in V269). TLB674 illustrated some of the 'provincial' buses that Stagecoach drafted into London to cope with the demand.

Various spare buses were being used as staff rest facilities at route termini, due to social distancing rules. Among these was Stagecoach London open-topper 19131 at sunny Mile End and Metroline DP274 (one of the last step-entrance buses in the London fleets) at Northolt.

Other new bus deliveries included the first of 37 Optare MetroDecker electric buses for Tower Transit for use on routes 23 and C3. The buses were already running late and it took a further 10 months until the last arrived.

A surprising development was the plan to convert Arriva London route 313 (Potters Bar to Chingford) to New Routemaster operation. The type had hitherto been used primarily on routes serving central London.

With many bus events cancelled due to COVID-19, Showbus instead took the form of a "fly-by" along the A40 between Beaconsfield and Wheatley. Well, I suppose they didn't want to call it a "drive-by"...

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Introduced on 2nd January, Go Coach route GC1 is a new route running between Ebbsfleet and Greenhithe. It has replaced the withdrawn Arriva 'Click' service. From mid-February, it is planned for the off peak service to become demand responsive, but remain a timetabled fixed route during peak hours. Optare Solo 3802 is seen in Whitecliff Road, Ebbsfleet on 25th January.
(Richard Godfrey)



Uno have recently repainted this Mercedes Citaro into a Universitybus 'heritage' livery, recalling the start of their operations in 1992, serving the University of Hertfordshire (previously Hatfield Polytechnic). 304 heads along Albatross Way, Hatfield on 17th January.
(Mark Lyons)



Redline (Aylesbury) have five Wright Volvo B5TL Gemini 3s, which were acquired from the University of Wolverhampton. They are now starting to receive Redline livery. BF67 GJY shows off its new coat of paint whilst on route X20 in Oxford Road, Tiddington on 9th January.
(Richard Godfrey)





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