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19 December 2021

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5396 (NK15 ENH) and 5400 (NK15 ENN) into 'Country Ranger' livery; Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5291 (NK08 CGG) into Sunderland District Cherry livery, and Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 9060 (SN57 DFX) and 9061 (SN57 DFY) into Voyager livery, now numbered 6181 and 6182 respectively, following their permanent acquisition into the fleet.

Open-top format Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TL 3999 (574 CPT) has returned to service at Deptford for this year's #GNESantaBus event.

Further Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid to transfer to Washington from Deptford are 5415 (NK15 EOF) and 5416 (NK15 EOG). Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5259 (NK56 KJO) has transferred to Riverside as a result.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 6180 (SN57 DFV) has returned to service at Chester-le-Street, displacing Scania N270UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6174 (YN57 FYG) to Washington. Paired with the transfer of Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6376 (NK70 BYU) from Consett, this has displaced Scania N270UD/East Lancs Omnidekka 6172 (YN57 FYP) and 6173 (YN57 FYF) to be taken out of service for seatbelt fitment at Ensign Bus Company, Purfleet.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6165 (YN54 AOR) has transferred from Chester-le-Street to Riverside.

Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6069 (NK62 CZA) has been taken out of service from Consett for USB charging point fitment and seat refurbishment.

The two loanee Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid, 9050 (SK68 TXN) and 9062 (SK68 TXO), have both returned to Wrightbus.

12 December 2021

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5395 (NK15 ENF) and 5397 (NK15 ENJ) into 'Country Ranger' livery; Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5292 (NK08 CGO) into Sunderland District Cherry livery, Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6047 (NK12 GCY) into Red Kite Ranger livery for services 47/47A, and Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 662 (NK15 GFO) into Sunderland District Silver livery for service 33.

Optare Solo M880/Optare 698 (YJ10 MFO), 699 (YJ10 MFP), 700 (YJ10 MFU) and 701 (YJ10 MFA) have all been withdrawn and sold to United Coaches Ltd, Motherwell. As a result, a number of fleet movements have taken place to allow this. Optare Solo SR M900/Optare 638 (NK12 HCE) has transferred from Driver Training to Percy Main, Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 651 (NL63 XZY) has transferred from Deptford to Percy Main, and Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 652 (NL63 XZZ) has transferred from Chester-le-Street to Percy Main.

Optare Solo M710SE/Optare 709 (WK58 EAJ) has transferred from Driver Training to Chester-le-Street, while "Voyager" branded Optare Solo SR M900SL/Optare 723 (YD63 UZC) has transferred in the opposite direction, so it can be made available for contract bus hire on a weekend when not required for Driver Training purposes.

Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 662 (NK15 GFO) has returned to service at Deptford following repaint, with 663 (NK15 GFU) coming out of service in lieu.

Following completion of the USB charging point installation on the "Sunderland District" branded Optare Versas, the Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid vehicles have been made available for cascade. They will be allocated to Washington for use on services 26 and 50, displacing the Euro 6 SCRT-fitted Scania OmniCitys here. The first to transfer from Deptford to Washington are 5413 (NK15 EOD), 5414 (NK15 EOE), 5417 (NK15 EOH), 5418 (NK15 EOJ), 5420 (NK16 BYA) and 5421 (NK16 BYB), displacing Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5243 (NK56 KHM), 5244

(NK56 KHO), 5246 (NK56 KHR), 5254 (NK56 KJA), 5255 (NK56 KJE), 5257 (NK56 KJJ) and 5258 (NK56 KJN) to Riverside.

Mercedes Citaro 0530N/Mercedes Citaro 5285 (NK08 CFU) has transferred from Deptford to Washington to be a shared spare bus for services 4, 26 and 50.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5395 (NK15 ENF) and 5397 (NK15 ENJ) have returned to service at Chester-le-Street following repaint, with similar 5396 (NK15 ENH) and 5400 (NK15 ENN) coming out of service in lieu. Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5411 (NK15 EOB) and 5412 (NK15 EOC) have transferred from Deptford to provide cover while these repaints are ongoing.

Optare Versa V1170/Optare 5378 (NL63 YAD) and 5379 (NL63 YAE) have transferred from Riverside to Hexham, displacing ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 6352 (YX70 OKM) and 6353 (YX70 OKN) to come out of service for repaint.

Withdrawn at Riverside are Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5264 (NK56 KJZ), 5268 (NK07 GJO) and Dennis Dart SLF 4/ADL Enviro 200 9052 (KX58 BGY). Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5279 (NK07 KPO) has returned off loan from A-line Coaches, and has now been withdrawn from service. Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8304 (NK09 FVE) has also been withdrawn from Riverside and has transferred on long-term loan to Midland Classic of Burton-upon-Trent.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6047 (NK12 GCY) has returned to service at Consett following repaint, with Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6064 (NK62 CLZ) coming out of service in lieu for USB charging point fitment.

Due to a high number of X-lines branded Volvo B5TLs being off service, the 6-cylinder Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3, 6377 (NK70 BYV), has transferred from Riverside to Chester-le-Street. Transferring in the opposite direction as a result is Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6166 (YN54 AOT).

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5440 (NK16 AZV) has transferred from Riverside to Deptford, while Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5484 (HW07 CXU) and 5486 (HW07 CXX) have both been withdrawn from service at Deptford. The pair, like their sisters, will be cannibalised for spare parts and scrapped.

5 December 2021

Repaints last week included Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5304 (NK08 CHL) into Sunderland District Cherry livery.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5304 (NK08 CHL) has now returned to service at Deptford following repaint, while Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5398 (NK15 ENL) and 5399 (NK15 ENM) have returned to service at Chester-le-Street following repaint.

The final three Optare Versa V1110/Optare to be fitted with USB charging points at Bus & Coach World, Blackburn - 8336 (NK11 HJG), 8337 (NK11 HKP) and 8338 (NK11 HKT) – have all now returned to service at Deptford.

28 November 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 661 (NK15 GFJ) into "Peterlee Purples" livery; Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5297 (NK08 CGZ) into Sunderland District Cherry livery, Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5398 (NK15 ENL) and 5399 (NK15 ENM) into the new "Country Ranger" livery for service 8, Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6046 (NK12 GCX) into "Red Kite Ranger" livery for services 47/47A, and Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 9058 (SN57 DFJ) and 9059 (SN57 DFV) into Voyager livery, now numbered 6179 and 6180 respectively, following their permanent acquisition into the fleet.

Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 661 (NK15 GFJ) has returned to service at Deptford, with similar 662 (NK15 GFO) taken out of service from Deptford for repaint in lieu.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5251 (NK56 KHX) has been sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5281 (NK07 KPR) has returned off loan from A-line Coaches, and has now been withdrawn from service.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5296 (NK08 CGY) and 5297 (NK08 CGZ) have both now returned to service at Deptford. 5304 (NK08 CHL), another example destined to transfer to Deptford after repaint, is also now out of service from Riverside for repaint.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5441 (NK16 AZW) has joined the two loanee vehicles at Chester-le-Street, providing cover for the "Coast & Country" branded examples undergoing repaint. 5395 (NK15 ENF) and 5397 (NK15 ENJ) are the pair which have come out of service this week.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6044 (NK12 GCU) and 6046 (NK12 GCX) have returned to service at Consett. Released as a result is the 6-cylinder Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3, 6377 (NK70 BYV), which has transferred to Riverside.

Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8335 (NK11 HJF) has been fitted with USB charging ports, and has returned to service at Deptford.

Ex-Lothian Buses Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 9058 (SN57 DFU) and 9059 (SN57 DFV) have been purchased from Ensign Bus Company. Following up-seating to 83 seatbelted seats and repaint, the vehicles have been re-numbered 6179 and 6180 into the main fleet, respectively.

21 November 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 659 (NK15 GFE) into "Peterlee Purples" livery; Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5296 (NK08 CGY) into Sunderland District Cherry livery, and Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6048 (NK12 GCZ) into "Red Kite Ranger" livery for services 47/47.

Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 659 (NK15 GFE) has returned to service at Deptford, with similar 661 (NK15 GFJ) taken out of service from Deptford for repaint in lieu.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5282 (NK07 KPT) has been withdrawn from service at Riverside, and sold to Waterson Coaches, Pontefract.

East Yorkshire Volvo B7RLE/Wright Eclipse 2 367 (YX10 EYS) and 368 (YX10 EYT) have been acquired, being re-numbered 5509 and 5510 respectively.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6083 (NK13 EJO) has transferred from Riverside to Hexham, enabling the release of similar 6076 (NK62 FEU) and 6077 (NK62 FGJ) for repaint/refurbishment.

Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8334 (NK11 HJE) has been fitted with USB charging ports, and has returned to service at Deptford. Similar 8338 (NK11 HKT) has been taken out of service for the same treatment, in exchange.

14 November 2021

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5452 (NK66 EWA) into "East Gateshead Orbit" livery for services 51/52, Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6044 (NK12 GCU) into "Red Kite Ranger" livery for services 47/47A, and Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6073 (NK62 FCC) and 6075 (NK62 FDN) into the new "Tyne Valley 10" livery.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6073 (NK62 FCC) has returned to service at Riverside, and 6075 (NK62 FDN) has returned to service at Hexham.

Optare Solo SR M900SL/Optare 723 (YD63 UZC) has transferred from Washington Depot to Chester-le-Street.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5252 (NK56 KHY) has been withdrawn from service at Riverside and sold to Brighton Horizon Coaches. Similar 5271 (NK56 KKG) and 5273 (NK56 KKJ) which were already withdrawn have been sold to Orbit Coaches, Leicester.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5281 (NK07 KPR) has been reinstated at Riverside, and loaned to A-line Coaches, Pelaw, along with similar 5279 (NK07 KPO) and Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante coach 7111 (N21 GNE), to assist with the cover of various Go North East duties as a result of the ongoing staff shortage.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5297 (NK08 CGZ) has been taken out of service from Riverside for repaint.

Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8333 (NK11 HJV) has been fitted with USB charging ports, and has returned to service at Deptford. Similar 8335 (NK11 HJF), 8336 (NK11 HJG) and 8337 (NK11 HKP) have been taken out of service for the same treatment, in exchange.

The two loanee Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid, 9050 (SK68 TXN) and 9062 (SK68 TXO), have both transferred to Chester-le-Street, from Consett and Deptford respectively. Their transfer to Chester-le-Street provides cover whilst Chester-le-Street's "Coast & Country" branded examples undergo repaint. The first two to come out of service for repaint are 5398 (NK15 ENL) and 5399 (NK15 ENM).

7 November 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 660 (NK15 GFG) into "Peterlee Purples" livery; Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5450 (NK66 EVM) into "East Gateshead Orbit" livery for services 51/52, Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5463 (NK17 GHO) into 2019 fleet livery, and Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 9056 (SN57 DFJ) into Voyager livery, now numbered 6177 following its permanent acquisition into the fleet.

Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 660 (NK15 GFG) has returned to service at Deptford, with similar 659 (NK15 GFE) taken out of service from Deptford for repaint in lieu.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5272 (NK56 KKH) and 5274 (NK56 KKL) have been withdrawn from service at Washington.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5450 (NK66 EVM) and 5463 (NK17 GHO) have returned to service at Riverside. Paired with the transfer of Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8304 (NK09 FVE) and 8305 (NK09 FVF), this has enabled the withdrawal of 5273 (NK56 KKJ) and 5281 (NK07 KPR), as well as the displacement of 5296 (NK08 CGY) for repaint.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6074 (NK62 FDM) has returned to service at Riverside, with 6047 (NK12 GCV) taken out of service for repaint/refurbishment in lieu.

Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6069 (NK62 CZA) and 6070 (NK62 CZL) have returned to service at Consett.

Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8329 (NK11 HDN), 8330 (NK11 HDO), 8331 (NK11 HJX) and 8332 (NK11 HJC) have all now been fitted with USB charging ports, and have returned to service at Deptford. Similar 8333 (NK11 HJV) and 8334 (NK11 HJE) have been taken out of service for the same treatment, in exchange.

Ex-Lothian Buses Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 9056 (SN57 DFJ) has been purchased from Ensign Bus Company. Following up-seating to 83 seatbelted seats and repaint, the vehicle has been re-numbered 6177 into the main fleet.

31 October 2021

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5448 (NK66 EVJ) into "East Gateshead Orbit" livery for services 51/52, Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6045 (NK12 GCV) into "Red Kite Ranger" livery for services 47/47A, Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6074 (NK62 FDM) into the new "Tyne Valley 10" livery, and Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 9057 (SN57 DFP) into Voyager livery, now numbered 6178 following its permanent acquisition into the fleet.

Optare Solo M710SE/Optare 709 (WK58 EAJ) has transferred from Deptford to Driver Training, in order to replace Optare Solo SR M900/Optare 638 (NK12 HCE) which recently transferred to Driver Training.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5272 (NK56 KKH) and 5274 (NK56 KKL) have transferred from Deptford Depot to Washington, in a float/reserve capacity.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5448 (NK66 EVJ) has returned to service at Riverside, whilst similar 5450 (NK66 EVM) has been taken out of service from Consett for repaint.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6045 (NK12 GCV) has returned to service at Consett following repaint/refurbishment.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6099 (NL63 YJC) and long wheelbase Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6167 (YN56 FFG) have transferred from Washington Depot to Percy Main, following temporary service reductions to aid the driver shortage which has seen "X-lines" service X1 reduced in frequency to operate every 15 minutes rather than 12.

Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8330 (NK11 HDO), 8331 (NK11 HJX) and 8332 (NK11 HJC) have been temporarily taken out of service from Deptford for USB charging port fitment.

Ex-Lothian Buses Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 9057 (SN57 DFP) has been purchased from Ensign Bus Company. Following up-seating to 83 seatbelted seats and repaint, the vehicle has been re-numbered 6178 into the main fleet.

23 October 2021

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5449 (NK66 EVL) into "East Gateshead Orbit" livery for services 51/52, and Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6068 (NK62 CYF) into the yellow variant of "X-lines" livery for services X5/X15.

Surplus to requirements since the service changes in Consett at the start of September, Optare Solo SR M900/Optare 638 (NK12 HCE) has transferred from Consett Depot to Driver Training. Increased training on minibuses will now take place after new drivers pass their PCV tests, with this being the main vehicle type most new drivers will drive.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5448 (NK66 EVJ) has been taken out of service from Consett for repaint, while similar 5449 (NK66 EVL) has now returned to service at Riverside, permitting the withdrawal of Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5283 (NK07 KPU).

The final Euro 6 Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid at Deptford, 5463 (NK17 GHO), has been taken out of service for repaint.

Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6061 (NK62 CJE) has now returned to service at Consett following repaint, with Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6048 (NK12 GCZ) taken out of service in lieu for repaint/refurbishment.

17 October 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 658 (NK15 GFA) into "Peterlee Purples" livery; Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5451 (NK66 EVN) into "East Gateshead Orbit" livery for services 51/52, and Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6067 (NK62 CYE) into the yellow variant of "X-lines" livery for services X5/X15.

Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 658 (NK15 GFA) has returned to service at Peterlee, with similar 660 (NK15 GFG) taken out of service from Deptford for repaint in lieu.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5449 (NK66 EVL) has been taken out of service from Consett for repaint.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5451 (NK66 EVN) has now returned to service at Riverside.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6046 (NK12 GCX) has been taken out of service from Riverside for repaint/refurbishment. Recently repainted 6072 (NK62 FBA) has transferred to Hexham to allow similar 6075 (NK62 FDN) to be taken out of service for repaint/refurbishment.

Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8331 (NK11 HJX) has returned to service at Deptford following repaint.

10 October 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 657 (NK15 GEY) into "Peterlee Purples" livery; Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5327 (NK58 DWE) into Sunderland District Violet livery, Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5464 (NK17 GHU) and 5465 (NK17 GHV) into 2019 fleet livery, and Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6065 (NK62 CME) and 6066 (NK62 CYC) into the yellow variant of "X-lines" livery for services X5/X15.

Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 653 (NK15 GDE) and 654 (NK15 GDF), which were repainted many months ago, have now both received "Peterlee Purples" branding.

Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 655 (NK15 GDJ), 656 (NK15 GDO) and 657 (NK15 GEY) have all now returned to service at Peterlee, whilst similar 658 (NK15 GFA) has been taken out of service from Peterlee for repaint.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5240 (NK56 KHH), 5242 (NK56 KHL) and 5253 (NK56 KHZ) have all now been withdrawn from service at Percy Main following the end of the cruise ship shuttle services at the Port of Tyne, which they had been operating. Similar 5273 (NK56 KKJ) has transferred to Riverside.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5464 (NK17 GHU and 5465 (NK17 GHV) have both returned to service at Riverside, permitting the withdrawal of Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5276 (NK07 KPJ) and 5278 (NK07 KPN).

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5451 (NK66 EVN) has been taken out of service for repaint.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6043 (NK12 GCO) has returned to service at Consett, allowing similar 6044 (NK12 GCU) to be taken out of service for repaint/refurbishment.

3 October 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 655 (NK15 GDJ) and 656 (NK15 GDO) into "Peterlee Purples" livery; Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5447 (NK66 EVH) into "East Gateshead Orbit" livery for services 51/52, and Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5466 (NK17 GHX), 5467 (NK17 GHY), Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6070 (NK62 CZL) and Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8331 (NK11 HJX) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 657 (NK15 GEY) has been taken out of service from Peterlee for repaint.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5272 (NK56 KKH) and 5274 (NK56 KKL) have transferred from Chester-le-Street Depot to Deptford, and similar 5273 (NK56 KKJ) has transferred from Washington to Percy Main. All remain in a float/reserve capacity, covering for modifications being carried out on buses fitted with air conditioning.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5447 (NK66 EVH), 5466 (NK17 GHX) and 5467 (NK17 GHY) have all now returned to service at Riverside, with Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5277 (NK07 KPL) and 5280 (NK07 KPP) withdrawn from service at Riverside as a result.

Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6063 (NK62 CKC) has returned to service at Consett following repaint.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6073 (NK62 FCC) and 6074 (NK62 FDM) have both been temporarily taken out of service from Riverside for repaint/refurbishment.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5464 (NK17 GHU) has been taken out of service from Deptford for repaint.

Following the purchase of a new container at Consett, Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllennium Vyking 3968 (PJ02 PYU), which had been in use as a storage bus at the depot, has been sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

26 September 2021

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5468 (NK17 GHZ) and 5469 (NK17 GJE) into the 2019 fleet livery; Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6043 (NK12 GCO) into "Red Kite Ranger" livery for services 47/47A, and Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6063 (NK62 CKC) into "Durham Diamond" livery.

Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 656 (NK15 GDO) has been taken out of service from Peterlee for repaint.

Optare Solo M710SE/Optare 709 (WK58 EAJ) has transferred from Riverside Depot to Deptford, for use on the staff shuttle while one of the allocated Mercedes Sprinters is long-term VOR for accident damage repairs.

To combat the driver shortage at Consett Depot, the operation of "Durham's Cathedral Bus" service 40 and Chester-le-Street Town Service 700, 701, 702 and 703 is transferring to Chester-le-Street. As such; Optare Solo SR M790SE/Optare 715 (NK18 EEA), 716 (NK18 EEB) and 717 (NK18 EDX) have transferred from Consett Depot to Chester-le-Street.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5272 (NK56 KKH) and 5274 (NK56 KKL) have transferred from Riverside to Chester-le-Street, and similar 5273 (NK56 KKJ) to Washington. All remain in a float/reserve capacity, covering for modifications being carried out on buses fitted with air conditioning.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Micro-Hybrid 5391 (NK15 EMV) and 5392 (NK15 EMX) have now returned to service at Peterlee on "East Durham Explorer" service 65. All four have also been fitted with next stop audio-visual announcement systems.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5445 (NK66 EVF) has returned to service at Riverside, with Ex Go South Coast Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5337 (HF06 FUA) withdrawn as a result.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5468 (NK17 GHZ) and 5469 (NK17 GJE) have also returned to service at Riverside, allowing Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5484 (HW07 CXU) to transfer to Deptford in a float/reserve capacity, along with similar 5486 (HW07 CXX) which has transferred from Washington. Both will provide cover for modifications being carried out on buses fitted with air conditioning.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5447 (NK66 EVH) has been taken out of service from Consett for repaint, while 5465 (NK17 GHV) has been taken out of service from Deptford for repaint.

Wright StreetDeck 6302 (NK16 BXB) has transferred from Consett Depot to Washington, with Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6044 (NK12 GCU) transferring in the opposite direction for "Red Kite Ranger" services 47/47A.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6071 (NK62 FAA) and 6072 (NK62 FBA) have returned to service at Riverside following repaint/refurbishment. Similar 6045 (NK12 GCV) has been taken out of service for repaint/refurbishment as a result. Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6067 (NK62 CYE) has also been taken out of service from Percy Main for repaint/refurbishment.

Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante coach 7110 (FCU 190) has transferred from Deptford to Riverside to provide additional spare coverage for the interdeck coaches on "X-lines" services X9/X10.

19 September 2021

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5444 (NK66 EVD) and 5446 (NK66 EVG) into East Gateshead Orbit livery for services 51/52; Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6160 (LJ62 KZD) into East Gateshead Loop livery for services 93/94, Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8329 (NK11 HDN) into the Sunderland District Berries livery, and Scania N270UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 9068 (YN57 FYG) into Voyager livery, being re-numbered 6175 in the process now a permanent fleet acquisition.

Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 655 (NK15 GDJ) has been taken out of service from Peterlee for repaint, whilst similar 661 (NK15 GFJ) and 662 (NK15 GFO) have transferred to Deptford.

Following the end of the cruise ships contract for Disney Magic; Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4961 (NL52 WVS) and 4962 (NL52 WVT) have transferred from Percy Main Depot to Driver Training, while Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5272 (NK56 KKH), 5273 (NK56 KKJ) and 5274 (NK56 KKL) have all transferred to Riverside in a float/reserve capacity. Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite 8344 (NL63 XBO), 8345 (NL63 XBP) and 8346 (NL63 XBR) have all transferred to Deptford.

Similar 5240 (NK56 KHH) has temporarily been reinstated at Percy Main in a float/reserve capacity similarly.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5444 (NK66 EVD) and 5446 (NK66 EVG) have returned to service at Riverside following repaint, and similarly 5471 (NK17 GJG) has returned to service at Percy Main, while 5466 (NK17 GHX) and 5467 (NK17 GHY) have now been taken out of service from Deptford following the return to service of Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8330 (NK11 HDO) and 8335 (NK11 HJF).

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5486 (HW07 CXX) has transferred from Riverside to Washington in a float/reserve capacity.

Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6057 (NK62 CCV) and 6062 (NK62 CJJ) have returned to service at Consett following repaint. The final two former Lothian Buses Wright Eclipse Gemini bodied Volvo B9TLs on loan from Ensign Bus Company, which have now been permanently acquired by Go North East, have therefore been taken out of service. These are 9056 (SN57 DFJ) and 9057 (SN57 DFP).

Scania N270UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6175 (YN57 FYG) has returned to service at Washington.

Volvo B9R/Plaxton Elite 7157 (G10 VOY) has returned to Deptford following short-term transfer to Chester-le-Street.

12 September 2021

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Micro-Hybrid 5392 (NK15 EMX) into the new "East Durham Explorer" livery for service 65, Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6061 (NK62 CJE) into the new "Durham Diamond" livery, and Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8330 (NK11 HDO) and 8335 (NK11 HJF) into the Sunderland District Berries livery.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5241 (NK56 KHJ) and 5270 (NK56 KKF) have been withdrawn from service at Percy Main. Similar 5266 (NK56 KKB) has been withdrawn from service at Riverside having sustained defects uneconomical to repair and will be cannibalised and sold for scrap.

Further Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid have been taken out of service for repaint. This includes 5445 (NK66 EVF) and 5446 (NK66 EVG) from Consett, and 5468 (NK17 GHZ) and 5469 (NK17 GJE) from Deptford.

Following MOT expiry, Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5481 (HW07 CXR) has been withdrawn from service. Like its sisters, it will be cannibalised for spare parts and sold for scrap.

Yutong ZK6126HGA/Yutong CB12 5500 (YD70 CDZ) has returned to service at Riverside following seat refurbishment.

Former Metrobus Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 562 (YN58 BNA), numbered 5506 within the Go North East fleet, has been sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6048 (NK12 GCZ) has transferred from Washington to Consett, displacing Wright StreetDeck 6303 (NK16 BXC) from Consett to Washington to provide additional Euro 6 spare vehicles in readiness for the Clean Air Zone coming into effect in Newcastle next year. This has displaced Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6176 (YN56 FFS) to Percy Main, then Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6100 (NL63 YJD) to Hexham, acting as a shared spare vehicle for "Tyne Valley 10" service 10 and "X-lines" services X84/X85. The dedicated "Tyne Valley 10" branded spare Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 at Hexham, 6080 (NK62 FJE), has consequently transferred to Riverside.

Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante coaches 7108 (A10 EYC) and 7111 (N21 GNE) have transferred from Deptford to Riverside, to provide additional spare capacity for "X-lines" services X9/X10.

Volvo B9R/Plaxton Elite 7157 (G10 VOY) has temporarily transferred from Deptford Depot to Chester-le-Street, in order to act as a scholars 'hot spare' following recent over-crowding issues at school times.

The former Lothian Buses Wright Eclipse Gemini bodied Volvo B9TLs SN57 DFJ/DFP/DFU/DFV/DFX/DFY on loan from Ensign Bus Company, which have been numbered 9056 to 9061, have been permanently acquired by Go North East. They will be repainted into Voyager livery and upseated (to 83 seats with seatbelts). As such, 9058 (SN57 DFU) and 9059 (SN57 DFV) have been taken out of service from Consett.

5 September 2021

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Micro-Hybrid 5393 (NK15 ENC) into the new "East Durham Explorer" livery for service 65, Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5443 (NK66 EVC) into East Gateshead Orbit livery for services 51/52, and Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6062 (NK62 CJJ) into the new "Durham Diamond" livery.

Many vehicle re-allocations have taken place, in line with the new academic school year and as a result of service changes which came into effect from 5 September 2021.

- 634 Washington to Percy Main
- 653 Deptford to Peterlee
- 659 660 663 664 665 666 Peterlee to Deptford
- 672 Washington to Deptford
- 718 719 720 Consett to Percy Main
- 3941 3942 returned to service at Chester-le-Street
- 4961 4962 Driver Training to Percy Main
- 5249 5267 withdrawn from service at Riverside
- 5293 taken out of service from Riverside for repaint
- 5393 5394 returned to service at Peterlee
- 5401 Chester-le-Street to Consett

- 5410 Deptford to Consett
- 5419 Deptford to Chester-le-Street
- 5440 Consett to Riverside
- 5443 returned to service at Riverside
- 5444 taken out of service from Consett for repaint
- 5484 5486 Deptford to Riverside
- 5499 pre-owned vehicle entered service at Riverside
- 6044 6048 Riverside to Washington
- 6047 Hexham to Riverside
- 6059 6060 returned to service at Consett
- 6064 Percy Main to Consett
- 6065 6066 6068 taken out of service from Percy Main for repaint
- 6131 Riverside to Percy Main
- 6132 6140 6141 6142 Chester-le-Street to Percy Main
- 6168 6169 6171 Washington to Percy Main
- 6173 Chester-le-Street to Washington
- 6901 6902 6903 6904 6905 Percy Main to Riverside
- 6909 6910 6911 6912 6913 6914 6915 Riverside to Consett
- 6924 6930 6934 sold to A&A Coach Travel
- 6942 Chester-le-Street to Deptford
- 7157 Deptford to Chester-le-Street
- 8344 8345 8346 Chester-le-Street to Percy Main
- 9049 returned to Mercedes
- 9060 9061 taken out of service

29 August 2021

Repaints last week included Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3942 (NK05 GZP) into the grey variant of the Metrocentre Express X22 livery; Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Micro-Hybrid 5391 (NK15 EMV) and 5394 (NK15 ENE) into the new "East Durham Explorer" livery for service 65 (which will replace service 265 from 5 September), and Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6072 (NK62 FBA) into the new "Tyne Valley 10" livery.

Optare Solo SR M900/Optare 639 (NK12 HCF), which has been on loan to Stanley Travel and operating services for Go North East due to the national driver shortage, has now returned to Go North East. It has now transferred from Chester-le-Street Depot to Percy Main, to enable the withdrawal of Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5240 (NK56 KHH).

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid loan vehicle 9050 (SK68 TXN) has been allocated to Consett. As such similar 5443 (NK66 EVC) has been taken out of service from Consett for repaint.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5470 (NK17 GJF) has now returned to service at Percy Main. Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6070 (NK62 CZL) has been taken out of service from Percy Main for repaint/refurbishment as a result.

Electric Mercedes Citaro E demonstrator vehicle MB21 BUS has been acquired by Go North East for a short-term demonstration trial against the Yutong E10 vehicles operating on "VOLTRA" services 53/54. It has been allocated fleet number 9049 for the duration of its stay and has now entered service at Riverside.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5269 (NK56 KKE) has been withdrawn from service at Riverside.

Initially brought back to Go North East to be cannibalised for spare parts, Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5232 (NK55 OLM) has now been sold for preservation to the County Durham Bus Preservation Group.

Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6929 (LX54 GZT) and 6931 (LX54 GZV) have been sold to Littles Travel, Ilkeston.

22 August 2021

Repaints last week included Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3941 (NK05 GZO) into the green variant of the Metrocentre Express X22 livery; Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5470 (NK17 GJF) and 5471 (NK17 GJG) into the new "Coaster" livery, Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6060 (NK62 CFN) into the new "Durham Diamond" livery, and Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6071 (NK62 FAA) into the new "Tyne Valley 10" livery.

Volvo B7RLE/Wright Eclipse Urban 2 5504 (BU54 MCE) has returned to service at Riverside. As such, Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Micro-Hybrid 5391 (NK15 EMV) has been taken out of service from Riverside for repaint.

Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6056 (NK62 CBV) and 6058 (NK62 CCY) have returned to service at Consett following repaint. Similar 6069 (NK62 CZA) has been taken out of service from Percy Main.

Following MOT expiry, Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5487 (HW07 CXY) has been withdrawn from service. Like its sisters, it will be cannibalised for spare parts and sold for scrap.

Similarly following MOT expiry, Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5250 (NK56 KHW) and 5263 (NK56 KJY) have both been withdrawn from service at Washington.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5251 (NK56 KHX) has been withdrawn from service at Washington having sustained defects uneconomical to repair.

Following changes to Government guidance on social distancing, the Scania L94UB/Wright Solar which had been used as 'bait buses' are no longer required. As a result; 4961 (NL62 WVS) has transferred from Washington to Driver Training, 4963 (NL52 WVU) from Riverside to Driver Training, and 5202 (NK54 NUV) from Deptford to Driver Training.

Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6932 (LX54 GZW and 6933 (LX54 GZY) have been sold to L&G Coaches, Birtley.

Ex-East Yorkshire Volvo B9R/Plaxton Elite 7157 (YX14 SFZ) has been converted to meet PSVAR requirements, re-registered G10 VOY, and entered service at Deptford, where it will be used on scholars services from 5 September.

15 August 2021

Repaints last week included Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5334 (BJ10 VUU) into Sunderland District Violet livery, Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5442 (NK66 EVB) into East Gateshead Orbit livery for services Q1/Q2 (to be re-numbered 51/52 in upcoming service changes), Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5472 (NK17 GJJ) and 5473 (NK17 GJO) into the new "Coaster" livery, and Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6058 (NK62 CCY) and 6059 (NK62 CEN) into the new "Durham Diamond" livery.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5472 (NK17 GJJ) and 5473 (NK17 GJO) have returned to service at Percy Main following repaint, displacing Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6061 (NK62 CJE), 6062 (NK62 CJJ) and 6063 (NK62 KKC) for repaint/refurbishment.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6043 (NK12 GCO) has been taken out of service from Riverside for repaint/refurbishment.

Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3942 (NK05 GZP) has been taken out of service from Deptford for repaint.

The ex-East Yorkshire Volvo B7RLEs have gained cherished registration marks, as follows:

- 5501 (YX10 EYU), now registered BU51 MCE.
- 5502 (YX10 EYV), now registered BU52 MCE.
- 5503 (YX10 EYW), now registered BU53 MCE.
- 5504 (YX10 EYY), now registered BU54 MCE.

The three Metrocentre Shuttle X66 branded examples – 5501, 5502 and 5503 – have all now entered service, with Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5392 (NK15 EMX), 5393 (NK15 ENC) and 5394 (NK15 ENE) taken out of service in lieu.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5442 (NK66 EVB) has returned to service at Riverside, allowing Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5271 (NK56 KKG) to be withdrawn.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5275 (NK07 KPG) has been withdrawn and sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade, following thermal damage.

Optare MetroDecker MD1050EV/Optare 9051 (YJ19 HVC) has been returned to Optare, following its demonstration period at Go North East.

8 August 2021

Repaints last week included Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5295 (NK08 CGX) into Sunderland District Cherry livery; Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5336 (BJ10 VUW) into Sunderland District Violet livery, Volvo B7RLE/Wright Eclipse Urban 2 5504 (YX10 EYY) into the 2019 fleet livery, and Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6057 (NK62 CCV) into the new "Durham Diamond" livery.

Returning to service at Deptford following repaint and/or refurbishment are Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 677 (NK16 BXV), Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5295 (NK08 CGX), 5335 (BJ10 VUV) and 5336 (BJ10 VUW), and Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8337 (NK11 HKP). Taken out of service for repaint in lieu are Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5470 (NK17 GJF) and 5471 (NK17 GJG).

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5474 (NK17 GJU), 5475 (NK17 GJV, 5476 (NK17 GJX), 5477 (NK17 GJY) and 5478 (NK17 GJZ) have returned to service at Percy Main. Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6060 (NK62 CFN) has consequently been taken out of service from Percy Main for repaint/refurbishment.

Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3962 (NK06 JXE), 3963 (NK06 JXD), 3964 (NK06 JXC) and 3965 (NK06 JXB) have transferred from Deptford Depot to Riverside, to provide cover whilst Riverside's Volvo B9TLs undergo repaint and refurbishment. The first two to be taken out of service are 6071 (NK62 FAA) and 6072 (NK62 FBA).

Following completion of repaints at Deptford, Optare Solo SR M900SL/Optare 723 (YD63 UZC) has transferred from Deptford to Washington for the staff shuttle transport, allowing Optare Solo M710SE/Optare 709 (WK58 EAJ) to transfer to Riverside for a similar purpose there.

Former Metrobus Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 561 (YN08 OAS), numbered 5505 in the Go North East fleet, has been sold for preservation.

1 August 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 677 (NK16 BXV) into Sunderland District Graphite base livery; Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5335 (BJ10 VUV) into Sunderland District Violet livery, Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5474 (NK17 GJU) and 5475 (NK17 GJV) into the new "Coaster" livery, and Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6056 (NK62 CBV) into the new "Durham Diamond" livery.

Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 678 (NK16 BXW) and Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8334 (NK11 HJE) have returned to service at Deptford following repaint, while Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5472 (NK17 GJJ) and 5473 (NK17 GJO) have both been taken out of service from Deptford for repaint.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5240 (NK56 KHH), 5241 (NK56 KHJ), 5242 (NK56 KHL) and 5253 (NK56 KHZ) have all transferred from Riverside to Percy Main to operate cruise ship shuttle bus services at the Port of Tyne.

Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3941 (NK05 GZO) has been taken out of service from Riverside for repaint.

Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6059 (NK62 CEN) has been taken out of service from Percy Main for repaint/refurbishment.

Wright StreetDeck demonstrator, fleet number 9119 (SN64 CTU), has been returned to Wrightbus having been sold to Ensign Bus Company, Purfleet (who have sold it onward to Vision Bus Ltd, Bolton). Provided in lieu of this whilst vehicles undergo warranty work is Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid SK68 TXN, allocated loan fleet number 9050.

Pre-owned vehicles acquired from Ensign Bus Company, previously used on 'The Original Tour' in London, are DAF DB250/Plaxton President LJ51 DJZ, LJ51 GKF and LJ51 DKV. They have been numbered 6997, 6998 and 6999 respectively. All have been modified to be Euro 6 exhaust emission standard, and will be used on the NewcastleGateshead Toon Tour service next season.

Former Metrobus Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 561 (YN08 OAS), now numbered 5505, has been withdrawn from service at Washington.

The remaining Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TL – 6928 (LX54 GZF) and 6929 (LX54 GZT) at Percy Main, and 6930 (LX54 GZU), 6931 (LX54 GZV), 6932 (LX54 GZW and 6933 (LX54 GZY) at Chester-le-Street – have all been withdrawn from service.

Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6922, 6923, 6926, 6927 and 6928 (LX54 GYY/GYZ/GZD/GZE/GZF) have transferred to Go South West (Plymouth Citybus). It is no longer planned for Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6924 and 6925 (LX54 GZB/GZC) to transfer. The latter has sustained defects uneconomical to repair and will be cannibalised and used for spare parts prior to being scrapped. Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5232 (NK55 OLM) has returned to Go North East following its earlier transfer to Plymouth Citybus. It is planned to be cannibalised for spare parts and scrapped.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekkas 6122 (GX03 SSU), 6123 (GX03 SUH), 6124 (GX03 SUU), 6125 (GX03 SUV), 6133 (YN04 GJG), 6136 (GX03 SUA), 6137 (GX03 SVF), 6138 (GX03 SVG) and 6139 (GX03 SVJ) have all been sold to Ensign Bus Company, Purfleet. All nine have been sold onward to Johnson Bros (Tours) Ltd T/A Redfern Travel.

25 July 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 678 (NK16 BXW) into Sunderland District Graphite base livery; Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5476 (NK17 GJX) and 5477 (NK17 GJY) into the new "Coaster" livery, Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 2 coach 7135 (BV17 GVF) into plain white and subsequently branded for National Express, Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8315 (NK10 GOH) into 2019 fleet livery, and Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8334 (NK11 HJE) and 8337 (NK11 HKP) into the Sunderland District Berries livery.

With the ending of the duplicate services being operated on behalf of Arriva; Optare Solo SR M900/Optare 638 (NK12 HCE) has transferred from Chester-le-Street to Consett to provide a temporary replacement vehicle for Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 646 (NL63 XZT) which is long-term VOR awaiting engine repairs, while similar 639 (NK12 HCF) has been loaned to Stanley Travel.

Service 689 has been revised to run from Consett Depot instead of Hexham. As such, "Tynedale Links" branded Optare Solo SR M900/Optare 721 (KY63 VTL) has transferred to Consett.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 3996 (GX03 STZ) and Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5239 (NK56 KHG) have both been withdrawn from service at Riverside having sustained defects uneconomical to repair. They will be cannibalised and used for spare parts prior to being scrapped.

Ahead of their impending sale; Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekkas 6122 (GX03 SSU), 6123 (GX03 SUH), 6124 (GX03 SUU), 6125 (GX03 SUV) and 6139 (GX03 SVJ) have all been withdrawn from service at Riverside, with 6133 (YN04 GJG), 6136 (GX03 SUA), 6137 (GX03 SVF) and 6138 (GX03 SVG) also being withdrawn from service at Percy Main.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5268 (NK07 GJO) and 5269 (NK56 KKE) have transferred from Percy Main to Riverside, and Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5304 (NK08 CHL) has transferred from Hexham to Riverside. This, paired with lower requirements due to the school holidays, has allowed Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5295 (NK08 CGX) to be taken out of service for repaint, Yutong ZK6126HGA/Yutong CB12 5500 (YD70 CDZ) for seat refurbishment, and Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8329 (NK11 HDN), 8330 (NK11 HDO), 8331 (NK11 HJX) and 8335 (NK11 HJF) to be taken out of service for repaint/refurbishment.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5474 (NK17 GJU) and 5475 (NK17 GJV) have been taken out of service from Deptford for repaint.

Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6058 (NK62 CCY) has been taken out of service from Percy Main for repaint/refurbishment.

Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6934 (LX54 GZZ) has been withdrawn from service at Hexham.

The 6-cylinder Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3, 6377 (NK70 BYV), has transferred from Riverside to Consett.

Ex-Metrobus Scania CN94UB/Scania OmniCity 6513 (YP52 CTO), numbered 9054 within the Go North East fleet, has been sold for preservation.

East Yorkshire loan Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 671 (YY52 LCL), allocated temporary fleet number 9063 within Go North East's fleet, has been returned to East Yorkshire.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6145 (524 FUP) has been re-registered YN55 NFC and sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

18 July 2021

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5478 (NK17 GJZ) into the new "Coaster" livery.

Recently repainted Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 2 coaches 7136 (BV17 GVG) and 7137 (BV17 GVJ) have both now been branded for National Express again.

With the loss of the MetroShuttle contract, Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5335 (BJ10 VUV) and 5336 (BJ10 VUW) have been taken out of service from Washington for repaint. Similarly Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5476 (NK17 GJX) and 5477 (NK17 GJY) have been taken out of service from Deptford for repaint, as has Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6057 (NK62 CCV) from Percy Main for repaint/refurbishment.

Scania N270UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6173 (YN57 FYF) has transferred from Washington to Chester-le-Street.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6145 (524 FUP) has been withdrawn from service at Percy Main having sustained thermal damage. Dual-door Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6927 (LX54 GZE) has also been withdrawn from service at Percy Main.

Now surplus to requirements; East Yorkshire loan Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 671 (YY52 LCL), allocated temporary fleet number 9063 within Go North East's fleet, has been withdrawn from service at Consett.

11 July 2021

Repaints last week included Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5294 (NK08 CGV) into Sunderland District Cherry livery for service 35; Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6161 (LJ62 KZP) into East Gateshead Loop livery for services 93/94, and Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8338 (NK11 HKT) into the Sunderland District Berries livery.

Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 676 (NK16 BXU) and Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8332 (NK11 HJC), 8333 (NK11 HJV), 8336 (NK11 HJG) and 8338 (NK11 HKT) have all returned to service at Deptford following repaint. Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5478 (NK17 GJZ) has been taken out of service for repaint in lieu.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6161 (LJ62 KZP) has returned to service at Riverside following repaint.

4 July 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 676 (NK16 BXU) into Sunderland District Graphite base livery; Optare Solo SR M900/Optare 720 (YJ62 FYH) into the 2019 fleet livery, Volvo B7RLE/Wright Eclipse 2 5502 (YX10 EYV) into the yellow variant of the Metrocentre Shuttle X66 livery, Volvo B7RLE/Wright Eclipse 2 5503 (YX10 EYW) into the blue variant of the Metrocentre Shuttle X66 livery, Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6154 (LJ62 KLS) into East Gateshead Rider livery for service 58, Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6159 (LJ62 KYG) into East Gateshead Loop livery for services 93/94, Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 2 coach 7136 (BV17 GVG) into a plain white, and Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8336 (NK11 HJG) into the Sunderland District Berries livery.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6146 (YN55 NFE) has been modified to have its 2016 fleet livery 'swoosh' removed in favour of 2019 fleet livery 'road stripes'.

Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 677 (NK16 BXV) and 678 (NK16 BXW) have been taken out of service from Deptford for repaint.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5414 (NK15 EOE) has transferred from Peterlee to Deptford, replacing similar Euro 6 Streetlite 5479 (NK17 GKA) which has transferred to Percy Main. This has replaced Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6056 (NK62 CBV), with "Coaster" service 1 being revised to operate with Euro 6 Wright Streetlites in readiness for the Newcastle Clean Air Zone due to come into effect in 2022, which has been taken out of service for repaint/refurbishment.

East Yorkshire Volvo B7RLE/Wright Eclipse Urban 2 371 (YX10 EYW) has been acquired, and is numbered 5503 within the Go North East fleet.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6154 (LJ62 KLS) and 6159 (LJ62 KYG) have now returned to service at Riverside following repaint. Coming out of service for repaint and/or refurbishment in lieu are Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8334 (NK11 HJE) and 8337 (NK11 HKP) and Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6161 (LJ62 KZP).

Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6922, 6923, 6924, 6925 and 6926 (LX54 GYY/GYZ/GZB/GZC/GZD) have been withdrawn from service at Percy Main, and are being prepared for transfer to Go South West.

Convertible open-top Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini WVL83 (LF52 ZNR) has been acquired from Go-Ahead London, now numbered 6900 within the Go North East fleet. It is intended to be converted to Euro 6 and will provide additional spare coverage for the NewcastleGateshead Toon Tour service in the 2022 season, to achieve compliance with the Clean Air Zone.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4964 (NL52 WVV) has been sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

27 June 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 675 (NK16 BXS) into Sunderland District Graphite base livery; Optare Solo SR M900/Optare 719 (YJ62 FME) into the 2019 fleet livery, Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6152 (LJ62 KDZ) into East Gateshead Rider livery for service 58, Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6158 (LJ62 KYA) into East Gateshead Loop livery for services 93/94, Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 2 coach 7137 (BV17 GVJ) into a plain white livery, and Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8333 (NK11 HJV) into the Sunderland District Berries livery.

Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 2 coach 7128 (BX16 CKL) has received "Seasider" branding for the new seasonal X11 service, running between Newcastle, Gateshead, Washington and Peterlee to Whitby and Scarborough.

Modified to have their 2016 fleet livery 'swoosh' removed in favour of 2019 fleet livery 'road stripes' are:

- 634 NK61 FJO
- 637 NK12 HCD
- 638 NK12 HCE
- 639 NK12 HCF
- 647 NL63 XZU
- 648 NL63 XZV
- 649 NL63 XZW
- 650 NL63 XZX
- 651 NL63 XZY
- 652 NL63 XZZ
- 696 YJ13 HOH
- 717 NK18 EDX
- 722 KY63 VTA
- 724 YJ13 HMY
- 725 YA13 AAE
- 5304 NK08 CHL
- 8295 NK09 FUT

Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 673 (NK16 BXP) and 675 (NK16 BXS) have returned to service at Deptford following repaint, with 676 (NK16 BXU) coming out of service in lieu.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6152 (LJ62 KDZ) and 6158 (LJ62 KYA) have now returned to service at Riverside following repaint, with 6159 (LJ62 KYG) and Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8338 (NK11 HKT) coming out of service in lieu.

Scania N270UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6174 (YN57 FYG) has returned to service at Chester-le-Street.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Micro-Hybrid 5480 (NK17 GKC) has returned to service following completion of the RTC investigation but has transferred from Deptford to Percy Main.

Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8305 (NK09 FVF) has transferred from Riverside to Chester-le-Street.

Now surplus to requirements; Scania CN94UB/Scania OmniCity 6513 (YP52 CTO) and Scania N94UB/East Lancs Esteem 6615 (YN06 JXZ) which are on loan from the Metrobus fleet, and allocated temporary fleet numbers 9054 and 9055 respectively, have both been permanently withdrawn from service at Go North East, and are now being listed for disposal rather than returning to Metrobus.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5338 (HF06 FUB) has been sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

20 June 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M900/Optare 718 (YJ62 FMA) into the 2019 fleet livery; Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6151 (LJ62 KDV) into East Gateshead Rider livery for service 58, and Scania N270UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 9067 (YN57 FYG) into Voyager livery, being re-numbered 6174 in the process now a permanent fleet acquisition.

Modified to have their 2016 fleet livery 'swoosh' removed in favour of 2019 fleet livery 'road stripes' are:

- 3942 NK05 GZP
- 3962 NK06 JXE
- 3963 NK06 JXD
- 3964 NK06 JXC
- 3965 NK06 JXB
- 3995 GX03 SSZ
- 3996 GX03 STZ
- 6122 GX03 SSU
- 6124 GX03 SUU
- 6125 GX03 SUV
- 6138 GX03 SVG
- 6168 YN56 FFH
- 6169 YN56 FFJ
- 6901 LX06 EAY
- 6906 LX06 EBG
- 6909 LX06 EBL
- 6912 LX06 EBO
- 6916 LX06 EBZ
- 6917 LX06 ECA
- 6918 LX06 ECC
- 6919 LX06 ECD

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6151 (LJ62 KDV) and 6157 (LJ62 KXZ) have now returned to service at Riverside following repaint, with 6154 (LJ62 KLS) and 6158 (LJ62 KYA) coming out of service in lieu.

Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante 7111 (N21 GNE) has transferred from Riverside to Deptford, with Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 2 7132 (BX16 CLU) transferring in the opposite direction.

Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 3 coaches 7138 (BM68 AHA), 7139 (BM68 AHC), 7140 (BM68 AHD), 7141 (BM68 AHE), 7142 (BM68 AHF), 7145 (BV69 KPF) and 7148 (BV69 KPK) have returned to service at Chester-le-Street Depot's National Express unit.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5483 (HW07 CXT) has been withdrawn from service, having incurred defects uneconomical to repair.

13 June 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 673 (NK16 BXP) into Sunderland District Graphite base livery; Volvo B7RLE/Wright Eclipse 2 5501 (YX10 EYU) into the pink variant of the Metrocentre Shuttle X66 livery, Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6153 (LJ62 KLC) into East Gateshead Rider livery for service 58, Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6157 (LJ62 KXZ) into East Gateshead Loop livery for services 93/94, and Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8332 (NK11 HJC) into the Sunderland District Berries livery.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6139 (GX03 SVJ) has been modified to have its 2016 fleet livery 'swoosh' removed in favour of 2019 fleet livery 'road stripes'.

Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 672 (NK16 BXO) has transferred from Deptford to Washington, while similar 675 (NK16 BXS) has been taken out of service for repaint.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5266 (NK56 KKB) and 5267 (NK56 KKC) have transferred from Percy Main to Riverside, with Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8336 (NK11 HJG) coming out of service for repaint/refurbishment in lieu.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6153 (LJ62 KLC) has now returned to service at Riverside following repaint, with 6152 (LJ62 KDZ) coming out of service in lieu.

Dual-door Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 6901, 6902, 6903, 6904 and 6905 (LX06 EAY/EBA/EBC/EBD/EBF) have all transferred from Riverside to Percy Main, with the transfer of the scholars services that they were operating at Riverside, due to Percy Main's staffing situation being better than Riverside's.

Optare MetroDecker MD1050EV/Optare YJ19 HVC has been acquired on loan from Optare for a trial period on service 21. It has been numbered 9051 for the duration of its stay at Go North East.

6 June 2021

Repaints last week included Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6064 (NK62 CLZ) into the 2019 fleet livery and Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6156 (LJ62 KXX) into East Gateshead Loop livery for services 93/94.

Modified to have their 2016 fleet livery 'swoosh' removed in favour of 2019 fleet livery 'road stripes' are:

- 6084 NL63 XBS
- 6123 GX03 SUH
- 6131 YN04 GJE
- 6134 YN04 GJU
- 6135 YN04 GJV
- 6136 GX03 SUA
- 6137 GX03 SVF
- 6140 YN04 GJJ
- 6141 YN04 GJY
- 6142 YN04 GJZ
- 6167 YN56 FFG
- 6171 YN56 FFL
- 6176 YN56 FFS
- 6904 LX06 EBD
- 6914 LX06 EBU

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6150 (LJ62 KCU) and 6156 (LJ62 KXX) have returned to service at Riverside following repaint, with 6151 (LJ62 KDV) coming out of service in lieu.

Following changes to scholars services; Optare Solo SR M900/Optare 638 (NK12 HCE) and 639 (NK12 HCF) have transferred from Deptford to Chester-le-Street, allowing similar "Tynedale Links" branded examples 669 (NK16 BXL) and 721 (KY63 VTL) to return to Hexham. In turn, this has displaced Mercedes-Benz 516CDI Sprinter/EVM VS30 Cityline 729 (NK69 FAA) and 730 (NK69 FAF) to transfer to Deptford to operate the staff shuttle service there, continuing to provide social distancing measures for colleagues.

Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 674 (NK16 BXR) has returned to service at Deptford following repaint, and similar 653 (NK15 GDE) has transferred from Peterlee to Deptford.

Optare Solo SR M790SE/Optare 715 (NK18 EEA) has transferred from Washington Depot to Consett.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5251 (NK56 KHX), 5252 (NK56 KHY) and 5264 (NK56 KJZ) have all transferred from Washington to Riverside.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5294 (NK08 CGV) has transferred from Washington Depot to Deptford to operate a scholars duplicate service.

Pre-owned Optare Versa V1170/Optare 5507 (YJ62 FFB) and 5508 (YJ62 FLD) have transferred from Riverside to Hexham for services 680 and 688, allowing the transfer of Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Micro-Hybrid 5391 (NK15 EMV) and Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6043 (NK12 GCO) back to Riverside. The former had been trialled on service 680 to gauge suitability of this vehicle type on the route.

Former East Yorkshire Volvo B7RLE/Wright Eclipse Urban 2 370 (YX10 EYV) and 372 (YX10 EYY), now numbered 5502 and 5504 respectively, have been taken out of service from Deptford for repaint/refurbishment.

Former Metrobus Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 561 (YN08 OAS), now numbered 5505, has transferred from Percy Main Depot to Washington, in order to operate school bus services, while similar 562 (YN58 BNA), now numbered 5506, has been withdrawn from service due to MOT expiry. It will be cannibalised and used for spare parts.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6139 (GX03 SVJ) has transferred from Percy Main to Riverside.

Dennis Dart SLF 4/ADL Enviro 200 9052 (KX58 BGY), which is on loan from Dawson Rentals, has now entered service at Riverside. It will mainly see use on service 29 (Gateshead – Kibblesworth).

Scania CN94UB/Scania OmniCity 6513 (YP52 CTO) and Scania N94UB/East Lancs Esteem 6615 (YN06 JXZ) which are on loan from the Metrobus fleet, and allocated temporary fleet numbers 9054 and 9055 respectively, have both been taken out of service from Percy Main, but are subject to be reinstated should there be an operational requirement for this.

Brighton & Hove Scania N270UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 688 (YN57 FYH), allocated loan fleet number 9068, has been taken out of service for repaint/refurbishment, now intended to be a permanent fleet acquisition.

30 May 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 674 (NK16 BXR) into Sunderland District Graphite base livery; Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6150 (LJ62 KCU) into East Gateshead Rider livery for service 58 and Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5329 (BJ10 VUO) into X-lines X20 livery.

Vehicles into the revised Angel livery are:

- 6327 NK67 GNU
- 6329 NK67 GNX
- 6330 NK67 GNY

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6149 (LJ62 KBY) and 6155 (LJ62 KOX) have returned to service at Riverside following repaint, with 6150 (LJ62 KCU), 6153 (LJ62 KLC), 6156 (LJ62 KXX) and 6157 (LJ62 KXZ) all coming out of service in lieu.

Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 3 coaches 7146 (BV69 KPG) and 7147 (BV69 KPJ) have both returned to service at Chester-le-Street on the National Express network. Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 2 7130 (BX16 CKP) has transferred from Deptford to Riverside.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5338 (HF06 FUB) has been withdrawn from service having sustained thermal damage.

ADL Dart SLF 5/ADL Enviro 200MMC 9053 (YX21 RPO) has returned to the manufacturer following its loan period.

23 May 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 679 (NK16 BXX) into Sunderland District Graphite base livery; Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6149 (LJ62 KBY) into East Gateshead Rider livery for service 58 and 6155 (LJ62 KOX) into East Gateshead Loop livery for services 93/94.

Vehicles into the revised Angel livery are:

- 6320 NK67 GMY
- 6321 NK67 GMZ
- 6322 NK67 GNF
- 6323 NK67 GNJ
- 6324 NK67 GNN
- 6326 NK67 GNP

Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 674 (NK16 BXR) has been taken out of service from Deptford for repaint, while Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Micro-Hybrid 5480 (NK17 GKC) has also been taken out of service having been impounded following a RTC.

16 May 2021

There were no repaints last week, but there have been some branding changes.

Vehicles into the revised Angel livery are:

- 6316 NK67 GMO
- 6318 NK67 GMV
- 6319 NK67 GMX

Modified to have their 2016 fleet livery 'swoosh' removed in favour of 2019 fleet livery 'road stripes' are:

- 3941 NK05 GZO
- 6043 NK12 GCO
- 6044 NK12 GCU
- 6048 NK12 GCZ
- 6902 LX06 EBA
- 6903 LX06 EBC
- 6905 LX06 EBF
- 6907 LX06 EBJ
- 6908 LX06 EBK
- 6910 LX06 EBM
- 6911 LX06 EBN
- 6913 LX06 EBP
- 6915 LX06 EBV

Optare Solo SR M900SL/Optare 723 (YD63 UZC) has transferred from Washington to Deptford.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5335 (BJ10 VUV) and 5336 (BJ10 VUW) have transferred from Deptford Depot to Washington to operate the MetroShuttle service to Nightingale Hospital. This has allowed Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8332 (NK11 HJC) and 8333 (NK11 HJV) to be taken out of service for repaint and refurbishment.

Ex-East Yorkshire Volvo B7RLE/Wright Eclipse 2 5501 (YX10 EYU) has been taken out of service from Deptford for repaint/refurbishment.

Pre-owned Optare Versa V1170/Optare 5507 (YJ62 FFB) and 5508 (YJ62 FLD) have both now entered service at Riverside, allowing Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6149 (LJ62 KBY) and 6155 (LJ62 KOX) to be taken out of service for repaint.

9 May 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 680 (NK16 BXY) into a two-tone pink base livery for the new "Little Pinks" brand. Wright StreetDeck 6317 (NK67 GMU), 6323 (NK67 GNJ) and 6328 (NK67 GNV) have all received a new version of the "Angel" brand with no vinyls obstructing the windows.

Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 679 (NK16 BXX) has been taken out of service from Washington for repaint.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5482 (HW07 CXS) and 5485 (HW07 CXV) have both been sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

2 May 2021

There were no repaints last week.

Wright StreetDeck demonstrator, fleet number 9119 (SN64 CTU), has transferred from Chester-le-Street Depot to Washington, while further warranty work is carried out on the Wright StreetDeck fleet.

Mercedes-Benz 516CDI Sprinter/EVM VS30 Cityline 729 (NK69 FAA) has transferred from Riverside Depot to Hexham, so Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 669 (NK16 BXL) has transferred to Chester-le-Street. It joins Optare Solo SR M900/Optare 721 (KY63 VTL), which transferred a couple of weeks ago, to operate an additional scholars duplicate board on behalf of Arriva.

Further buses have been acquired from Dawson Rentals. These are Optare Versa V1170/Optare 5507 (YJ62 FFB) and 5508 (YJ62 FLD), the former of which was in the fleet previously on loan from Optare as 9133. Additionally on loan from Dawson Rentals is Dennis Dart SLF 4/ADL Enviro 200 9052 (KX58 BGY).

Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 2 coaches 7129 (BX16 CKO) and 7131 (BX16 CLO) have both been sold to Dawson Rentals.

25 April 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 681 (NK66 CWW) into a two-tone pink base livery for the new "Little Pinks" brand, Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 654 (NK15 GDF) into a two-tone purple base livery, which will be used as the new local Peterlee brand in the future, and Optare Solo SR M900SL/Optare 723 (YD63 UZC) into Voyager livery.

Optare Solo SR M900SL/Optare 723 (YD63 UZC) has returned to service at Washington, in a float/reserve capacity.

Yutong ZK6126HGA/Yutong CB12 5500 (YD70 CDZ), Volvo B11RT/Plaxton Elitei 7156 (X10 XLS) and ADL Dart SLF 5/ADL Enviro 200MMC 9053 (YX21 RPO) have all entered service at Riverside.

Former Metrobus Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 561 (YN08 OAS) and 562 (YN58 BNA), now numbered 5505 and 5506 respectively, have entered service at Percy Main.

Wright StreetDeck demonstrator, fleet number 9119 (SN64 CTU), has transferred from Washington Depot to Chester-le-Street, while warranty work is carried out on the "Angel" branded Wright StreetDecks.

18 April 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 690 (NK66 CXF) into a two-tone pink base livery for the new "Little Pinks" brand.

Further fleet re-allocations, as a continuation of those from last week, have taken place.

Former East Yorkshire Volvo B7RLE/Wright Eclipse Urban 2 369 (YX10 EYU), now numbered 5501, has entered service at Deptford.

Go North East has lost the contract to operate the SNS service between Sunderland and the Nightingale Hospital, with this service being awarded to Gateshead Central Taxis instead. As such, the three "SunderlandShuttle" branded Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro - 5334 (BJ10 VJU), 5335 (BJ10 VUV) and 5336 (BJ10 VUW) – have returned to service at Deptford. Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5485 (HW07 CXV) has consequently been withdrawn from service, having incurred defects uneconomical to repair.

Former Go-Ahead London Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President PVL390 (LX54 HAA) and PVL391 (LX54 HAE), now numbered 6942 and 6943 respectively, have entered service at Chester-le-Street. Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 2 coach 7128 (BX16 CKL) has consequently transferred to Riverside to provide extra spare coverage for services X9/X10.

Scania CN94UB/Scania OmniCity 6513 (YP52 CTO) and Scania N94UB/East Lancs Esteem 6615 (YN06 JXZ) from the Metrobus fleet, allocated temporary fleet numbers 9054 and 9055 respectively, have entered service at Percy Main.

Mercedes-Benz 516CDI Sprinter/EVM VS30 Cityline 730 (NK69 FAF) has transferred from Riverside to Hexham, with Optare Solo SR M900/Optare 721 (KY63 VTL) having transferred to Chester-le-Street to operate an additional scholars duplicate board on behalf of Arriva. Similar Optare Solo SR M900SL/Optare 723 (YD63 UZC) has been taken out of service from Riverside.

Open-top format Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TLs 3997 (897 EYX), 3998 (794 EYD) and 3999 (574 CPT) have all returned to service at Percy Main for the summer season on the Toon Tour.

ADL Dart SLF 5/ADL Enviro 200MMC 9053 (YX21 RPO) has arrived on loan from ADL.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4964 (NL52 WVV) has been withdrawn from service having sustained defects which are uneconomical to repair. Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5236 (NK56 KHD) has therefore returned to service within the Driver Training fleet.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5208 (NK54 NVC) and 5219 (NK54 NVP) have been sold to Davies Motors, Ruthin.

11 April 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 689 (NK66 CXE) into a two-tone pink base livery for the new "Little Pinks" brand, Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5367 (BX63 BDU) into a two-tone pink and blue base livery for the new "Connections4" brand, Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5328 (BJ10 VUN) and 5332 (BJ10 VUS) into X-lines X20 livery, and Scania N270UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 9066 (YN57 FYF) into Voyager livery, now re-numbered 6173.

The next stage of the government roadmap to recovery out of the current pandemic sees the re-opening of non-essential retail, gyms, hairdressers, nail salons, libraries and outdoor attractions. As such, Go North East will return to almost full pre-Covid timetable levels, with re-allocations required as a result.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5328 (BJ10 VUN), 5330 (BJ10 VUP), 5331 (BJ10 VUR), 5332 (BJ10 VUS) and 5333 (BJ10 VUT) have returned to service at Deptford following repaint into X-lines livery for service X20. This has displaced Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8296 (NK09 FUU), 8297 (NK09 FUV), 8298 (NK09 FUW), 8299 (NK09 FUY), 8300 (NK09 FVA) and 8304 (NK09 FVE) back to Chester-le-Street. 5329 (BJ10 VUO) is still off service for engine repairs and has not yet been repainted.

The former Lothian Buses Wright Eclipse Gemini bodied Volvo B9TLs SN57 DFJ/DFP/DFU/DFV/DFX/DFY on loan from Ensign Bus Company, which have been numbered 9056 to 9061, have now entered service at Consett, displacing Volvo B7TLs 6910, 6911, 6912, 6913, 6914 and 6915 (LX06 EBM/EBN/EBO/EBP/EBU/EBV) to Riverside, then 6926 and 6929 (LX54 GZD/GZT) to Percy Main and 6930, 6931, 6932, 6933 (LX54 GZU/GZV/GZW/GZY) to Chester-le-Street.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5239 (NK56 KHG), 5240 (NK56 KHH), 5241 (NK56 KHJ), 5242 (NK56 KHL) and 5253 (NK56 KHZ) have transferred from Percy Main to Riverside, and consequently released are Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6132 (YN04 GJF) and Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8325 (NK11 FXH) to Chester-le-Street, with Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6134 and 6135 (YN04 GJU/GJV) to Percy Main. Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5249 (NK56 KHV) has also transferred to Riverside from Percy Main, in a float/reserve capacity.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6099 (NL63 YJC) has transferred from Riverside Depot to Washington, acting as the spare vehicle for "X-lines" service X1 with Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6376 (NK70 BYU) required to stay at Consett to form part of the PVR of the "X-lines" network there (due to the transfer of the Red Kite branded Volvo B9s). Wright StreetDeck 6301 (NK16 BXA), 6302 (NK16 BXB) and 6303 (NK16 BXC) have also transferred from Chester-le-Street to Consett to act as spare vehicles for these services, displacing ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 6337 (YY64 GWX) back to Hexham. Consett have also returned Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5400 (NK15 ENN) to Chester-le-Street.

Withdrawn in March 2020 due to contract loss, Optare Solo M710SE/Optare 709 (WK58 EAJ) has been reinstated at Washington for use on the staff shuttle service, displacing Optare Solo SR M900/Optare 639 (NK12 HCF) to Deptford. Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5250 (NK56 KHW) has also transferred to Washington from Percy Main, allowing Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5292 (NK08 CGO) to transfer back to Deptford. 5264 (NK56 KJZ) has also transferred from Percy Main to Washington, in a float/reserve capacity while repaints are carried out on the fleet at Washington.

Former East Yorkshire Volvo B7RLE/Wright Eclipse Urban 2 370 (YX10 EYV) and 372 (YX10 EYY), now numbered 5502 and 5504 respectively, have entered service at Deptford. They have been joined by 369 (YX10 EYU), now numbered 5501, which is undergoing preparation for service. Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid demonstrator 9062 (SK68 TXO) has entered service at Deptford and is covering for the fourth and final example which has still yet to be transferred into the fleet.

Volvo B11RT/Plaxton Elitei 7156 (X10 XLS) has still yet to enter service at Riverside, so Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante 7111 (N21 GNE) has transferred from Deptford Depot to Riverside to provide cover until it is ready.

East Yorkshire loan Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 671 (YY52 LCL), allocated temporary fleet number 9063 within Go North East's fleet, has now entered service at Consett. Similar 674 (YY52 LCO), numbered 9064 in Go North East's fleet, has returned to East Yorkshire. It did not see use in the fleet here.

Following the end of the road closure on the A694 near Ebchester which saw buses being diverted away from this area, with a shuttle bus (which requires the use of a small vehicle) provided, Mercedes-Benz 516CDI Sprinter/EVM VS30 Cityline 729 (NK69 FAA) and 730 (NK69 FAF) have transferred from Consett to Riverside and Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 636 (NK61 FXD) has returned to Hexham. Optare Solo SR M900SL/Optare 723 (YD63 UZC) is still in service currently but is expected to be taken out of service soon.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4964 (NL52 WVV) and 4965 (NL52 WVW) have been reinstated within the Driver Training fleet due to an increase in recruitment.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6128 (GX03 SVC) and Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6935 (X508 EGK) have both been sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

4 April 2021

Repaints last week included Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5365 (BX63 BDF) into a two-tone pink and blue base livery for the new "Connections4" brand and Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5330 (BJ10 VUP) and 5333 (BJ10 VUT) into X-lines X20 livery.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6099 (NL63 YJC) has transferred from Deptford Depot to Riverside, and Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6135 (YN04 GJV) has transferred from Washington Depot to Riverside.

28 March 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 687 (NK66 CXD) into a two-tone pink base livery for the new "Little Pinks" brand, Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5364 (BX63 BDE) into a two-tone pink and blue base livery for the new "Connections4" brand, Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6943 (LX54 HAE) into Voyager livery, and Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5331 (BJ10 VUR) into X-lines X20 livery.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6050 (NK12 GDE) has returned to service at Riverside, following completion of internal refurbishment complementing its repaint last year, with re-trimmed seats in a retro rainbow moquette, as well as rainbow-coloured seat headrests and rainbow USB charging points.

The 6-cylinder Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3, 6377 (NK70 BYV), has now returned to Riverside. It will be allocated to the weekends-only X11 service which will begin operation from 17 April. On weekdays, it will act as the spare vehicle for services X9/X10, as full service levels will be restored on these routes from 10 April, requiring seven coaches to be allocated.

Due to a road closure on the A694 near Ebchester, buses are being diverted away from this area, with a shuttle bus (which requires the use of a small vehicle) in operation. As such, Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 636 (NK61 FXD) has returned to Riverside, and Optare Solo SR M900SL/Optare 723 (YD63 UZC) has been reinstated at Riverside to operate the staff shuttle buses, releasing Mercedes-Benz 516CDI Sprinter/EVM VS30 Cityline 729 (NK69 FAA) and 730 (NK69 FAF) to Consett.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5207 (NK54 NVB) has been sold to Davies Motors, Ruthin.

East Yorkshire Volvo B7RLE/Wright Eclipse Urban 2 370 (YX10 EYV) and 372 (YX10 EYY) have both been acquired, being re-numbered 5502 and 5504 respectively in the Go North East fleet. Both are being prepared for service, in readiness for 10 April, when they will be allocated to scholars/duplicate services.

Go-Ahead London Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President PVL390 (LX54 HAA) has been acquired, being re-numbered 6942 within the Go North East fleet. Metrobus Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 561 (YN08 OAS) and 562 (YN58 BNA) have also been similarly acquired, being re-numbered 5505 and 5506 respectively. Unlike the examples acquired in 2019 which were only brought up for cannibalisation and scrap, these will be used on scholars/duplicate services. When these services end operation, the pair will be cannibalised and scrapped, like the last examples.

Go North East has also taken into its fleet a number of vehicles on temporary loan, which, further to the vehicles above, will allow them to continue running 70+ extra vehicles on scholars/duplicate services to aid social distancing as a result of COVID-19, when service levels on the core commercial network resume, from 10 April. These are Scania CN94UB/Scania OmniCity 6513 (YP52 CTO) and Scania N94UB/East Lancs Esteem 6615 (YN06 JXZ) from the Metrobus fleet, allocated temporary fleet numbers 9054 and 9055 respectively, as well as former Lothian Buses Wright Eclipse Gemini bodied Volvo B9TLs SN57 DFJ/DFP/DFU/DFV/DFX/DFY from Ensign Bus Company, which have been numbered 9056 to 9061.

21 March 2021

Repaints last week included open-top format Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 3999 (574 CPT) and Optare Versa V1170/Optare 5390 (NL63 YAY) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6097 (NL63 YJA) has returned to service at Deptford.

In readiness for the commencement of the summer season of the AD122 service, expected to begin operation from 17 April, Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 636 (NK61 FXD) has transferred from Riverside to Hexham.

Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8347 (YD63 UZN) has entered service at Riverside.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid demonstrator SK68 TXO has joined the fleet on loan, while warranty work is carried out. It has been allocated fleet number 9062, but it is not yet in service.

East Yorkshire Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 671 (YY52 LCL) and 674 (YY52 LCO) have joined the fleet on loan. They have been allocated fleet numbers 9063 and 9064 respectively, but are not yet in service.

Go-Ahead London dual-door Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President PVL391 (LX54 HAE) has been acquired. A permanent fixture within the fleet, it has been allocated fleet number 6943.

Following its withdrawal, Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 2 coach 7120 (BX65 WDA) has been sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet.

14 March 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 687 (NK66 CXC) into a two-tone pink base livery for the new "Little Pinks" brand, Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5360 (BX63 BCU) into a two-tone pink and blue base livery for the new "Connections4" brand, Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6096 (NL63 YHZ) and 6097 (NL63 YJA) into the two-tone orange and red base livery for the new "Cityrider" 56 brand, and Optare Versa V1170/Optare 5379 (NL63 YAE) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6095 (NL63 YHY) and 6096 (NL63 YHZ) have now returned to service at Deptford, allowing the transfer of similar 6048 (NK12 GCZ) to Riverside. In turn; 6043 (NK12 GCO) has transferred to Hexham, allowing a double-deck bus to operate on the Hexham to Allenheads 688 service again, providing better social distancing around school times. Optare Solo SR M900SL/Optare 723 (YD63 UZC) has been taken out of service in lieu.

While warranty work is carried out to Washington's own examples; the 6-cylinder Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3, 6377 (NK70 BYV), has transferred from Riverside to Washington. It has been joined by Wright StreetDeck demonstrator, fleet number 9119 (SN64 CTU), which has returned to Go North East while this work is carried out. It had previously served with Brighton & Hove, on a similar long-term loan period while warranty work was carried out.

Scania N270UD/East Lancs Omnidekka 6172 (YN57 FYP) has now returned to service at Washington, having been repainted and branded in the "Voyager" variant of the Northern Coaching livery. It has displaced Scania N94UD/East Lancs Omnidekka 6134 (YN04 GJU) to Riverside.

Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8296 (NK09 FUU), 8297 (NK09 FUV), 8298 (NK09 FUW), 8299 (NK09 FUY), 8300 (NK09 FVA) and 8304 (NK09 FVE) have been reinstated at Deptford, for use on scholars services, allowing Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5328 (BJ10 VUN), 5329 (BJ10 VUO), 5330 (BJ10 VUP), 5331 (BJ10 VUR), 5332 (BJ10 VUS) and 5333 (BJ10 VUT) to be taken out of service for repaint and refurbishment for "X-lines" service X20.

Two Yutong ZK6126HGA/Yutong CB12 vehicles have been acquired from the Yutong UK dealership, Pelican. These are 5499 (YH66 VMO) and 5500 (YD70 CDZ), the former of which was a demonstrator vehicle when new.

Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 2 7131 (BX16 CLO) has been permanently withdrawn.

7 March 2021

Repaints last week included Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5362 (BX63 BCY) into a two-tone pink and blue base livery for the new "Connections4" brand, Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6095 (NL63 YHY) into the two-tone orange and red base livery for the new "Cityrider" 56 brand, Volvo B9R/Plaxton Elite 7157 (YX14 SFZ) into Voyager livery, and Optare Versa V1170/Optare 5378 (NL63 YAD) and Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5458 (NK66 EWH) into the 2019 fleet livery.

In order to allow the operation of a temporary shuttle bus in Prudhoe due to a road closure, Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 635 (NK61 FJP) has transferred from Riverside to Hexham.

To better utilise spare minibuses, Optare Solo SR M900/Optare 637 (NK12 HCD) has transferred from Deptford to Percy Main, while 639 (NK12 HCF) has transferred to Washington.

In line with the re-opening of schools, the extra vehicles required on scholars services will be required again. Therefore, the following re-allocation have taken place:

- 5239 5240 5241 5242 5253 reinstated at Percy Main
- 5250 Riverside to Percy Main
- 5414 Deptford to Peterlee
- 5481 5483 5484 5485 5486 5487 reinstated at Deptford
- 7135 reinstated at Chester-le-Street

Following the end of the Metro Replacement contract, there have been a large number of re-allocations, mainly with buses returning to the depot from which they came, in order to support the extra vehicle requirements for school services:

- 3942 3943 3962 Riverside to Deptford
- 6115 6116 6117 6922 6923 6924 6925 Riverside to Percy Main
- 6134 Riverside to Washington
- 6140 6141 6142 6143 6146 Riverside to Chester-le-Street
- 6331 6332 6356 6357 6358 6360 6912 6913 6914 Riverside to Consett
- 6909 Consett to Riverside
- 6934 Riverside to Hexham

In order to allow the trial of alternative single-deck vehicle types on the 680 (Hexham – Bellingham) route, Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8310 (NK10 GNY) has transferred from Hexham to Riverside, in exchange for Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Micro-Hybrid 5391 (NK15 EMV) which has transferred in the opposite direction.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6094 (NL63 YHX) has now returned to service at Deptford, displacing similar 6049 (NK12 GDA) to Riverside.

An Optare Versa V1110/Optare has been acquired from Dawson Rentals, registration YD63 UZN. New as a demonstrator vehicle in October 2013, this vehicle has been allocated fleet number 8347 within Go North East's fleet. It will initially operate in a plain white base livery, to assist with extra vehicle requirements from 10 April, when services return to normal operation, in line with the re-opening of non-essential retail from 12 April.

Volvo B11RT/Plaxton Elitei 7151 (GO02 NCL) has entered service at Riverside, displacing Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante 7110 (FCU 190) and 7111 (N21 GNE) to Deptford. At Deptford, this has in turn allowed the transfer of Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 2 coaches 7128 (BX16 CKL) to Chester-le-Street, replacing 7134 (BV17 GVE) which has been permanently withdrawn, and 7129 (BX16 CKO) from Deptford, also permanently withdrawn.

Following their withdrawal; Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 2 coaches 7121 (BX65 WDC), 7122 (BX65 WDD), 7133 (BV17 GVD) and 7134 (BV17 GVE) have been sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet. Similar 7123 (BX65 WDE) has been sold to Dawson Rentals.

28 February 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 686 (NK66 CXA) into a two-tone pink base livery for the new "Little Pinks" brand, Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5366 (BX63 BCZ) into a two-tone pink and blue base livery for the new "Connections4" brand, Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6092 (NL63 YHX) and 6094 (NL63 YHX) into the two-tone orange and red base livery for the new "Cityrider" 56 brand, and Optare Versa V1170/Optare 5377 (NL63 YAA) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Due to the ending of the rail replacement contract in operation from Deptford, Mercedes-Benz 516CDI Sprinter/EVM VS30 Cityline 729 (NK69 FAA) and 730 (NK69 FAF) have now returned to Riverside from Deptford, and Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 666 (NK15 EMJ) has also returned to Peterlee.

Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 672 (NK16 BXO) has transferred from Washington to Deptford.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6092 (NL63 YHV) and 6093 (NL63 YHW) have now returned to service at Deptford, enabling similar 6050 (NK12 GDE) to be taken out of service for interior refurbishment.

As it was due safety inspection, Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6333 (X21 GNE) has transferred from Riverside to Consett, in exchange for 6360 (NK20 EMV) which has transferred in the opposite direction.

East Yorkshire Volvo B9R/Plaxton Elite coach 90 (YX14 SFZ) has been acquired, being re-numbered 7157 within the Go North East fleet.

Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante 7108 (A10 EYC) has been reinstated at Deptford, allowing the permanent withdrawal of Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 2 7133 (BV17 GVD) from the fleet. Similar 7120 (BX65 WDA), 7121 (BX65 WDC), 7122 (BX65 WDD) and 7123 (BX65 WDE), already out of use, have similarly been permanently withdrawn from service.

Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 2 7124 (BD65 JDZ), 7125 (BX16 CKG), 7126 (BX16 CKJ) and 7127 (BX16 CKK) have all been permanently withdrawn and subsequently sold to the Yutong UK dealership, Pelican.

Optare Solo M880/Optare 702 (YJ10 MFE), 703 (YJ10 MFF) and 704 (YJ10 MFK) have all been withdrawn from service at Percy Main and subsequently transferred to Go North West.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5265 (NK56 KKA) has been sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

21 February 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 685 (NK66 CXA) into a two-tone pink base livery for the new "Little Pinks" brand, Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5366 (BX63 BDO) into a two-tone pink and blue base livery for the new "Connections4" brand, and Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6092 (NL63 YHV) and 6093 (NL63 YHW) into the two-tone orange and red base livery for the new "Cityrider" 56 brand.

Due to there being a requirement to operate six extra Metro Replacement diagrams, further re-allocations have taken place:

- Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3962 (NK06 JXE) has transferred from Deptford to Riverside
- Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6115 (NL63 XBZ), 6116 (NL63 XCA) and 6117 (NL63 XCB) have transferred from Percy Main to Riverside
- Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6143 (YN04 GJU) has transferred from Chester-le-Street to Riverside
- Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6934 (LX54 GZZ) has been reinstated at Riverside

Though not actually used in service during its allocation to Riverside due to it being off service, Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6135 (YN04 GJV) has returned to Washington.

The final three Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro due to transfer to Go North West - 5298 (NK08 CHC), 5301 (NK08 CHG) and 5302 (NK08 CHH) – have now transferred.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5235 (NK56 KHC) has been sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

14 February 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 682 (NK66 CWX) into a two-tone pink base livery for the new "Little Pinks" brand, Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5361 (BX63 BCV) into a two-tone pink and blue base livery for the new "Connections4" brand, and Scania N270UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 9065 (YN57 FYP) into the "Voyager" livery.

Scania N270UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 9065 (YN57 FYP) has been re-numbered 6172, becoming a permanent member of the fleet. Similar 9066 (YN57 FYF) has now been taken out of service from Riverside for repaint and refurbishment.

To mobilise a 14-day Metro Replacement contract, a number of fleet re-allocations have taken place. These include:

- Volvo B7TL 3941, 3942 & 3943 have transferred from Deptford to Riverside
- Scania OmniDekka 6134 & 6135 have been reinstated at Riverside
- Wright StreetDeck 6331, 6332, 6333, 6356, 6357 & 6358 have transferred from Consett to Riverside
- Volvo B7TL 6912, 6913 & 6914 have transferred from Consett to Riverside
- Volvo B7TL 6922, 6923, 6924, 6925, 6926 & 6927 have transferred from Percy Main to Riverside

To mobilise a week-long rail replacement contract in operation from Deptford, "Hadrian's Wall" branded Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 635 (NK61 FJP) and 636 (NK61 FXD) have transferred from Hexham to Riverside to be used on the crew reliefs for service Q3, displacing Mercedes-Benz 516CDI Sprinter/EVM VS30 Cityline 729 (NK69 FAA) and 730 (NK69 FAF) to Deptford. Peterlee-based Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 666 (NK15 EMJ) has transferred to Deptford to act as the dedicated spare vehicle.

Changes have been made to crew relief facilities, meaning there is no longer a requirement for 'bait buses' at some locations. As such, Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4964 (NL52 WVW) has been taken out of service at Riverside and 4965 (NL52 WVW) from Hexham. Similar 4962 (NL52 WVT) is also surplus to requirements and is now being used in the Driver Training fleet, enabling Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5236 (NK56 KHD) to be taken out of service.

Go North East will commence operation of three diagrams on Arriva North East services 51/51A (Newcastle – Whitley Bay) due to their high staff sickness, associated with COVID-19. As such; Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5249 (NK56 KHV), 5268 (NK07 GJO), 5269 (NK56 KKE), 5271 (NK56 KKG), 5272 (NK56 KKH) and 5274 (NK56 KKL) have all been reinstated at Percy Main.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaros 5299, 5300 & 5303 (NK08 CHD/CHF/CHJ) have all transferred to Go North West.

Oxford Bus Company Volvo B11RT/Plaxton Elitei interdeck coach 73 (OW15 WKA) has been delivered but are not yet in service. Now re-numbered as 7151 in Go North East's fleet, it has been re-registered with cherished registration mark 'GO02 NCL' prior to entering service.

Volvo B11RT/Plaxton Elitei interdeck coaches 7150 (GO02 MBR), 7152 (XL09 NCL) and 7154 (X9 XLS) have now entered service at Riverside. This has enabled the fleet of 'temporary coach' branded Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 2 coaches, 7120 (BX65 WDA), 7121 (BX65 WDC), 7122 (BX65 WDD) and 7123 (BX65 WDE), to be taken out of service from Riverside.

7 February 2021

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 683 (NK66 CWY) into a two-tone pink base livery for the new "Little Pinks" brand.

Optare Solo M900/Optare 638 (NK12 HCE) and Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 672 (NK16 BXO) have transferred from Deptford to Washington to provide cover whilst Washington's "indiGo" branded Optare Solos undergo repaint into the new "Little Pinks" brand.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5292 (NK08 CGO) has also transferred from Deptford to Washington, acting as the spare vehicle for the "ConnectorShuttle" and "MetroShuttle" services to the Nightingale Hospital.

In response to the UK's third national lockdown, which has yet again seen a reduced demand for public transport, service reductions have taken place. Following the earlier fleet re-allocations which took place last month, the following vehicles have now been formally taken out of service:

- Scania OmniCity 5249, 5268, 5269, 5271, 5272 and 5274 from Percy Main
- Mercedes Citaro 5481, 5483, 5484, 5485, 5486 and 5487 from Deptford
- Scania OmniDekka 6134 and 6135 from Washington
- Volvo B7TL 6934 from Hexham
- Volvo B9R 7108 from Riverside
- Volvo B11RT 7124, 7125 and 7126 from Riverside
- Volvo B11RT 7134 and 7135 from Chester-le-Street
- Optare Versas 8295, 8296, 8297, 8298, 8299, 8300 and 8304 from Chester-le-Street

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6091 (NL63 YHU) has now returned to service at Deptford, displacing Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5440 (NK16 AZV) to Consett.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5251 (NK56 KHX), 5252 (NK56 KHY) and 5263 (NK56 KJY) have transferred from Riverside to Washington, enabling the return of Optare Solo SR M900/Optare 721 (KY63 VTL) to Hexham, and then Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6044 (NK12 GCU) from Hexham to Riverside.

Ex-Bluestar Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5482 (HW07 CXS) has been permanently withdrawn from service, having sustained defects uneconomical to repair.

31 January 2021

Repaints last week included Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6091 (NL63 YHU) into the two-tone orange and red base livery for the new "Cityrider" 56 brand; Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5359 (BX63 BCO) into a two-tone pink and blue base livery for the new "Connections4" brand; and Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 684 (NK66 CWZ) into a two-tone pink base livery for the new "Little Pinks" brand.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6088 (NL63 YHR), 6089 (NL63 YHS) and 6098 (NL63 YJB) have returned to service at Deptford, while 6096 (NL63 YHZ) and 6097 (NL63 YJA) have been taken out of service for repaint and seat re-trim.

Oxford Bus Company Volvo B11RT/Plaxton Elitei interdeck coach 72 (OW15 WJZ) has been delivered but are not yet in service. Now re-numbered as 7150 in Go North East's fleet, it has been re-registered with cherished registration mark 'GO02 MBR' prior to entering service.

In partnership with Nexus, Go North East launched its second vaccination shuttle bus service on Thursday 28 January. The service, which is branded 'MetroShuttle' runs from Heworth Interchange (Stand D), serving the NHS Nightingale Hospital North East at the Sunderland International Innovation Centre. Running up to every 15 minutes from around 7am until 8.45pm, seven days a week, MetroShuttle offers great connections from buses and the Tyne & Wear Metro. Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8332 (NK11 HJC) and 8333 (NK11 HJV) have received dedicated branding for this service, and have consequently transferred from Riverside to Washington, where this shuttle service is operating from. Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5251 (NK56 KHX) and 5252 (NK56 KHY) have transferred from Washington to Riverside in lieu.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5313 (NK08 MYB) has transferred to Go North West.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6118 (BG15 RNF) and 6119 (BG15 RNJ) have transferred to East Yorkshire.

24 January 2021

Repaints last week included Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6154 (LJ62 KLS), partially repainted into the 2019 fleet livery, following its earlier plain red repaint; Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6088 (NL63 YHR), 6089 (NL63 YHS) and 6098 (NL63 YJB) into the two-tone orange and red base livery for the new "Cityrider" 56 brand; and Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5358 (BX63 BCK) into a two-tone pink and blue base livery for the new "Connections4" brand.

Delayed from last week, ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 6337 (YY64 GWX) has transferred from Hexham Depot to Consett.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6090 (NL63 YHT) has returned to service at Deptford, enabling the displacement of similar 6095 (NL63 YHY), now taken out of service for repaint and seat re-trim.

From Monday 25 January 2021, Go North East will begin operation of a new 'ConnectorShuttle' service, as one of the UK's first dedicated vaccination shuttle bus services, to the Nightingale Hospital. Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5294 (NK08 CGV) carries a special livery for the service and has transferred from Riverside to Washington, where the shuttle bus is in operation from. Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5263 (NK56 KJY) has transferred to Riverside in lieu.

Oxford Bus Company Volvo B11RT/Plaxton Elitei interdeck coaches 77 (OW15 WKE) and 78 (OW15 WKF) have been delivered but are not yet in service. Now re-numbered as 7155 and 7156 in Go North East's fleet, they have been re-registered with cherished registration marks 'X10 LNE' and 'X10 XLS' prior to entering service.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5306 (NK08 CHO), 5307 (NK08 CHV), 5308 (NK08 CHX) and 5321 (NK58 DVX) have transferred to Go North West.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5238 (NK56 KHf) has been sold to Howards Travel, being re-registered as 'K4 HOW'. It has transferred immediately on loan from Howards Travel to MP Travel. Similar 5234 (NK56 KHb) and 5237 (NK56 KHf) have been sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

17 January 2021

There were no repaints last week.

In response to the UK's third national lockdown, which has yet again seen a reduced demand for public transport, service reductions have taken place. Whilst almost all buses remain in service, albeit older buses allocated less frequently due to

the reduced PVR in operation, a number of re-allocations have taken place to ensure better capacity is offered on services where possible:

- Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6376 (NK70 BYU) has transferred from Washington to Consett
- Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5400 (NK15 ENN) has transferred from Chester-le-Street to Consett
- Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6129 (GX03 SVD), 6140 (YN04 GJJ), 6141 (YN04 GJY), 6142 (YN04 GJZ) and 6146 (YN55 NFE) have transferred from Chester-le-Street to Riverside
- Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5239 (NK56 KHG), 5240 (NK56 KHH), 5241 (NK56 KHJ), 5242 (NK56 KHL) and 5253 (NK56 KHZ) have all been temporarily taken out of service.

Oxford Bus Company Volvo B11RT/Plaxton Elitei interdeck coach 74 (OW15 WKB) has been delivered but not yet in service. Now re-numbered as 7152 in Go North East's fleet, it has been re-registered with cherished registration mark 'XL09 NCL'. Similar 7153 (OW15 WKC) has been re-registered as 'XL10 NCL', and 7154 (OW15 WKD) as 'X9 XLS'.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5238 (NK56 KHF), which was taken out of service in April 2020 because of service reductions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, has now been permanently withdrawn from service, ahead of its impending disposal.

Dealer-stock Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 bodied Volvo B9TLs 6118 (BG15 RNF), 6119 (BG15 RNJ), 6120 (BG15 RNN) and 6121 (BG15 RNO) have all been permanently withdrawn from service, ahead of their impending transfer to East Yorkshire. Go North East received two Wright Eclipse Gemini 3 bodied Volvo B5TLs and two ADL Enviro 400MMCs in exchange for these vehicles in late 2019, but retained the Volvo B9TLs being swapped for these for much longer, due to the delayed delivery of new vehicles and then an increased double-deck PVR requirement, beyond the delivery of the new vehicles.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5322 (NK58 DVY) has transferred to Go North West.

10 January 2021

Repaints last week included Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6087 (NL63 YHP) into the 2019 fleet livery; Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6154 (LJ62 KLS) plain red following accident damage repairs; and Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6090 (NL63 YHT) into the two-tone orange and red base livery for the new "Cityrider" 56 brand.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6087 (NL63 YHP) has returned to service at Deptford, enabling the displacement of similar 6094 (NL63 YHX), now taken out of service for repaint and seat re-trim.

Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 2 7132 (BX16 CLU) has been reinstated at Deptford.

Oxford Bus Company Volvo B11RT/Plaxton Elitei interdeck coaches 75 (OW15 WKC) and 76 (OW15 WKD) have been delivered but are not yet in service. Now re-numbered as 7153 and 7154 in Go North East's fleet, they will also be re-registered with cherished plates prior to entering service.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5308 (NK08 CHX) has transferred to Go North West.

Optare MetroDecker MD1114/Optare 9083 (YJ65 EPU) has returned to Optare, following its three-year loan period to Go North East.

3 January 2021

There were no repaints last week.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5236 (NK56 KHD), which transferred to East Yorkshire in October 2019 becoming fleet number 9922, has returned to Go North East, following its conversion to a driver training vehicle, with an all-over white repaint. Its use within the Go North East fleet will be temporary as part of a new recruitment campaign, and then it will be earmarked for disposal.

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27 December 2020

There were no repaints last week.

Open-top format Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TL 3999 (574 CPT) has been taken out of service from Deptford following its #GNESantaBus tour of the region.

5310, 5311, 5312, 5314, 5315, 5316, 5317, 5318 (NK08 MXY/MXZ/MYA/MYC/MYD/MYF/MYG/MZV) and 5320 (NK58 DVW) have all been transferred to Go North West. They are being repainted and refurbished at Thorntons, Ashington, prior to arrival at Go North West.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5306 (NK08 CHO), 5307 (NK08 CHV) and 5309 (NK08 CHY) have been permanently withdrawn from service at Riverside, following the cancellation of the extra duplicate/hot spare buses which were in place in the lead up to Christmas. Likewise 5308 (NK08 CHX) has also been withdrawn from service at Deptford.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6049 (NK12 GDA) has returned to service at Deptford, displacing 6093 (NL63 YHW) to be taken out of service for repaint and seat re-trim at Bus & Coach World, Blackburn.

Scania K340EB/Caetano Levante coach 7098 (JCN 822) has been sold to Panther Travel, Manningtree.

20 December 2020

Repaints last week included Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8318 (NK10 GOU) and Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6049 (NK12 GDA) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8305 (NK09 FVF) has returned to Riverside following brief transfer to Chester-le-Street, as the planned PVR increase from 2 January 2021 has been postponed.

Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8318 (NK10 GOU) has returned to service at Riverside. Following the completion of this paint programme, similar 8310 (NK10 GNY) has transferred from Riverside to Hexham to allow the withdrawal of Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5303 (NK08 CHJ), while Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5249 (NK56 KHV), 5264 (NK56 KJZ) and 5266 (NK56 KKB) have transferred to Percy Main, enabling the withdrawal of 5310 (NK08 MXY) and 5314 (NK08 MYC) and the transfer of Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5309 (NK08 CHY) to Riverside, replacing similar 5311 (NK08 MXZ).

The Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaros previously taken out of service but were subject to be reinstated if required - 5298, 5299, 5300, 5301, 5302, 5313, 5315, 5316, 5317, 5318 (NK08 CHC/CHD/CHF/CHG/CHH/MYB/MYD/MYF/MYG/MZV) and 5320, 5321 and 5322 (NK58 DVW/DVX/DVY) have all now been permanently withdrawn from service.

Following a successful trial period on loan to Go North West, Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5305 (NK08 CHN) has now permanently transferred to Go North West.

The 6-cylinder Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3, 6377 (NK70 BYV), has transferred from Chester-le-Street Depot to Riverside, for a further trial period in use on "X-lines" services X9/X10.

Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 3 coaches 7146, 7147, 7148, 7149 (BV69 KPG/KPJ/KPK/KRD) have all been reinstated at Chester-le-Street Depot's Coaching Unit, with the return of a small number of National Express diagrams.

Open-top format Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TL 3999 (574 CPT) has transferred from Peterlee to Deptford and has been stripped of its 'better bus fares' livery in favour of a special #GNESantaBus livery. In the lead up to Christmas, the bus will tour the region and spread some festive joy, acting as Go North East's very own 'coca cola truck'.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4963 (NL52 WVU) has transferred from Percy Main to Riverside, continuing to act as a 'bait bus'.

13 December 2020

Repaints last week included Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8317 (NK10 GOP) into the 2019 fleet livery.

The recently repainted and refurbished "Quaycity" branded Optare Versa V1170/Optare; 5380 (NL63 YAF), 5381 (NL63 YAG), 5382 (NL63 YAH), 5383 (NL63 YAJ), 5384 (NL63 YAK), 5385 (NL63 YAO), 5386 (NL63 YAU), 5387 (NL63 YAV) and 5388 (NL63 YAW), have all now returned to service at Riverside, being re-allocated to service Q3. The 10-plate

Optare Versa previously allocated to service Q3, now repainted in the 2019 fleet livery, will fill the void on service 58 on a temporary basis. Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8317 (NK10 GOP) has also returned to service at Riverside.

This has displaced the float Optare Versa V1170/Optare which were covering for the absent Optare Versa at Riverside. These are 8295, 8296, 8297, 8298, 8299, 8300, 8301, 8302, 8304 and 8305 (NK09 FUT/FUU/FUV/FUW/FUY/FVA/FVB/FVC/FVE/FVF), which have all transferred to Chester-le-Street, allowing better fleet standardisation at Chester-le-Street Depot.

In turn; this has released Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Micro-Hybrid 5419 (NK15 EOL) to Deptford, replacing Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5313 (NK08 MYB) which has been taken out of service; Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5249 (NK56 KHV), 5264 (NK56 KJZ) and 5266 (NK56 KKB) to Riverside, replacing Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5321 (NK58 DVX) and 5322 (NK58 DVY); and Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5267 (NK56 KKC), 5268 (NK07 GJO), 5269 (NK56 KKE), 5270 (NK56 KKF) and 5271 (NK56 KKG) to Percy Main, replacing Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5315 (NK08 MYD), 5316 (NK08 MYF), 5317 (NK08 MYG), 5318 (NK08 MZV) and 5320 (NK58 DVW).

The new ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC for Hexham; 6352 (YX70 OKM), 6353 (YX70 OKN), 6354 (YX70 OKO) and 6355 (YX70 OKP), have all now entered service. Paired with the earlier transfer of 6337 (YY64 GWX) to Hexham, this has displaced "Tynedalexpress" branded Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5298, 5299, 5300, 5301 and 5302 (NK08 CHC/CHD/CHF/CHG/CHH) to be taken out of service at Hexham.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5306 (NK08 CHO), 5307 (NK08 CHV) and 5311 (NK08 MXZ) have all been reinstated at Riverside and 5308 (NK08 CHX) at Deptford, to be used as 'hot spares' in the lead up to Christmas, allowing a rapid response to any overloading issues which may arise. All the aforementioned displaced Mercedes Citaros also remain available to be reinstated at short notice for use on additional duplicate/'hot spare' services, in the run up to Christmas.

The earlier transfer of Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6132 (YN04 GJF) from Percy Main Depot to Riverside has displaced Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6099 (NL63 YJC) to Deptford.

Similarly, the earlier transfer of dual-door Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6934 (LX54 GZZ) to Hexham has in turn permitted the release and re-allocation of Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6043 (NK12 GCO) to Deptford.

The inward transfer of these Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 to Deptford has displaced similar "Fab Fifty Six" branded examples 6091 (NL63 YHU) and 6092 (NL63 YHV), to be taken out of service for repaint and seat re-trim at Bus & Coach World, Blackburn.

6 December 2020

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5418 (NK15 EOJ) and Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8316 (NK10 GOJ) into the 2019 fleet livery; as well as Optare Versa V1170/Optare 5380 (NL63 YAF), 5381 (NL63 YAG) and 5382 (NL63 YAH) into the new "Quaycity" livery, marking the completion of the latter batch.

Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8316 (NK10 GOJ) has now returned to service at Riverside, with Scania N270UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 9065 (YN57 FYP) taken out of service in lieu. The batch of four OmniDekkas on loan from Brighton & Hove will now remain in the fleet permanently, although the three coaches on loan to Brighton & Hove remain within Go North East's fleet, on loan to Brighton. All four OmniDekkas will be repainted and have their seats re-trimmed.

Following completion of engine repairs and repaint; Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5418 (NK15 EOJ) has now transferred from Consett Depot to Deptford, together with former "Red Kite" branded sisters 5416 (NK15 EOG) and 5417 (NK15 EOH) from Riverside.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite 8339 (NL63 XBH), 8340 (NL63 XBJ), 8341 (NL63 XBK), 8342 (NL63 XBM) and 8343 (NL63 XBN) have all transferred from Riverside Depot to Deptford, following the entry into service of the new Yutong E10 vehicles on "Saltwell Park" services 53/54. They will be allocated to service 9 (Sunderland – Lukes Lane via Jarrow), and are soon to be fitted with free Wi-Fi and 'next stop' audio-visual announcements.

Ex Go South Coast Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5337 (HF06 FUA) and 5338 (HF06 FUB) have consequently transferred from Deptford to Riverside, while native Citaros 5306 (NK08 CHO), 5307 (NK08 CHV) and 5308 (NK08 CHX) have all been taken out of service from Deptford (though remain available to be reinstated if required for extra duplicate services in operation in the lead up to Christmas). Similar 5309 (NK08 CHY) and 5310 (NK08 MXY) have both transferred

from Deptford to Percy Main, allowing 5311 (NK08 MXZ) to be taken out of service and 5312 (NK08 MYA) permanently withdrawn from service. The latter did not enter service at Percy Main due to being off service for engine repairs.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite 8344 (NL63 XBO), 8345 (NL63 XBP) and 8346 (NL63 XBR) have all transferred from Riverside Depot to Chester-le-Street, for use on service 34. This has displaced Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5272 (NK56 KKH), 5273 (NK56 KKJ) and 5274 (NK56 KKL) from Chester-le-Street Depot to Percy Main, for temporary allocation to "Cobalt & Coast" service 311, due to low passenger numbers on this service, which will allow the displacement of double-decks to be more appropriately used.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6134 (YN04 GJU) and 6135 (YN04 GJV) have transferred from Percy Main Depot to Washington, allowing one board on services 5/50 to be upgraded to double-deck to allow better social distancing, and to allow the transfer of Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6050 (NK12 GDE) to Deptford. This has displaced similar "Fab Fifty Six" branded 6098 (NL63 YJB) to be taken out of service for repaint and seat re-trim at Bus & Coach World, Blackburn.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5250 (NK56 KHW) has transferred from Washington to Riverside, with the double-deck board on services 67/69 returning to a single-deck allocation. Dual-door Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6934 (LX54 GZZ) has consequently been displaced and re-allocated to Hexham for use on the 680S scholars duplicate service.

Ahead of the impending launch of the new vehicles, ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 6337 (YY64 GWX) has now transferred from Consett Depot to Hexham.

Several swaps of minibuses have been undertaken. These are Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 634 (NK61 FJO) from Deptford to Washington, and Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 678 (NK16 BXW) to Deptford in lieu; Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 696 (YJ13 HOH) to Percy Main and Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 677 (NK16 BXV) in lieu; and Optare Solo SR M900/Optare 721 (KY63 VTL) to Washington and Optare Solo SR M900SL/Optare 723 (YD63 UZC) to Hexham in lieu.

29 November 2020

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5439 (NK16 AZU) and Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8314 (NK10 GOE) into the 2019 fleet livery; as well as Optare Versa V1170/Optare 5383 (NL63 YAJ) and 5384 (NL63 YAK) into the new "Quaycity" livery.

Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8314 (NK10 GOE) has now returned to service at Riverside, with similar 8318 (NK10 GOU) taken out of service in lieu.

Following the completion of the repaints on the "Saltwell Park" branded Wright Streetlites, Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5415 (NK15 EOF) has transferred from Riverside to Deptford. Similar 5416 (NK15 EOG) and 5417 (NK15 EOH) have both been formally allocated to Riverside (previously float/reserve), displacing Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6048 (NK12 GCZ) and 6084 (NL63 XBS) to Deptford. These three buses, as well as Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3943 (NK05 GZR) which transferred to Deptford last week, will provide cover whilst Deptford's "Fab Fifty Six" branded Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2s undergo repaint and refurbishment. The examples taken out of service thus far include 6087 (NL63 YHP), 6088 (NL63 YHR), 6089 (NL63 YHS) and 6090 (NL63 YHT).

Go North East flipped the switch on Friday 27 November, with the entry into service of its new electric buses (fleet numbers 8801 – 8809) on "Voltra" services 53/54. The company was unable to hold a public event to help promote the new buses as they had intended, so produced a video of a smaller-scale launch instead. This can be viewed on YouTube (https://youtu.be/yg6_Yqy_D18).

22 November 2020

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5438 (NK16 BWZ), Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8313 (NK10 GOC) and Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite 8346 (NL63 XBR) into the 2019 fleet livery; Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6333 (X21 GNE), which has been treated to a partial (back end) repaint, into the light green variant of the "X-lines" livery, for services X45/X46/X47; as well as Optare Versa V1170/Optare 5387 (NL63 YAV) and 5388 (NL63 YAW) into the new "Quaycity" livery.

The 6-cylinder Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3, 6377 (NK70 BYV), has transferred from Riverside Depot to Chester-le-Street, for a trial period in use on "X-lines" service X21.

Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6333 (X21 GNE) has now returned to service at Consett following repaint. The cherished registration mark is intended to be re-allocated to Volvo B5TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3 6334 (BF63 HDC) in due course in order to hide its age (being the oldest Volvo B5TL allocated to service X21).

Following the completion of the repaints on the "Saltwell Park" branded Wright Streetlites, Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8294 (NK09 FUP) has transferred from Riverside to Chester-le-Street. As such, Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5263 (NK56 KJY) has transferred from Chester-le-Street Depot to Washington, in turn displacing Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3943 (NK05 GZR) to Deptford, where it will provide cover whilst Deptford's "Fab Fifty Six" branded Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2s undergo repaint and refurbishment.

Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8313 (NK10 GOC) has now returned to service at Riverside, with similar 8317 (NK10 GOP) taken out of service in lieu.

The final new vehicles to be procured this year have now been delivered. These are in the two-tone orange variant of the "X-lines" livery, for use on services X84/X85. These feature cycle racks like the batch earlier this year which are used on services X70/X71 between Newcastle and Consett, but additionally feature new "business tables" on the upper saloon (which pull out from the main table for laptops and tablets) as well as two wheelchair bays, improving accessibility. Fleet details for these vehicles are:

- 6352 (YX70 OKM)
- 6353 (YX70 OKN)
- 6354 (YX70 OKO)
- 6355 (YX70 OKP)

15 November 2020

Repaints last week included Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8312 (NK10 GOA) and Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite 8342 (NL63 XBM), 8343 (NL63 XBN) and 8344 (NL63 XBO) into the 2019 fleet livery; as well as Optare Versa V1170/Optare 5385 (NL63 YAO) and 5386 (NL63 YAU) into the new "Quaycity" livery.

The 6-cylinder Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3, 6377 (NK70 BYV), has transferred from Washington Depot to Riverside, to be used on services X9/X10 for a trial period.

To permit a better spread of the spare coaches, 7126 (BX16 CKJ) has transferred to Riverside and 7127 (BX16 CKK) has transferred to Deptford.

Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8312 (NK10 GOA) has now returned to service at Riverside, with similar 8316 (NK10 GOJ) taken out of service in lieu.

The remaining balance of Yutong ZK6118BEVG/Yutong E10 vehicles have been delivered. These are:

- 8801 (ND70 AFA)
- 8802 (ND70 AET)
- 8803 (ND70 AEU)
- 8804 (ND70 AEV)
- 8805 (ND70 AEW)
- 8807 (ND70 AEY)
- 8809 (ND70 AFK)

8809 (ND70 AFK) carries a red variant of the "Voltra" livery, with the intention of this example being a shared spare bus for "Voltra" services 53/54 and "Quaycity" service Q3, following earlier trials of electric buses on the latter route.

8806 (YD70 CFU) and 8808 (YD70 CFX) have now both surrendered the registration plates they were originally delivered on, and have been re-registered as ND70 AEX and ND70 AEZ respectively.

8 November 2020

Repaints last week included Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8311 (NK10 GNZ) and Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite 8340 (NL63 XBJ) and 8341 (NL63 XBK) into the 2019 fleet livery; Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6004 (NK11 BHE) and 6053 (NK12 GDO) into the 2020 Crusader livery; and Wright StreetDeck 6304 (NK16 BXD) partially repainted into the yellow and gold variant of the X-lines livery for services X5/X15.

Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8310 (NK10 GNY) and 8311 (NK10 GNZ) have both now returned to service at Riverside, with similar 8313 (NK10 GOC) and 8314 (NK10 GOE) taken out of service in lieu.

Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6367 (NK70 BYD) and 6373 (NK70 BYP) have both now entered service at Washington, displacing Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6043 (NK12 GCO) to Hexham and allowing 6049 (NK12 GDA) to be taken out of service for repaint/re-trim.

Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6333 (X21 GNE) has also been temporarily taken out of service for partial repaint into the light-green variant of the X-lines livery.

The return of 6043 (NK12 GCO) at Riverside has permitted the transfer of dual-door Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 6909 (LX06 EBL) to Consett, in turn releasing Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5417 (NK15 EOH) to Riverside, in a float/reserve capacity.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6004 (NK11 BHE), 6053 (NK12 GDO), 6054 (NK62 EKD) and 6055 (NK62 EJF) have all now returned to service at Riverside, following repaint and seat re-trim. Consequently displaced are Optare Versa V1170/Optare 5380, 5381, 5382 and 5383 (NL63 YAF/YAG/YAH/YAJ), all taken out of service for repaint and re-trim.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5410 (NK15 EOA) has transferred from Chester-le-Street Depot to Deptford, allowing Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5305 (NK08 CHN) to be withdrawn from service.

The first two Yutong ZK6118BEVG/Yutong E10 vehicles have been delivered. These are 8806 (YD70 CFU) and 8808 (YD70 CFX). Not yet taxed; their registration marks are subject to change to local 'NK' plate registration marks, prior to their entry into service.

1 November 2020

Repaints last week included Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8310 (NK10 GNY) into the 2019 fleet livery, and Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6006 (NK11 BHJ), 6054 (NK62 EKD) and 6055 (NK62 EJF) into the 2020 Crusader livery.

6367 (NK70 BYD), in the red X-lines livery, is the final Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 to be delivered.

The operation of service 78 (Consett – Sunderland) has transferred from Chester-le-Street Depot to Consett. As such, Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5402, 5403, 5404, 5405, 5406, 5407, 5408 and 5409 (NK15 ENP/ENR/ENTENU/ENV/ENW/ENX/ENY) have transferred to Consett Depot.

Following the cancellation of a temporary shuttle bus in operation from Hexham Depot, Optare Solo SR M900SL/Optare 723 (YD63 UZC) has transferred from Hexham Depot to Washington, to be allocated to a new staff shuttle service which will operate between Washington Depot and The Galleries, to aid better social distancing for colleagues.

Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 2 coaches 7135, 7136 and 7137 (BV17 GVF/GVG/GVJ) have all been reinstated, after being stripped of National Express vinyls, to operate additional rail replacement contracts and provide extra spare coverage for scholars services.

Other re-allocations associated with changes to scholars services include the transfer of Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 678 (NK16 BXW) from Percy Main to Washington; Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5263 (NK56 KJY) from Washington to Chester-le-Street; Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5284 (NK08 CFP) from Riverside to Deptford; Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5317 (NK08 MYG), 5318 (NK08 MZV) and 5320 (NK58 DVW) from Riverside to Percy Main; Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6142 (YN04 GJZ) from Percy Main to Chester-le-Street; and similar 6127 (GX03 SVA) from Chester-le-Street to Riverside.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6006 (NK11 BHJ) and 6052 (NK12 GDJ) have now returned to service at Riverside following repaint and seat re-trim, with Optare Versa V1170/Optare 5384 (NL63 YAK) and 5388 (NL63 YAW) taken out of service for repaint at Bus & Coach World, Blackburn, in addition to seat re-trim/USB charging point fitment, at Saltmeadows Road's bodyshop facility, in lieu.

Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante coaches 7103 (FJ61 GZC), 7115 (FJ60 HYB), 7116 (FJ60 KVM) and 7117 (FJ60 KVO) have all transferred to Go-Ahead London.

25 October 2020

Repaints last week included Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6052 (NK12 GDJ) into the 2020 Crusader livery; Wright StreetDeck 6304 (NK16 BXD) partially repainted into the yellow and gold variant of the X-lines livery for services X5/X15;

and Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5416 (NK15 EOG) and Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite 8339 (NL63 XBH) repainted into the 2019 fleet livery.

National Express have suspended all of Go North East's operational services, due to low usage. As such, all Chester-le-Street Depot's National Express coaches have been temporarily taken out of service. These are Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 3 coaches 7138, 7140, 7141, 7142 (BM68 AHA/AHD/AHE/AHF) and 7145, 7146, 7147, 7148, 7149 (BV69 KPF/KPG/KPJ/KPK/KRD).

Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante coaches 7103 (FJ61 GZC), 7115 (FJ60 HYB), 7116 (FJ60 KVM) and 7117 (FJ60 KVO) have all returned to Go North East having been in long-term storage in Ireland.

The 6-cylinder Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3, 6377 (NK70 BYV), has now entered service at Washington, displacing Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6004 (NK11 BHE) to be taken out of service for repaint and refurbishment at Bus & Coach World, Blackburn.

Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 bodied Volvo B9TLs returning to service at Riverside following repaint/refurbishment are 6002, 6003, 6005 and 6007 (NK11 BHA/BHD/BHF/BHL) and 6051 (NK12 GDF).

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5416 (NK15 EOG) has transferred from Consett Depot to Riverside.

This has in turn permitted Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8310, 8311 and 8312 (NK10 GNY/GNZ/GOA) to be taken out of service for repaint at Read Commercials, Accrington, and Optare Versa V1170/Optare 5385, 5386 and 5387 (NL63 YAO/YAU/YAV) to be taken out of service for repaint at Bus & Coach World, Blackburn, in addition to seat re-trim/USB charging point fitment, at Saltmeadows Road's bodyshop facility.

The repainting of these vehicles forms part of a project to refresh the brand of the Q3 service. "QuayLink" was conceived as a frequent, high quality bus service, for the newly developed and expanding Quayside area. Despite being located a short distance from the town centres of Newcastle and Gateshead, the area was poorly served by public transport. Now in its fifteenth year, albeit on a revised route compared to when it first launch, service Q3 is to be re-branded from "QuayLink" to "Quaycity", acknowledging the growing focus of the route changing from the Newcastle Quayside, to the City Centre itself, with an expanding hospitality sector in the city.

18 October 2020

Repaints last week included Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6003 (NK11 BHD), 6005 (NK11 BHF) and 6007 (NK11 BHL) into the 2020 Crusader livery. Wright StreetDeck 6305 (NK16 BXE) has also been partially repainted into the yellow and gold variant of the X-lines livery for services X5/X15.

Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6371 (NK70 BYM) and 6372 (NK70 BYO) have now entered service at Washington. Consequently displaced are Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6053 (NK12 GDO), 6054 (NK62 EKD) and 6055 (NK62 EJJ), which have all been taken out of service for repaint and re-trim.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6001 (NK11 BGZ) has now returned to service at Riverside, following re-trim and fitment of USB charging points.

11 October 2020

Repaints last week included Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6002 (NK11 BHA) into the 2020 Crusader livery and Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5415 (NK15 EOF) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6372 (NK70 BYO), in the red X-lines livery, is another new vehicle delivered, while 6363 (NK70 BYN) has now entered service at Consett.

To assist with vehicle repaint requirements, Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5415 (NK15 EOF) has transferred to Riverside, in a float/reserve capacity. Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8294 (NK09 FUP) is also now in a float/reserve capacity for the same reason.

In response to changing passenger numbers, Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3943 (NK05 GZR) has transferred from Deptford to Washington, in order to allow one board on services 5/50 to be upgraded to double-deck, with Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5313 (NK08 MYB) transferring in the opposite direction.

Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 2 coaches 7124 (BD65 JDZ) and 7125 (BX16 CKG) have transferred from Deptford Depot to Riverside. Dual-door Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 6909 (LX06 EBL) has therefore transferred from Riverside Depot to Hexham, releasing Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6043 (NK12 GCO) to Washington.

6050 (NK12 GDE) has also transferred from Riverside to Washington, releasing similar 6052 (NK12 GDJ) to be taken out of service for repaint and seat re-trim.

4 October 2020

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 653 (NK15 GDE) into a two-tone purple base livery, which will be used as the new local Peterlee brand in the future; Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6051 (NK12 GDF) into the 2020 Crusader livery; and Wright StreetDeck 6306 (NK16 BXF) partially repainted into the yellow and gold variant of the X-lines livery for services X5/X15.

New vehicles received are as follows:

- Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6363 (NK70 BYN), in the light green X-lines livery.
- Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6368 (NK70 BYF), in the red X-lines livery, which has now also entered service at Washington.
- Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6371 (NK70 BYM), in the red X-lines livery.
- Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6376 (NK70 BYV), in the charcoal grey X-lines livery, notable as being the UK's first 6-cylinder OM936 engined example of the type.

Previously delivered Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6369 (NK70 BYG) has now entered service.

Paired with return of Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6004 (NK11 BHE) to Washington from Deptford, this has displaced similar 6005 (NK11 BHF), 6006 (NK11 BHJ) and 6007 (NK11 BHL) to be taken out of service for re-trim and repaint at Bus & Coach World, Blackburn.

Due to the transfer of some of the scholars which they're operating; Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 2 coaches 7126 (BX16 CKJ) and 7127 (BX16 CKK) have transferred from Deptford to Chester-le-Street, while 7134 (BV17 GVE) has also returned to service at Chester-le-Street, providing extra spare vehicle coverage and to assist with weekend rail replacement opportunities.

27 September 2020

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5417 (NK15 EOH) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Fleet re-allocations this week have included the transfer of Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5409 (NK15 ENY) from Consett to Chester-le-Street, and consequently Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6126 (GX03 SUY) to Riverside (though in reality it never entered service at Chester-le-Street as it was off service).

Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6361 (NK70 BYJ and 6362 (NK70 BYL) have now entered service at Consett, while similar 6364 (NK70 BYA), 6366 (NK70 BYC) and 6370 (NK70 BYH) have all now entered service at Washington.

Consequently displaced from Washington are Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6002 (NK11 BHA), 6003 (NK11 BHD) and 6051 (NK12 GDF), which have all been taken out of service for seat re-trim and repaint at Bus & Coach World, Blackburn.

Following the end of the rail replacement contract, Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6001 (NK11 BGZ) has been taken out of service from Deptford for seat re-trim. 'Retrobuss' liveried Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6050 (NK12 GDE) has transferred to Riverside.

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

20 September 2020

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5409 (NK15 ENY) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Fleet re-allocations this week have included the transfer of Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 678 (NK16 BXW) from Washington to Percy Main following the transfer of one of the extra scholars duplicates boards to Percy Main.

Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 7126 (BX16 CKJ) has also returned to service at Deptford, to assist with extra vehicle requirements for rail replacement contracts in operation between Middlesbrough and Whitby from 21 September.

New vehicles received are as follows:

- Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6361 (NK70 BYJ), in the light-green X-lines livery.
- Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6362 (NK70 BYL), in the light-green X-lines livery.
- Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6364 (NK70 BYA), in the red X-lines livery.
- Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6366 (NK70 BYC), in the red X-lines livery.
- Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6370 (NK70 BYH), in the red X-lines livery.

13 September 2020

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5421 (NK16 BYB) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Fleet re-allocations primarily associated with permitting better social distancing on buses as a result of COVID-19 continue. Re-allocations included:

- 653 Deptford to Peterlee
- 677 Deptford to Percy Main
- 678 689 Deptford to Washington
- 729 730 Washington to Riverside
- 3997 3998 taken out of service for the winter season
- 5250 Riverside to Washington
- 5273 5274 Riverside to Chester-le-Street
- 5411 5412 Chester-le-Street to Deptford
- 5413 5414 5440 Consett to Deptford
- 6001 6004 6050 Washington to Deptford
- 8294 Percy Main to Riverside

New vehicles received are as follows:

- ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 6343 (YX70 OKJ), in the dark-green X-lines livery, has been delivered and is also now in service at Consett.
- Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6357 (NK20 ELW), in the light-green X-lines livery, which has also now entered service at Consett.

Previously delivered 6348 (YX70 OKL) and 6376 (NK70 BYU) are both now in service at Consett too. The latter is only at Consett temporarily and is intended to be allocated to Washington longer-term, but will assist with the release of the former blue X-lines StreetDecks, which are now allocated to services X5/X15, for partial repaint.

6 September 2020

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 642 (NL63 XZO) and 646 (NL63 XZT) into the 2020 Venture livery.

There have been a large number of re-allocations associated with the re-commencement of scholars services for the 2020/21 academic year. Paired with this, there are also many temporary re-allocations to accommodate extra duplicate services which are in operation, not only covering the Go North East network, but Arriva and Stagecoach services too.

These are:

- 653 Peterlee to Deptford
- 689 Washington to Deptford
- 3941 3942 3943 Washington to Deptford
- 3962 3963 3964 Riverside to Deptford
- 3965 Hexham to Deptford
- 3998 Percy Main to Deptford
- 3999 Chester-le-Street to Peterlee
- 5239 5240 reinstated at Riverside

- 5250 Chester-le-Street to Riverside
- 5251 5252 Chester-le-Street to Washington
- 5273 5274 Percy Main to Riverside
- 5305 5306 5307 5308 5309 5310 5311 5312 Riverside to Deptford
- 5313 Riverside to Washington
- 5314 5315 5316 6922 6923 6924 6925 6926 6927 Riverside to Percy Main
- 5323 5324 5325 Riverside to Deptford
- 5410 5411 5412 Consett to Chester-le-Street
- 5438 Deptford to Peterlee
- 5459 returned to service at Riverside
- 6043 6044 Riverside to Hexham
- 6086 Riverside to Deptford
- 6100 Riverside to Percy Main
- 6126 6127 6129 Riverside to Chester-le-Street
- 6146 Percy Main to Chester-le-Street
- 6167 6168 6169 6171 6176 Percy Main to Washington
- 6304 6305 6306 6307 Chester-le-Street to Consett
- 6308 6309 6310 6311 6312 6313 6314 returned to service at Chester-le-Street
- 6344 in service at Consett
- 6901 6902 6903 6904 Deptford to Riverside
- 6910 6911 Riverside to Consett
- 7098 withdrawn from service at Riverside
- 7124 7125 7127 7128 7129 7130 7133 reinstated at Deptford
- 8301 8302 8304 Chester-le-Street to Riverside
- 8322 8323 8324 Riverside to Chester-le-Street
- 9065 9066 9067 9068 entered service at Riverside

New vehicles received are as follows:

- ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 6348 (YX70 OKL), in the dark-green X-lines livery.
- Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6360 (NK20 EMV), in the light-green X-lines livery, which has also now entered service at Consett.
- Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6365 (NK70 BYB) and 6375 (NK70 BYT), in the red X-lines livery.

All remaining dilecensed vehicles have been re-licensed. Some remain out of use.

30 August 2020

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 644 (NL63 XZR) into the 2020 Venture livery; and Volvo B5TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3 6309 (NK67 ECE), 6311 (NK67 EBD) and 6313 (NK67 EBG) into the blue variant of the X-lines livery.

Received on temporary loan from Brighton & Hove are Scania N270UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 685 (YN57 FYP), 686 (YN57 FYF), 687 (YN57 FYG) and 688 (YN57 FYH), which have been numbered 9065 – 9068 respectively. Consequently on loan to Brighton & Hove from the Go North East fleet are Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante coaches 7107 (BF63 ZPY), 7109 (BF63 ZRA) and 7112 (BF63 ZRZ).

New vehicles received are as follows:

- ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 6344 (YX70 OKK), in the dark-green X-lines livery.
- Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6358 (NK20 EMF), in the light-green X-lines livery, which has also now entered service at Consett.
- Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6374 (NK70 BYR), in the red X-lines livery.

6376 (NK20 EMJ) has been re-registered to registration mark NK70 BYU.

New ADL Enviro400s in service at Consett are 6341 (YX20 OKA), 6342 (YX20 OKB), 6345 (YX20 OKE), 6346 (YX20 OKF), 6347 (YX20 OKG), 6349 (YX20 OKJ), 6350 (YX20 OKK) and 6351 (YX20 OKL).

Displaced by the entry into service of new vehicles are Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6149, 6150 6151, 6152, 6153, 6154, 6155, 6156, 6157, 6158, 6159, 6160 and 6161 (LJ62 KBY/KCU/KDV/KDZ/KLC/KLS/KOX/KXX/KZX/KYA/KYG/KZD/KZP) from Consett to Riverside.

Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante coaches 7108 (A10 EYC) and 7110 (FCU 190) have transferred from Deptford to Riverside.

Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante coaches 7104 (FJ61 GZD), 7105 (BF63 ZPV, 7143 (FJ11 GKC) and 7144 (FJ11 GJZ) have been sold to Glen Valley Tours, Wooler.

23 August 2020

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5414 (NK15 EOE) into the 2019 fleet livery; Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 641 (NL63 YBA) and 643 (NL63 XSP) into the 2020 Venture livery; and Volvo B5TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3 6308 (NK67 ECD), 6310 (NK67 EBC), 6312 (NK67 EBF) and 6314 (NK67 EBJ) into the blue variant of the X-lines livery.

The tour of the 'Retrobus' liveried Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6050 (NK12 GDE) has now ended, and it has returned to Washington Depot from Consett. Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6161 (LJ62 KZP) has therefore returned to Consett from Washington.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5275 (NK07 KPG) has returned to service at Riverside.

The faith schools contract in operation from Riverside has re-commenced and therefore the intended Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka have returned to service at Riverside. These are 6126 (GX03 SUY), 6127 (GX03 SVA) and 6129 (GX03 SVD). Chester-le-Street has received similar 6140 (YN04 GJJ) and 6141 (YN04 GJY) in lieu from Riverside.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5459 (NK66 EWJ) and Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante coaches 7122 (BX65 WDD), 7130 (BX16 CKP), 7131 (BX16 CLO), 7132 (BX16 CLU) and 7137 (BV17 GVJ) have all been re-licensed but remain out of use.

Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante 7111 (N21 GNE) has transferred from Deptford to Riverside and Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 7120 (BX65 WDA) has been reinstated in the fleet at Riverside. Both vehicles will be allocated to services X9/X10 which operate between Newcastle and Middlesbrough from Saturday 5 September, pending the delivery of the ex-Oxford interdeck Plaxton Elitei coaches, which are now expected to arrive in late September/early October.

Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante coaches 7107 (BF63 ZPY), 7109 (BF63 ZRA) and 7112 (BF63 ZRZ) have all been permanently withdrawn from service and are being prepared for their disposal from the fleet.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6128 (GX03 SVC) has been withdrawn having sustained defects uneconomical to repair. It will be used for spare parts and scrapped.

Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllennium Vyking 3967 (PN02 XCL) has been sold to Go East Anglia (Konect Bus), and Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5209 (NK54 NVD) has been sold to JH Coaches, Birtley.

New vehicles received are as follows:

- ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 6341 (YX20 OKA), in the dark-green X-lines livery.
- ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 6342 (YX20 OKB), in the dark-green X-lines livery.
- ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 6345 (YX20 OKE), in the dark-green X-lines livery.
- ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 6346 (YX20 OKF), in the dark-green X-lines livery.
- ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 6347 (YX20 OKG), in the dark-green X-lines livery.
- ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 6351 (YX20 OKL), in the dark-green X-lines livery.
- Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6376 (NK20 EMJ), in the charcoal grey X-lines livery. This vehicle will be re-registered as a '70' plate prior to entering service.

16 August 2020

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5413 (NK15 EOD) into the 2019 fleet livery and Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 645 (NL63 XBS) into the 2020 Venture livery. The repainting of the "Venture" minibus fleet at Consett marks the 50th anniversary of the Northern General Transport Company's acquisition of the Venture Transport business in May 1970 and coincides with the major upgrades being carried out in the Derwentside area.

The tour of the 'Retrobus' liveried Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6050 (NK12 GDE) continues. This week it has transferred to Consett Depot. Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6161 (LJ62 KZP) has transferred to Washington as a result, assisting with the ongoing programme of Euro 6 Eminox conversions to the Volvo B9 fleet at Washington.

New vehicles received are as follows:

- ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 6349 (YX20 OKJ), in the dark-green X-lines livery.
- ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 6350 (YX20 OKK), in the dark-green X-lines livery.
- Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6356 (NK20 ELV), in the light-green X-lines livery.
- Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6359 (NK20 EMJ), in the light-green X-lines livery.

The following vehicles have been sold:

- Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllennium Vyking 3971 (PJ02 PYX) to Go East Anglia (Konect Bus).
- Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllennium Vyking 3977 (PJ02 PZD) to Go East Anglia (Konect Bus).

9 August 2020

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5412 (NK15 EOC) into the 2019 fleet livery.

The tour of the 'Retrobuss' liveried Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6050 (NK12 GDE) continues. This week it has transferred to Deptford Depot, with Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3965 (NK06 JXB) returning to Hexham from Riverside as a result.

Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 3 coaches 7138 (BM68 AHA), 7140 (BM68 AHD), 7141 (BM68 AHE) and 7142 (BM68 AHF) have all been reinstated in Chester-le-Street Depot's Coaching Unit, following an increase in the number of diagrams being operated from Monday 10 August 2020.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6133 (YN04 GJG), 6134 (YN04 GJU), 6135 (YN04 GJV), 6139 (GX03 SVJ), 6140 (YN04 GJJ) and 6141 (YN04 GJY) have all transferred from Percy Main Depot to Riverside, in order to assist with extra vehicle requirements over weekends in August, including the conversion of services 26/27 from single-deck to double-deck and to operate Metro Replacement contracts.

Optare Solo SR M790SE/Optare 716 (NK18 EEB) has transferred from Washington Depot to Consett, to provide cover while Consett's own Optare Solos are repainted over the summer.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5235 (NK56 KHC) has returned to Go North East, albeit remains withdrawn and is being stripped for spare parts.

The following vehicles have been sold:

- Optare Solo M880/Optare 697 (YJ59 NNH) to SD Travel, Bathgate.
- Optare Solo M880/Optare 705 (YJ10 MFN) to Coatham Coaches, Saltburn-by-the-Sea.
- Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllennium Vyking 3970 (PJ02 PYW) to Go East Anglia (Konect Bus).
- Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6936 (X584 EGK) to Go East Anglia (Hedingham & Chambers).
- Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6938 (PL51 LDU) to Go East Anglia (Hedingham & Chambers).
- Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6940 (PJ02 RBF) to L&G Coaches, Birtley.
- Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6941 (PN02 XBU) to L&G Coaches, Birtley.
- Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante 7106 (BF63 ZPW) to Weardale Motor Services, Crook.

2 August 2020

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5410 (NK15 EOA) and 5411 (NK15 EOB) into the 2019 fleet livery.

The tour of the 'Retrobuss' liveried Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6050 (NK12 GDE) continues. This week it has transferred to Hexham Depot, with Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3965 (NK06 JXB) transferring to Riverside in lieu.

Optare Solo M880/Optare 697 (YJ59 NHH) has now been permanently withdrawn ahead of its disposal next week, as has Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5265 (NK56 KKA) having suffered defects uneconomical to repair. Similar 5234 (NK56 KHB) and 5237 (NK56 KHE) are no longer transferring to East Yorkshire and all three will be used for spare part recovery, due to certain components being increasingly difficult to source for this vehicle type.

Withdrawn Scania K340EB/Caetano Levante coaches 7100 (FJ08 KMV), 7101 (FJ08 KNV) and 7102 (FJ08 KNW) have all been sold to Ratho Coaches, Newbridge.

26 July 2020

Repaints last week included Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6332 (NK67 GOA), which has been treated to a partial (back end) repaint, into the light green variant of the "X-lines" livery, for services X45/X46/X47.

Following repaint, Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6332 (NK67 GOA) has transferred from Chester-le-Street Depot to Consett, but has not yet displaced another bus, to accommodate the repainting of the "Red Kite" branded Wright Streetlite vehicles.

The tour of the 'Retrobus' liveried Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6050 (NK12 GDE) continues. This week it has transferred to Riverside Depot. Nothing has transferred to Washington in lieu as it is now surplus to requirements following the school holiday PVR reduction.

Volvo B5TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3 6308 – 6314 (NK67 ECD/ECE/EBC/EBD/EBF/EBG/EBJ) have been taken out of service from Riverside, to undergo preparation for their new tenure on the X21 service, which includes a repaint at Bus & Coach World, Blackburn, as well as some mechanical upgrades to be completed, prior to transfer to Chester-le-Street.

Temporarily operating in their place at Riverside on the X9/X10 services between Newcastle and Middlesbrough (pending delivery of the interdeck Volvo B11RT/Plaxton Elitei coaches from Oxford Bus Company) are a number of Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 bodied Volvo B9TLs, which have mostly transferred in from other depots, including; 6048 (NK12 GCZ), 6084 (NL63 XBS), 6085 (NL63 YHN), 6086 (NL63 YHO), 6099 (NL63 YJC) and 6100 (NL63 YJD). The examples from Deptford and Percy Main have been made available owing to the school holidays PVR reduction, while 6048 (NK12 GCZ) has been exchanged for Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3965 (NK06 JXB) which has transferred in the opposite direction.

Volvo B5TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3 6334 (BF63 HDC) and 6335 (BX14 SYT) have both transferred to Chester-le-Street.

Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllennium Vyking 3983 (PJ02 PZL) has been sold to Jamie Potts for preservation.

19 July 2020

Repaints last week included Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6001 (NK11 BGZ) into the 2019 fleet livery. Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6331 (NK67 GNZ) has also been treated to a partial (back end) repaint, into the light green variant of the "X-lines" livery, for services X45/X46/X47.

The tour of the 'Retrobus' liveried Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6050 (NK12 GDE) continues. This week it has transferred to Percy Main Depot. As such; similar 6099 (NL63 YJC) has transferred from Percy Main Depot to Washington, in turn displacing Wright StreetDeck 6301 (NK16 BXA) back to Chester-le-Street.

Following repaint, Wright StreetDeck/Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6331 (NK67 GNZ) has transferred from Chester-le-Street Depot to Consett, displacing Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6149 (LJ62 KBY) from Consett to Riverside.

The commencement of the school holidays means that Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 651 (NL63 XZY) is now surplus to requirements at Riverside and has therefore transferred to Deptford.

It also means that Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5239 (NK56 KHG) and 5240 (NK56 KHH) are also now surplus to requirements and have been taken out of service from Hexham (but remain available to be reinstated if required), while the following vehicles have been permanently withdrawn from service:

- Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllennium Vyking 3967 (PN02 XCL)
- Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllennium Vyking 3970 (PJ02 PYW)
- Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllennium Vyking 3971 (PJ02 PYX)
- Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllennium Vyking 3977 (PJ02 PZD)
- Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5207 (NK54 NVB)
- Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5208 (NK54 NVC)
- Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5209 (NK54 NVD)

Prior to disposal, the following Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante coaches have now been permanently withdrawn from service:

- 7104 (FJ61 GZD)
- 7105 (BF63 ZPV)
- 7106 (BF63 ZPW)
- 7143 (FJ11 GKC)
- 7144 (FJ11 GJZ)

Vehicle disposals continue:

- Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllennium Vyking 3973 (PJ02 PYZ) has been sold to Cranberry Coachways, Accrington.
- Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllennium Vyking 3975 (PJ02 PZB) has been sold to Cranberry Coachways, Accrington.
- Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4976 (NK53 UOC) has been sold to A-line Coaches, Pelaw.
- Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5212 (NK54 NVG) has been sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

12 July 2020

Repaints last week included Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3943 (NK05 GZR) and Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Micro-Hybrid 5391 (NK15 EMV) into the 2019 fleet livery.

An additional National Express diagram will be in operation from Chester-le-Street Depot's Coaching Unit from Monday 13 July 2020. As such, Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 3 7148 (BV69 KPK) and 7149 (BV69 KRJ) have now been reinstated at Chester-le-Street.

Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 652 (NL63 XZZ) has transferred to Chester-le-Street Depot from Washington, to see primary use as a 'bait bus' and to provide cover for the minibus services in the event of any of the three already allocated to Chester-le-Street being off service. In exchange, Washington has received Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5263 (NK56 KJY).

The seasonal Toon Tour service is not yet running, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Despite this; open-top format Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TLs 3997 (897 EYX) and 3998 (794 EYD) have been reinstated at Percy Main, and 3999 (574 CPT) at Riverside. As these vehicles are something of a novelty; they are expected to be used on frontline core commercial work on sunny days, with the aim of creating some happiness and fun during the current pandemic.

Washington Depot will no longer receive the brand-new ADL Enviro 400s which were on order. They will now receive the new Wright StreetDecks instead. As such other repaints will now be prioritised, with the batch of StreetDecks for Washington not expected until September. Float/reserve Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllennium Vyking 3971 (PJ02 PYX) has transferred from Washington to Riverside, in a full capacity, to enable the withdrawal of Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6939 (PJ02 RAX) which has subsequently been sold to L&G Coaches, Birtley.

Due to the early cancellation of the scholars services they were being allocated to at Riverside, dual-door Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6920 (LX54 GYV) and 6921 (LX54 GYW) have been withdrawn from service and subsequently sold to Walters Coaches, Oxford.

The following buses have been withdrawn from service permanently, and are now being decommissioned prior to sale:

- Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllennium Vyking 3973 (PJ02 PYZ)
- Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllennium Vyking 3975 (PJ02 PZB)
- Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllennium Vyking 3983 (PJ02 PZL)
- Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4976 (NK53 UOC)

Due to the '2 metre' social distancing rule being relaxed to '1 metre plus', vans have been reinstated at Washington for crew reliefs with two or fewer colleagues travelling together. As such, Optare Solo M710SE/Optare 706 (WK58 EAE), 707 (WK58 EAF) and 708 (WK58 EAG) have all been withdrawn from service. 706 (WK58 EAE) and 708 (WK58 EAG) have subsequently been sold to ARG Travel, Bellshill, while 707 (WK58 EAF) has subsequently been sold to CEN Group Ltd, Tamworth.

5 July 2020

Repaints last week included Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5275 (NK07 KPG) into the 2019 fleet livery.

A limited service has returned on the National Express network; Chester-le-Street Depot's Coaching Unit are running a PVR of 2, with 3 coaches allocated, and as such, Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 3 coaches, 7145, 7146 and 7147 (BV69 KPF/KPG/KPJ) have been reinstated at Chester-le-Street.

Scania K340EB/Caetano Levante coaches 7100 (FJ08 KMV), 7101 (FJ08 KNV) and 7102 (FJ08 KNW) have now been permanently withdrawn.

Go North East has resumed the running of its AD122 Hadrian's Wall Country Bus from Saturday 4 July 2020, to help support the opening of businesses and attractions. The return of the AD122 bus will help workers and visitors at businesses and attractions get to their destination if they are unable to use other forms of transport. Attractions opening from tomorrow include The Sill, Roman Army Museum, Vindolanda, Chesters Roman Fort, Corbridge Roman Town, Birdoswald Roman Fort and Housesteads Roman Fort, with any visitors having to book online in advance. As such, Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 635 (NK61 FJP) and 636 (NK61 FXD) have transferred from Deptford to Hexham.

To facilitate this, Optare Solo M880/Optare 703 (YJ10 MFF) and 704 (YJ10 MFK) have returned to service at Percy Main, displacing Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 634 (NK61 FJO) and 696 (YJ13 HOH) to Deptford, replacing 635 (NK61 FJP) and 636 (NK61 FXD).

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6050 (NK12 GDE), which has become a visual symbol of the company's 'One Team GNE' colleague and community network being launched to build upon the great strength and team spirit shown by its team during the depths of the crisis, to work together to build even better relations across the company and the communities it serves, has transferred from Washington Depot to Chester-le-Street. Transferring to Washington in lieu is Wright StreetDeck 6301 (NK16 BXA).

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5213 (NK54 NVH) and 5214 (NK54 NVJ) have been sold to Hodgson's Coaches, Barnard Castle.

28 June 2020

Repaints last week included Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5213 (NK54 NVH) and 5214 (NK54 NVJ) into a white base livery prior to disposal to Hodgson's Coaches, Barnard Castle, and Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6050 (NK12 GDE) into a striking 'retro' multi-coloured scheme. Inspired by a re-work of the company's infamous 1985 'don't judge a bus by its colour' initiative alongside the rainbow image that has been so prevalent during the coronavirus crisis. The vehicle will become a visual symbol of the company's 'One Team GNE' colleague and community network being launched to build upon the great strength and team spirit shown by its team during the depths of the crisis, to work together to build even better relations across the company and the communities it serves.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5212 (NK54 NVG) has now been permanently withdrawn from service at Go North East, having sustained defects uneconomical to repair.

21 June 2020

Vehicle movements last week included the reinstatement of Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllennium Vyking 3971 (PJ02 PYX) at Washington, in a float/reserve capacity. Ahead of the delivery of the new double-deck buses for service X1, the existing allocation of "Red Arrows" branded Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 vehicles are beginning to undergo repaint. 3971 (PJ02 PYX) will provide cover at Washington until the start of the school holidays while these repaints are ongoing.

14 June 2020

Vehicle repaints re-commenced last week and included Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6069 (NK62 CZA) and Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6085 (NL63 YHN) into the 2019 fleet livery. Both previously wore promotional liveries.

With most scholars services in Tyne & Wear returning to operation from Monday 15 June, re-allocations have taken place to accommodate the operation of all of these services.

The 28S service will now be operated by double-deck buses again, so Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 651 (NL63 XZY) has transferred from Chester-le-Street to Riverside. As a result, Optare Solo M880/Optare 703 (YJ10 MFF) has been taken out of service from Riverside and has transferred to Percy Main in their 'not in service' fleet. It remains available to be brought back into service, together with sister 704 (YJ10 MFK), if it is required.

Just two vehicles are required to operate scholars services from Hexham Depot currently. As the coaches have not yet been fitted with extra PPE for driving colleagues, Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5239 (NK56 KHG) and 5240 (NK56 KHH) have been reinstated at Hexham Depot for use on these services. This has allowed for Optare Solo M880/Optare 697 (YJ59 NHH), together with Scania K340EB/Caetano Levante coaches 7100 (FJ08 KMV), 7101 (FJ08 KNV) and 7102 (FJ08 KNW) to be taken out of service. Similar 7098 (JCN 822) has transferred to Riverside, to be made available for any ad-hoc private hire/rail replacement work.

Similarly, the coaches at Deptford which are normally allocated to the 4274 school service are to be used on ad-hoc private hire/rail replacement work only, with the school service instead operated by Scania L94UB/Wright Solar which

have vandal screens for driving colleagues. As such; 5207 (NK54 NVB), 5208 (NK54 NVC) and 5209 (NK54 NVD) have been reinstated at Deptford.

Optare Solo M710SE/Optare 708 (WK58 EAG) has returned to service at Washington, to be allocated to service H2 and hence displacing Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 652 (NL63 XZZ) to be a spare minibus at Washington which can be used on the local network in addition to the staff shuttle "taxi" services which operate between The Galleries and Washington Depot.

Services 13 and 25 at Chester-le-Street will now be operated by single-deck vehicles to assist in the release of double-deck vehicles for scholars. As such, Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5263 (NK56 KJY) has transferred into Chester-le-Street's fleet from Washington, while similar 5249, 5250, 5251, 5252, 5264, 5266, 5269 and 5272 have all been reinstated at Chester-le-Street. This has released Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3941 (NK05 GZO) to Washington and 3962 (NK06 JXE), 3963 (NK06 JXD), 3964 (NK06 JXC) and 3965 (NK06 JXB) to Riverside.

Additional "hot spares" are being deployed in Gateshead this week in case of any increase in demand associated with the opening of "non-essential" shops. As such; Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5241 (NK56 KHJ), 5242 (NK56 KHL) and 5253 (NK56 KHZ) have all been reinstated at Riverside.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6139 (GX03 SVJ) and 6146 (YN55 NFE) have transferred from Riverside to Percy Main, while similar 6133, 6134, 6135, 6144, 6145, 6147 and 6148 have all been reinstated at Percy Main, for the increase in scholars service requirements. Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5273 (NK56 KKJ) and 5274 (NK56 KKL) have also been reinstated at Percy Main.

Dual-door Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 6902 (LX06 EBA), 6903 (LX06 EBC) and 6904 (LX06 EBD) have all been reinstated at Deptford.

Dual-door Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 6911 (LX06 EBN) has transferred from Consett to Riverside, and the following Volvo B7TL have also been reinstated at Riverside:

- Dual-door Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 6905, 6906, 6907, 6908, 6909, 6910
- Dual-door Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6920, 6921, 6922, 6923, 6924, 6925, 6926, 6927, 6928, 6929, 6930, 6931, 6932, 6933, 6934
- Former East Yorkshire Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6936, 6938, 6939, 6940, 6941

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5213 (NK54 NVH) and 5214 (NK54 NVJ) have both been permanently withdrawn from service at Go North East, and are now being prepared for disposal, with a buyer having been sourced.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5211 (NK54 NVF) has also been permanently withdrawn, and, together with 5223 (NK54 NVW), has been sold to Plymouth Citybus. The earlier examples loaned to East Yorkshire; 5226 (NK54 NVZ), 5231 (NK55 OLM) and 5232 (NK55 OLM), have all now also transferred to Plymouth Citybus, due to their increased vehicle requirement for the Go Cornwall Bus subsidiary.

7 June 2020

Further buses being reinstated since last week include:

- Optare Solo M880/Optare 697 (YJ59 NNH) at Hexham, providing temporary cover on local services to release a seatbelted example for use on scholars services, whilst the coaches are fitted with extra PPE for driving colleagues.
- Optare Solo M880/Optare 703 (YJ10 MFF) at Riverside, for use on a scholars service.
- Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6132 (YN04 GJF) at Riverside, to allow one board on services 26/27 to be converted to double-deck, to allow better social distancing.

Open-top format Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 3999 (574 CPT) has also been taken back out of service from Riverside.

30 May 2020

From Monday 1 June 2020, in line with guidance from the government, Go North East's bus services will start returning to what can be considered a 'normal' level of service on weekdays (albeit still reduced on weekends), also with some minor changes which had originally been planned to take place from 17 May 2020.

The depots which were temporarily 'mothballed' for the duration of the crisis have now re-opened, except for Saltmeadows Road, which is where most of the National Express coaches are stored. The central works facility remains open as usual.

Therefore, the following re-allocations have taken place, to accommodate the 'ramp up' of service levels:

- Optare Solo 625, 627, 628, 631, 632, 633, 691, 692, 693, 694, 696 from Riverside to Percy Main
- Optare Solo 626, 634, 695, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702 reinstated at Percy Main
- Optare Solo 703, 704 re-licensed but remain out of service
- Optare Solo 635 636 637 638 639 647 648 649 650 672 678 reinstated at Deptford
- Optare Solo 646 reinstated at Consett
- Optare Solo 651 reinstated at Chester-le-Street
- Optare Solo 652 from Riverside to Washington
- Optare Solo 657 663 664 665 666 from Deptford to Peterlee
- Optare Solo 673 674 675 676 677 from Hexham to Deptford
- Optare Solo 679 680 681 682 683 from Riverside to Washington
- Optare Solo 684 685 686 687 688 689 690 from Deptford to Washington
- Optare Solo 697 re-licensed but remains out of service
- Optare Solo 706 707 reinstated at Washington
- Optare Solo 708 re-licensed but remains out of service
- Optare Solo 715 716 from Deptford to Washington
- Optare Solo 717 from Peterlee to Consett
- Optare Solo 721 723 reinstated at Hexham
- Optare Solo 722 725 reinstated at Chester-le-Street
- Optare Solo 724 from Riverside to Chester-le-Street
- Mercedes Sprinter 729 730 reinstated at Washington
- Volvo B7TL 3941 3962 3963 3964 3965 reinstated at Riverside
- Volvo B7TL 3942 3943 reinstated at Washington
- Volvo B7TL 3967 3970 3971 3973 3975 3977 3983 re-licensed but remain out of service
- Scania OmniDekka 3995 3996 reinstated at Riverside
- Volvo B7TL open-top 3997 3998 re-licensed but remain out of service
- Volvo B7TL open-top 3999 reinstated at Riverside, for use on staff transport only
- Scania L94 4976 5207 5208 5209 5211 5212 5213 5214 re-licensed but remain out of service
- Scania OmniCity 5238 5239 5240 5241 5242 5249 5250 5251 5252 5253 5264 5265 5266 5269 5272 5273 5274 re-licensed but remain out of service
- Scania OmniCity 5243 5244 5245 5246 5247 5254 5255 5256 5257 5258 5259 5260 5261 5262 5263 reinstated at Washington
- Scania OmniCity 5267 5268 5270 5271 reinstated at Chester-le-Street
- Mercedes Citaro 5276 5277 5278 5279 5280 5281 5282 5283 5284 5293 5294 5295 5296 5297 5305 5306 5307 5308 5309 5310 5311 5312 5313 5314 5315 5316 5317 5318 5320 5321 5322 5323 5324 5325 reinstated at Riverside
- Mercedes Citaro 5285 5286 5287 5288 5289 5290 5291 5292 5326 5327 5328 5329 5330 5331 5332 5333 5334 5335 5336 5337 5338 reinstated at Deptford
- Mercedes Citaro 5298 5299 5300 5301 5302 5303 5304 reinstated at Hexham
- Mercedes Citaro 5358 5359 5360 5361 5362 5363 5364 5365 5366 5367 5368 reinstated at Washington
- Wright Streetlite 5369 5370 5371 5375 5465 5470 5475 reinstated at Deptford
- Optare Versa 5382 5386 5387 5388 reinstated at Riverside
- Optare Versa 5389 5390 from Hexham to Riverside
- Wright Streetlite 5393 5394 5462 reinstated at Riverside
- Wright Streetlite 5395 5396 5397 5399 5400 5401 5402 from Deptford to Chester-le-Street
- Wright Streetlite 5398 5403 reinstated at Chester-le-Street
- Wright Streetlite 5404 5405 5406 5407 5408 5419 from Riverside to Chester-le-Street
- Wright Streetlite 5409 5411 5412 5413 5414 5451 from Deptford to Consett
- Wright Streetlite 5410 5414 5416 5417 5418 5447 reinstated at Consett
- Wright Streetlite 5432 5433 5434 5435 5436 5437 reinstated at Deptford
- Wright Streetlite 5440 5441 5442 5443 5444 5445 from Riverside to Consett
- Mercedes Citaro 5481 5482 5483 5484 5485 5486 5487 reinstated at Deptford
- Volvo B9TL 6001 6002 6003 6004 6005 6006 6007 reinstated at Washington
- Volvo B9TL 6043 6044 from Deptford to Riverside
- Volvo B9TL 6045 6046 6071 6072 6073 6074 6081 6082 6083 reinstated at Riverside
- Volvo B9TL 6047 6048 6075 6076 6077 6078 6079 6080 reinstated at Hexham
- Volvo B9TL 6049 6050 6051 6052 6053 6054 6055 from Deptford to Washington
- Volvo B5LH 6056 6057 6058 6059 6060 6061 6062 6063 6065 6066 6067 6068 6069 6070 reinstated at Percy Main
- Volvo B5LH 6064 re-licensed but remains out of service
- Volvo B9TL 6095 6096 reinstated at Deptford

- Volvo B9TL 6099 6100 6101 6102 6103 6104 6105 6106 6107 6108 6109 6110 6111 6112 6113 6114 6115 6116 from Riverside to Percy Main
- Volvo B9TL 6117 reinstated at Percy Main
- Volvo B9TL 6118 6119 6120 6121 reinstated at Consett
- Scania OmniDekka 6122 6123 6124 6125 6128 6131 6136 6137 6138 6139 6146 reinstated at Riverside
- Scania OmniDekka 6126 6127 6129 6143 6162 6163 6164 6165 6166 reinstated at Chester-le-Street
- Scania OmniDekka 6140 6141 6142 6167 6168 6169 6170 6171 6176 reinstated at Percy Main
- Scania OmniDekka 6132 6133 6134 6135 6144 6145 6147 6148 re-licensed but remain out of service
- Volvo B9TL 6149 6150 6151 6152 6153 6154 6155 6156 6158 6159 6160 6161 reinstated at Consett
- Volvo B9TL 6157 from Deptford to Consett
- Wright StreetDeck 6301 6302 6303 from Riverside to Chester-le-Street
- Wright StreetDeck 6304 6305 6306 6307 6331 6332 6333 from Consett to Chester-le-Street
- Volvo B5TL 6313 6314 reinstated at Riverside
- Wright StreetDeck 6315 6316 6317 6318 6319 6320 6321 6322 6323 6324 6325 6326 6327 6328 6329 6330 from Riverside to Chester-le-Street
- ADL Enviro400MMC 6336 reinstated at Consett
- Volvo B7TL 6901 reinstated at Deptford
- Volvo B7TL 6902 6903 6904 6905 6906 6907 6908 6909 6910 re-licensed but remain out of service
- Volvo B7TL 6911 6912 6913 6914 6915 6916 6917 6918 6919 reinstated at Consett
- Volvo B7TL 6920 6921 6922 6923 6924 6925 6926 6927 6928 6929 6930 6931 6932 6933 6934 re-licensed but remain out of service
- Volvo B7TL 6936 6938 6939 6940 6941 re-licensed but remain out of service
- Scania Levante 7098 7100 7101 7102 reinstated at Hexham
- Volvo B9R 7108 7110 7111 reinstated at Deptford
- Optare Versa 8294 from Riverside to Percy Main
- Optare Versa 8295 8296 8297 8298 8299 8300 8305 8306 8307 8308 8309 8310 8311 8312 8313 8314 8315 8316 8317 8318 8322 8323 8324 8325 8326 8327 8328 8329 8330 8331 8332 8333 8334 8335 8336 8337 8338 reinstated at Riverside
- Optare Versa 8301 8302 8304 8319 8320 8321 reinstated at Chester-le-Street
- Wright Streetlite 8339 reinstated at Riverside
- Optare MetroDecker 9083 reinstated at Percy Main

Driver Training buses have been fitted with extra tables and re-deployed at depots as “bait buses” to allow better social distancing during drivers’ breaks. Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5210 (NK54 NVE) is the only remaining bus in the Driver Training fleet, to assist with training when existing drivers return to work. The others have been distributed as follows:

- 4961 at Washington
- 4962 at Riverside
- 4963 at Percy Main
- 4964 at Riverside
- 4965 at Hexham
- 5202 at Deptford

23 May 2020

There were no fleet movements this week.

17 May 2020

There were no fleet movements this week.

10 May 2020

With an expectant announcement from the government this weekend that some ‘lockdown’ restrictions could be relaxed, there may be an increase in demand for bus services. Therefore, some services are going to be operated by larger vehicles, to allow greater social distancing on-board buses, and Go North East will deploy up to 10 ‘hot spare’ vehicles at key bus stations over the morning and evening peaks.

Re-allocations this week included:

- Optare Solo 677 reinstated at Hexham
- Mercedes Sprinter 729, 730 taken out of service from Hexham

- Wright Streetlite 5372, 5373, 5374, 5376 reinstated at Deptford
- Optare Versa 5383, 5384, 5385 reinstated at Riverside
- Optare Versa 5389, 5390 from Riverside to Hexham
- Wright Streetlite 5442, 5443, 5444, 5445 from Consett to Riverside
- Volvo B9TL 6043, 6044, 6049, 6050, 6051, 6052, 6053, 6054, 6055, 6085 reinstated at Deptford
- Volvo B9TL 6113, 6114, 6115, 6116 reinstated at Riverside
- Volvo B9TL 6157 relicenced and reinstated at Deptford
- Wright StreetDeck 6304, 6305, 6306, 6307 from Riverside to Consett
- Wright StreetDeck 6329 relicenced and reinstated at Riverside
- Wright Streetlite 8344, 8346 reinstated at Riverside

3 May 2020

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite 8345 (NL63 XBP) has been reinstated at Riverside, to be allocated to the Byker ASDA shuttle bus service, providing extra capacity to allow greater social distancing.

26 April 2020

Further service changes have taken place due to the reduced demand for bus services as a result of the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

The following vehicles have been reinstated:

- Volvo B9TL 6109, 6110, 6111, 6112 at Riverside

The following transfers have taken place:

- Optare Solo 663, 664, 665, 666 from Peterlee to Deptford
- Optare Solo 679, 680, 681, 682, 683 from Consett to Riverside
- Wright Streetlite 5442, 5443, 5444, 5445 from Riverside to Consett
- Wright StreetDeck 6331, 6332, 6333 from Riverside to Consett

The following vehicles have been taken out of service:

- Optare Solo 657 from Peterlee
- Wright Streetlite 5373, 5374, 5376, 5414, 5470, 5475 from Deptford
- Wright Streetlite 5445, 5447 from Consett

19 April 2020

Due to extra minibus requirements, Optare Solo M890/Optare 724 (YJ13 HMY) has been reinstated at Riverside. Similar 628 (NK61 DBZ) has also been reinstated, allowing 633 (NK61 FEX) to be taken out of service.

12 April 2020

Further service changes have taken place due to the reduced demand for bus services as a result of the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

The following transfers have taken place:

- Optare Solo 679, 683 from Deptford to Consett
- Optare Solo 680, 681, 682 reinstated at Consett
- Wright Streetlite 5409, 5411, 5412, 5413, 5414, 5415 from Consett to Deptford

The following vehicles have been taken out of service. They will be formally delicensed closer to the end of the month, in order to allow the company to claim a tax refund. They are:

- Optare Solo 684 from Deptford
- Wright Streetlite 5372, 5403 from Deptford
- Optare Versa 5383, 5384, 5385 from Riverside
- Wright Streetlite 5391, 5392, 8339, 8344, 8345, 8346 from Riverside
- Wright Streetlite 5410 from Consett
- Volvo B9TL 6043, 6050, 6051, 6052, 6053, 6085 from Deptford
- Volvo B9TL 6109, 6110, 6111, 6112, 6113, 6114 from Riverside

5 April 2020

Further service changes have taken place due to the reduced demand for bus services as a result of the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

As such, the following vehicles have been taken out of service. They will be formally delicensed closer to the end of the month, in order to allow the company to claim a tax refund. They are:

- Optare Solo 628, 651, 724 from Riverside
- Optare Solo 677, 721, 723 from Hexham
- Optare Solo 680, 681, 682 from Deptford
- Volvo B9TL 6043, 6044, 6054, 6055 from Deptford
- Volvo B9TL 6115, 6116 from Riverside
- Volvo B11RT 7145, 7146, 7147 from Deptford

29 March 2020

Repaints last week included Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5276 (NK07 KPJ) into the 2019 fleet livery. Due to the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, planned repaints will be suspended until further notice.

Due to the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, there is falling customer demand and available resources. Therefore, to combat this during these unprecedented times, Go North East has reduced its service levels from Monday 23 March to run enhanced Sunday timetables rather than the full normal weekday output (Sunday service levels, plus some extra morning journeys for key workers, and a small number of contracted school/works services).

As such, due to the lower number of vehicles being required, the following transfers took place:

- Optare Solo 673, 674, 675, 676, 677 from Deptford to Hexham
- Optare Solo 715, 716 from Consett to Washington
- Optare Solo 717 from Consett to Peterlee
- Mercedes Sprinter 730 from Riverside to Consett
- Volvo B7TLs 3941, 3942, 3963, 3963, 3965 from Chester-le-Street to Riverside
- Scania OmniCitys 5249, 5250, 5251, 5252, 5264, 5266, 5267, 5268, 5270, 5271 from Chester-le-Street to Percy Main
- Wright Streetlite 5420, 5440, 5441, 5451 from Consett to Deptford
- Wright Streetlite 5442, 5443, 5444, 5445 from Consett to Riverside
- Volvo B9TL 6001, 6002, 6003, 6004, 6005 from Washington to Riverside
- Volvo B9TL 6043, 6044 from Chester-le-Street to Riverside
- Volvo B9TL 6047, 6075, 6076 from Hexham to Riverside
- Volvo B9TL 6084 from Deptford to Riverside
- Scania OmniDekka 6132, 6133, 6134, 6135 from Percy Main to Riverside
- Scania OmniDekka 6162, 6163, 6164, 6165, 6166 from Chester-le-Street to Riverside
- Volvo B11RT from Chester-le-Street to Hexham

Saltmeadows Road was also temporarily 'mothballed' as an operational depot, with the scholars services operated out of Riverside Depot instead. As such, Volvo B7TLs 3967, 3970, 3971, 3973, 3975, 3977, 3983 and 6920 – 6934 all transferred from Saltmeadows Road to Riverside.

On March 23 2020, Boris Johnson placed the country on "lockdown", enforcing rules on people only leaving the house to shop for necessities, to exercise once a day, for medical needs or to provide care, or to travel to and from work (if they can't work from home). Shops, pubs, restaurants and theatres have all been closed, as well as mass gatherings being banned, schools being closed, and sporting events being cancelled. Therefore, further changes were made to bus timetables from Saturday 28 March, reflecting a mass reduction in customer demand for buses. As part of these timetable revisions; Chester-le-Street, Percy Main and Washington Depots were temporarily 'mothballed' with services operated out of key depots Consett, Deptford (including Peterlee outstation) and Riverside (including Hexham outstation) only.

Therefore, the following transfers took place:

- Optare Solo 625, 628, 631, 632, 633, 691, 692, 693, 694, 696 from Percy Main to Riverside
- Optare Solo 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 715, 716 from Washington to Deptford
- Mercedes Sprinter 730 from Consett to Hexham
- Wright Streetlite 5440, 5441 from Deptford to Riverside
- Volvo B9TL 6043, 6044 from Riverside to Deptford
- Volvo B9TL 6084 from Riverside to Deptford
- Volvo B9TL 6099, 6101, 6102, 6103, 6104, 6105, 6106, 6107, 6108, 6109, 6110, 6111, 6112, 6113, 6114, 6115, 6116 from Percy Main to Riverside
- Wright StreetDeck 6301, 6302, 6303, 6304, 6305, 6306, 6307, 6315, 6316, 6317, 6318, 6319, 6320, 6321, 6322, 6323, 6324, 6325, 6326, 6327, 6328, 6330, 6331, 6332, 6333 from Chester-le-Street to Riverside

- Volvo B11RT 7142, 7148 from Chester-le-Street to Hexham
- Volvo B11RT 7145, 7146, 7147 from Chester-le-Street to Deptford

After these transfers took place, the following vehicles were then delicensed:

- Volvo B5LH 6056, 6057, 6058, 6059, 6060, 6061, 6062, 6063, 6064, 6065, 6066, 6067, 6068, 6069, 6070
- Volvo B5TL 6313, 6314
- Volvo B7TL 3967, 3970, 3971, 3973, 3975, 3977, 3983
- Volvo B7TL 3997, 3998, 3999, 6920, 6921, 6922, 6923, 6924, 6925, 6926, 6927, 6928, 6929, 6930, 6931, 6932, 6933, 6934, 6936, 6938, 6939, 6940, 6941
- Volvo B7TL 3941, 3942, 3943, 3962, 3963, 3964, 3965, 6901, 6902, 6903, 6904, 6905, 6906, 6907, 6908, 6909, 6910, 6911, 6912, 6913, 6914, 6915, 6916, 6917, 6918, 6919
- Volvo B9TL 6001, 6002, 6003, 6004, 6005, 6006, 6007, 6045, 6046, 6047, 6048, 6071, 6072, 6073, 6074, 6075, 6076, 6077, 6078, 6079, 6080, 6081, 6082, 6083, 6095, 6096, 6117, 6118, 6119, 6120, 6121, 6149, 6150, 6151, 6152, 6153, 6154, 6155, 6156, 6157, 6158, 6159, 6160, 6161
- Optare MetroDecker 9083
- ADL Enviro400MMC 6336
- Scania OmniDekka 3995, 3996, 6122, 6123, 6124, 6125, 6126, 6127, 6128, 6129, 6131, 6132, 6133, 6134, 6135, 6136, 6137, 6138, 6139, 6140, 6141, 6142, 6143, 6144, 6145, 6146, 6147, 6148, 6162, 6163, 6164, 6165, 6166, 6167, 6168, 6169, 6171, 6176
- Wright StreetDeck 6329
- Scania L94UB 4961, 4962, 4963, 4964, 4965, 4976, 5202, 5207, 5208, 5209, 5210, 5211, 5212, 5213, 5214
- Scania OmniCity 5238, 5239, 5240, 5241, 5242, 5243, 5244, 5245, 5246, 5247, 5249, 5250, 5251, 5252, 5253, 5254, 5255, 5256, 5257, 5258, 5259, 5260, 5261, 5262, 5263, 5264, 5265, 5266, 5267, 5268, 5269, 5270, 5271, 5272, 5273, 5274
- Mercedes Citaro 5275, 5276, 5277, 5278, 5279, 5280, 5281, 5282, 5283, 5284, 5285, 5286, 5287, 5288, 5289, 5290, 5291, 5292, 5293, 5294, 5295, 5296, 5297, 5298, 5299, 5300, 5301, 5302, 5303, 5304, 5305, 5306, 5307, 5308, 5309, 5310, 5311, 5312, 5313, 5314, 5315, 5316, 5317, 5318, 5320, 5321, 5322, 5323, 5324, 5325, 5326, 5327, 5328, 5329, 5330, 5331, 5332, 5333, 5334, 5335, 5336, 5337, 5338, 5358, 5359, 5360, 5361, 5362, 5363, 5364, 5365, 5366, 5367, 5368, 5481, 5482, 5483, 5484, 5485, 5486, 5487
- Wright Streetlite 5369, 6370, 5371, 5375, 5393, 5394, 5416, 5417, 5418, 5432, 5433, 5434, 5435, 5436, 5437, 5459, 5462, 5465
- Optare Versa 5382, 5386, 5387, 5388, 8294, 8295, 8296, 8297, 8298, 8299, 8300, 8301, 8302, 8304, 8305, 8306, 8307, 8308, 8309, 8310, 8311, 8312, 8313, 8314, 8315, 8316, 8317, 8318, 8319, 8320, 8321, 8322, 8323, 8324, 8325, 8326, 8327, 8328, 8329, 8330, 8331, 8332, 8333, 8334, 8335, 8336, 8337, 8338
- Optare Solo 626, 627, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 672, 678, 695, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 706, 707, 708, 722, 725
- Volvo B9R 7104, 7105, 7106, 7107, 7108, 7109, 7110, 7111, 7112
- Volvo B11RT 7120, 7121, 7122, 7123, 7124, 7125, 7126, 7127, 7128, 7129, 7130, 7131, 7132, 7133, 7134, 7135, 7136, 7137, 7138, 7139, 7140, 7141, 7142, 7143, 7144, 7148, 7149
- Scania K340EB 7098, 7100, 7101, 7102

22 March 2020

Repaints last week included Optare Solo M890/Optare 695 (YJ13 HOA) into "Little Coasters" livery, and Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5281 (NK07 KPR) and 5282 (NK07 KPT) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Due to contract loss and service changes, the following Optare Solo have transferred out of Percy Main:

- 650 (NL63 XZX) to Deptford, for use on service 38.
- 651 (NL63 XZY) to Riverside, for use as an additional spare minibus.
- 652 (NL63 XZZ) to Riverside, for use on service M6/M7/M8.
- 724 (YJ13 HMY) to Riverside, for use on services 67/69.
- 725 (YA13 AAE) to Riverside, for use on services 67/69.

The inward transfer of the above Optare Solos to Riverside has led to several vehicles being put into a float/reserve capacity. To be used initially as repaint float vehicles, they will then transfer to Percy Main to assist with the operation of additional seasonal work. These are Optare Solo M880/Optare 697 (YJ59 NNH) and Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5240 (NK56 KHH), 5241 (NK56 KHJ) and 5242 (NK56 KHL). As such, float Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5486 (HW07 CXX) and 5487 (HW07 CXY) are now on the main fleet allocation at Riverside, allowing Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5219 (NK54 NVP) and 5223 (NK54 NVW) to be withdrawn from service at Riverside.

The transfer of 650 (NL63 XZX) into Deptford has resulted in the cascade of Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5485 (HW07 CXV) to Deptford, and in turn the transfer of Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5239 (NK56 KHG) to Percy Main, allowing Optare Solo M880/Optare 705 (YJ10 MFN) to be withdrawn.

Also due to contract loss, Optare Solo M710SE/Optare 709 (WK58 EAJ) has been withdrawn from service at Percy Main.

Scania K340EB/Caetano Levante 7098 (JCN 822) has transferred from Riverside Depot's Driver Training fleet to Hexham, for use as a spare vehicle on the scholars contracts in operation at Hexham, following the earlier sale of sister 7099.

Withdrawn Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5224 (NK54 NVX) has been sold to Davis Motors, Ruthin.

15 March 2020

Repaints last week included Optare Solo M890/Optare 628 (NK61 DBZ) into "Little Coasters" livery. Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6004 (NK11 BHE) has also lost its branding for the "Red Arrows", having been stripped of all vinyls, ahead of the introduction of new vehicles to this service in May.

There were no fleet movements last week.

8 March 2020

Repaints last week included Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5278 (NK07 KPN) and 5279 (NK07 KPO) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6143 (YN04 GKA) is no longer a float/reserve vehicle and now forms part of the main fleet allocation at Riverside. It has replaced former East Yorkshire Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6935 (X508 EGK) which has suffered defects uneconomical to repair.

Float Optare Solo M890/Optare 636 (NK61 FMD) is now allocated to Percy Main to provide cover for the remaining "Little Coasters" branded Optare Solo repaints.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5226 (NK54 NVZ) has now been withdrawn from service at Riverside and, together with 5231 (NK55 OLJ), has transferred to East Yorkshire on temporary loan.

1 March 2020

The final coach to be repainted as part of the ongoing work into the new Northern Coaching unit is Scania K340EB/Caetano Levante 7098 (JCN 822) into Voyager livery. Notable is the allocation of the registration mark JCN822: this registration mark being allocated to Leyland Tiger/Plaxton Paramount 7038 (E116 Kfv) from 1990 to 1997 whilst a part of the Northern fleet in Voyager livery.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6143 (YN04 GKA) has transferred from Chester-le-Street to Riverside, as a float/reserve vehicle.

Withdrawn Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5232 (NK55 OLM) has transferred to East Yorkshire on temporary loan, although has in fact been sold to Plymouth Citybus, where it will transfer onward in a few weeks time, for their expanding Go Cornwall Bus operation, following the award of a large number of contracts previously held by First Group.

23 February 2020

Repaints last week included Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5280 (NK07 KPP) into the 2019 fleet livery, and Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante 7110 (BF63 ZRC) into Armstrong Galley livery, as part of the ongoing work into the new Northern Coaching unit.

There have been no fleet movements during the week, but a number of vehicles in the fleet have been re-registered. These are:

- 7098, which has received registration mark JCN822 (from 3962, which has re-gained its original registration NK06JXE)
- 7108, which has received registration mark A10EYC (from 7144, which has re-gained its original registration FJ11GJZ)

- 7110, which has received registration mark FCU190 (from 3943, which has re-gained its original registration NK05GZR)
- 7111, which has received registration mark N21GNE (from 5321, which has re-gained its original registration NK58DVX).

16 February 2020

Following the recent application of the Public Service Vehicle Accessibility Regulations (PSVAR), Go North East is raising the profile of its small contracted coach operation with newer vehicles being cascaded from its other operations and is grouping its 100% PSVAR wheelchair accessible fleet together under a new 'Northern Coaching' banner which will see each coach painted in a different retro colour scheme reflecting the glory days of British coaching from across the North of England. Designed to evoke some nostalgia with a fun modern twist, it has currently brought back the names of "Charterplan", on repainted Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante coach 7108 (BF63 ZPZ), and "OK", on repainted coach 7111 (BF63 ZRY). Also repainted last week was Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5277 (NK07 KPL), into the 2019 fleet livery.

Former East Yorkshire Volvo B5TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3 797 (BX14 SYT), now numbered 6335 within the Go North East fleet, has entered service at Riverside. It has been repainted into the "spare bus" X-lines livery and existing seats replaced with high-back Esteban Civic V3 seats trimmed in Go North East's new moquette, with cream headrests. It should see primary allocation to services X9/X10 (Newcastle – Middlesbrough), as well as the Tyne Valley Ten 10/10A/10B services when not required to run on the X9/X10.

9 February 2020

Repaints last week included Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5287 (NK08 CFX) and 5291 (NK08 CGG) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Service revisions came into effect from Sunday 26 January which saw revised bus workings at Riverside for operational efficiencies and to improve reliability on service 6. As such, Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaros 5275 – 5282 are all to undergo repaint into fleet livery (from Blaydon Racer and Citylink). Following completion of the last remaining "Wear Xpress" branded Citaro, float 5486 (HW07 CXX) and 5487 (HW07 CXY) have now transferred from Deptford to Riverside, in order to provide cover whilst 5275 – 5282 undergo repaint.

2 February 2020

Repaints last week included Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6166 (YN54 AOT) and Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5290 (NK08 CGF) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6166 (YN54 AOT) is now in service at Chester-le-Street, so similar 6143 (YN04 GKA) is now in a float/reserve capacity to allow cover for 6162 – 6164 to undergo seat re-trim.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5230 (NK55 OLH) has been sold to Coachpoint Ltd.

26 January 2020

Repaints last week included Wright StreetDeck 6331 (NK67 GNZ) into the blue variant of X-lines livery for service X21.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5230 (NK55 OLH) has transferred from Deptford to Riverside, in order to replace similar 5231 (NK55 OLJ) which has been withdrawn. 5230 (NK55 OLH) was also later withdrawn from service at Riverside that week. Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5232 (NK55 OLM) has also been withdrawn from service at Riverside.

Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6084 (NL63 XBS) has transferred from Riverside to Deptford, displacing recently refurbished 6099 (NL63 YJC) to Percy Main.

As a result of service changes, there have been a large number of vehicle movements this week:

Optare Solo SR M900/Optare 637, 638 and 639 (NK12 HCD/HCE/HCF) have transferred from Riverside to Deptford, allowing the similar pre-owned examples 718, 719 and 720 (YJ62 FMA/FME/FYH) to transfer from Deptford to Consett, to operate the new 30/31/32 services which operate from Stanley to Lanchester, East Stanley and Annfield Plain.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6143 (YN04 GKA) has transferred from Percy Main to Chester-le-Street, displacing Vovlo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 6912 (LX06 EBO) from Chester-le-Street to Consett and Volvo

B7TL/Plaxton President 6932 (LX54 GZW) from Consett to Saltmeadows. Dual-door Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 6911 (LX06 EBN) has also transferred from Riverside to Consett.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6146 (YN55 NFE) has transferred from Chester-le-Street to Riverside, whilst Volvo B9TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6043 (NK12 GCO) and 6044 (NK12 GCU), as well as dual-door Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 6910 (LX06 EBM), have transferred from Riverside to Chester-le-Street. The two Volvo B9s should be allocated to "X-lines" service X21, following service changes on this route requiring more vehicles.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Micro-Hybrid 5419 (NK15 EOL) has transferred from Consett to Chester-le-Street. Scania CN230UB/Scania OmniCity 5262 (NK56 KJX) and 5263 (NK56 KJY) have transferred from Chester-le-Street to Washington, displacing Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5486 (HW07 CXX) and 5487 (HW07 CXY) to Deptford, acting as float vehicles, covering for the repaints on the similar examples still branded as "Wear Xpress".

In order to isolate dual-door configuration Volvo B7TLs at Saltmeadows, with provincial specification vehicles allocated to Riverside (where they are more likely to be allocated to services on the frontline core commercial network).

- 3967, 3970, 3971, 3973, 3975, 3977, 3983 from Riverside to Saltmeadows
- 6920, 6921, 6922, 6923, 6924, 6925, 6926, 6927, 6928, 6929, 6930, 6931 from Riverside to Saltmeadows
- 3995, 3996, 6122, 6123, 6124, 6125, 6128, 6131, 6136, 6137, 6138, 6139 from Saltmeadows to Riverside
- 6935, 6936, 6938, 6939, 6940, 6941 from Saltmeadows to Riverside.

Vehicles sold this week included Optare Solo M950/Optare 710, 711, 712, 713 and 714 (WK59 CWU/CWW/CWX/CWY/CWZ) to Scarlet Band, West Cornforth, and Scania K340EB/Caetano Levante 7096 (FJ08 KLU) to Weardale Motor Services.

19 January 2020

Repaints last week included Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6129 (GX03 SVD) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Following repaint, Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6129 (GX03 SVD) has transferred from Saltmeadows to Riverside, in exchange for similar 3996 (GX03 STZ) which is now allocated to Saltmeadows.

Similarly, Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6165 (YN54 AOR) is now in service at Chester-le-Street following repaint, displacing dual-door Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 6910 (LX06 EBM) to Riverside. In turn, 6136 (GX03 SUA) has transferred from Riverside to Saltmeadows, allowing 6166 (YN54 AOT) to be taken out of service from Saltmeadows for paint preparation and re-trim.

Former East Yorkshire Volvo B5TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3 796 (BF63 HDC), now numbered 6334 within the Go North East fleet, has entered service at Riverside. It has been repainted into the "spare bus" X-lines livery and existing seats replaced with high-back Esteban Civic V3 seats trimmed in Go North East's new moquette, with cream headrests. It should see primary allocation to services X9/X10 (Newcastle – Middlesbrough).

Scania K340EB/Caetano Levante 7099 (FJ08 KMU) has been withdrawn from service at Hexham and sold to Cochranes Coaches, Peterlee. Other vehicles sold include; Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Vyking 3974 (PJ02 PZA), Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4989 (YN51 MKV) and Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5229 (NK55 OLG), all for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade. The final former Metrobus Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity, 566 (YN08 OAY), brought up to the North East for spares recovery, has also been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade, for scrap.

12 January 2020

Repaints last week included Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6127 (GX03 SVA) and 6165 (YN54 AOR) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Following repaint, Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6127 (GX03 SVA) has transferred from Saltmeadows to Riverside, in exchange for similar 3995 (GX03 SSZ) which is now allocated to Saltmeadows.

ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 6337 (YY64 GWX) has now entered service at Consett.

Volvo B5LH/Wright Eclipse Gemini 2 6064 (NK62 CLZ) has been taken out of service at Percy Main. Expected to be off service for a number of months; this vehicle will be the first in the fleet to undergo removal of the Hybrid system, alternatively being fitted with a Euro 6 diesel engine. The work will be carried out at East Yorkshire's depot in Scarborough, following the work done to their Hybrid vehicles previously. It is expected to be replaced in the fleet at Percy Main in the interim by 6099 (NL63 YJC) from Deptford.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4944 (NK51 OLH) has been sold to A&A Coach Travel, Tockwith.

5 January 2020

Repaints last week included Mercedes Citaro 0530N/Mercedes Citaro 5289 (NK08 CGE) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5231 (NK55 OLJ) and 5232 (NK55 OLM), previously float/reserve vehicles, have now transferred from Deptford to Riverside, forming part of the main fleet allocation, allowing 5221 (NK54 NVU) and 5222 (NK54 NVV) to be withdrawn from service at Riverside.

A number of Scania L94UB/Wright Solar have been sold. These are:

- 4949 (NK51 OLP) for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.
- 4990 (YN51 MKX) for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade
- 5220 (NK54 NVT) to GEM Travel, Tanfield Lea
- 5221 (NK54 NVU) to Southdown PSV, Copthorne
- 5222 (NK54 NVV) to Southdown PSV, Copthorne
- 5225 (NK54 NVY) to GEM Travel, Tanfield Lea
- 5227 (NK54 NWA) to PRC (1) Limited

New Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 3 coaches, 7145 – 7149 (BV69 KPF/KPG/KPJ/KPK/KRD), have now entered service at Chester-le-Street. This has allowed Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante coaches 7105 (BF63 ZPV), 7106 (BF63 ZPW), 7108 (BF63 ZPZ), 7110 (BF63 ZRC) and 7111 (BF63 ZRY) to be taken out of service at Chester-le-Street. They are being used on Rail Replacement each weekend until 3 March 2020, with two stored and maintenance carried out at Deptford Depot during the week.

2019

29 December 2019

Repaints last week included Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6126 (GX03 SUY) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Following repaint, Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6126 (GX03 SUY) has transferred from Saltmeadows to Riverside, in exchange for similar 6131 (YN04 GJE) which is now allocated to Saltmeadows.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5230 (NK55 OLH), previously a float/reserve vehicle, now forms part of the main fleet allocation at Deptford, following the end of the Ferry Replacement contract which it was operating previously. This has displaced Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8299 (NK09 FUY) to Riverside.

The earlier transfer of Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6931 (LX54 GZV), paired with this week's transfer of 8299 (NK09 FUY), has allowed for the withdrawal of Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5220 (NK54 NVT) and 5225 (NK54 NVY) from Riverside.

22 December 2019

Repaints last week included Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5274 (NK56 KKL) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6164 (YN54 AOP) is now in service at Chester-le-Street, which has displaced Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 6913 (LX06 EBP) to Consett, and hence Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6931 (LX54 GZV) to Riverside.

Mercedes Citaro 0530N/Mercedes Citaro 5487 (HW07 CXY) and Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 6905 – 6909 (LX06 EBF/EBG/EBJ/EBK/EBL) have transferred from Deptford to Washington following the completion of the roof works and installation at Washington.

New coaches delivered for National Express, and now under preparation for service, are Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 3s 7145 (BV69 KPF), 7146 (BV69 KPG), 7147 (BV69 KPJ), 7148 (BV69 KPK) and 7149 (BV69 KRD).

Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6937 (MF51 MBX) has been sold to Bristol Bus & Coach Sales.

15 December 2019

To commemorate the upcoming “farewell” to the iconic Scania L94 vehicle type in the Go North East fleet, an event was held on Sunday 15 December to mark the occasion at the company’s Saltmeadows Road Depot in Gateshead. Launched at the event, Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5232 (NK55 OLM) was treated to a partial front-end repaint into the traditional red, yellow and blue fleet livery, which many of the type wore when new.

There were no fleet movements last week.

8 December 2019

Repaints last week included Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6164 (YN54 AOP) and Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5272 (NK56 KKH) into the 2019 fleet livery, and Volvo B5TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3 797 (BX14 SYT) into the generic grey/charcoal Xlines livery. This vehicle is now numbered 6335 within the Go North East fleet.

There were no fleet movements last week, but the final V-reg Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TL, 6033 (V233 LGC), has been sold. This one has been sold as a runner to A&A Coach Travel, Tockwith.

1 December 2019

Repaints last week included Optare Solo M890/Optare 632 (NK61 FEV) into Little Coasters livery.

Float Optare Solo M890/Optare 635 (NK61 FJP) has transferred from Consett to Peterlee.

Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5481 (HW07 CXR) has transferred from Riverside to Deptford, in exchange for Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8296 (NK09 FUU), as a continuation of the vehicle re-allocations last week to allow for the withdrawal of the five “Metrocentre Mini” branded Optare Solos.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6137 (GX03 SVF) has transferred from Consett to Saltmeadows following the entry into service of ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 6336 (YX64 VOO) at Consett, in order to allow former Brighton & Hove Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6165 (YN54 AOR) to be taken out of service from Saltmeadows.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6163 (YN54 AOM) is now in service at Chester-le-Street, leading to the transfer of dual-door Wright Eclipse Gemini bodied Volvo B7TL 6914 (LX06 EBU) from Chester-le-Street to Consett, then 6930 (LX54 GZU) to Riverside. This has displaced 6139 (GX03 SVJ) from Riverside to Saltmeadows, to enable the withdrawal of ex-East Yorkshire Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6937 (MF51 MBX).

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5215 (NK54 NVL) has been sold to Davies Motors, Ruthin, while Mercedes Citaro 0350N/Mercedes Citaro 5319 (NK08 MZW) has been sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade, following completion of the thermal incident investigation.

24 November 2019

Repaints last week included Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6163 (YN54 AOM) into the 2019 fleet livery, and Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8319 (NK11 FXB) into a special commemorative Northern livery to advertised and support Beamish Museum’s Northern Bus Garage, which was publicly launched on Friday 22 November.

Optare Solo M950/Optare 710 – 714 (WK59 CWU/CWW/CWX/CWY/CWZ) have been withdrawn from service at Riverside. Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8294, 8295, 8297, 8298 (NK09 FUP/FUT/FUV/FUW) have transferred to Riverside in lieu. Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5227 (NK54 NWA) has also been withdrawn from service at Riverside, having been used as a taxi/staff shuttle vehicle for the past few weeks following the entry into service of the new ADL Enviro200s on “Green Arrow” service 97.

Float Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5231 (NK55 OLJ) has transferred from Percy Main to Deptford.

Dual-door Volvo B7TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 6911 (LX06 EBN) has transferred from Chester-le-Street to Riverside.

Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5235 (NK56 KHC) has transferred to East Yorkshire, whilst Volvo B5TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3 797 (BX14 SYT) has been transferred to the Go North East fleet, now numbered 6335.

Two demonstrator vehicles acquired for the X9/X10 services at Riverside are ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 9077 (YX19 ONU) in a striking pink livery to raise awareness for breast cancer and Volvo B8RLE/Plaxton Panther LE 9069 (YX19 MMF). They are both here for a two-week loan period.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4967 (NK53 UNT) has been sold to Davies Motors, Ruthin, while 5228 (NK54 NWB) has been sold to Coachpoint Ltd, Farnborough.

17 November 2019

Repaints last week included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite 8345 (NL63 XBP) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 636 (NK61 FXD) has transferred from Percy Main to Riverside, with similar 724 (YJ13 HMY) transferring in the opposite direction.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4932 (Y932 ERG) has been sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

Due to extra vehicle requirements; float Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5230 (NK55 OLH) and 5232 (NK55 OLM), as well as Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8297 (NK09 FUV), have all transferred from Percy Main Depot to Deptford. Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6164 (YN54 AOP) has similarly returned to service at Saltmeadows, still in Brighton & Hove base livery.

ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 6336 (YX64 VOO) has entered service at Consett.

10 November 2019

Repaints last week included Wright StreetDeck 6301 (NK16 BXA) into the 2019 fleet livery and former East Yorkshire Volvo B5TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3 796 (BF63 HDC) into the generic grey/charcoal Xlines livery. This vehicle is now numbered 6334 within the Go North East fleet.

The three new ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMCs for Consett – 6338, 6339 and 6340 – entered service at Consett on Saturday 9 November 2019, having been treated to a partial repaint at the rear into a darker green base livery at Thorntons prior to entering service. A publicity launch took place at Tanfield Railway to mark the investment on Sunday 10 November.

As a result, the four East Lancs OmniDekka bodied Scania N94UDs have been displaced as follows

- 6123 and 6128 Consett to Saltmeadows
- 6136 Consett to Riverside
- 6162 Consett to Chester-le-Street

As 6337 (YY64 GWX) is not yet ready to enter service, Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6137 (GX03 SVF) has transferred from Saltmeadows to Consett. The four similar examples allocated previously were due safety inspection this week and therefore could not remain at Consett.

Due to the return of the buses which temporarily transferred to Consett, 6164 (YN54 AOP) has now been withdrawn from service at Saltmeadows Road for paint preparation.

The final V-reg Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TL in the fleet, 6033 (V233 LGC), has now been withdrawn from service at Riverside due to MOT expiry.

3 November 2019

Repaints last week included Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5273 (NK56 KKJ) into the 2019 fleet livery and former East Yorkshire ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 794 (YX64 VOO) into the generic grey/charcoal Xlines livery. This vehicle is now numbered 6336 within the Go North East fleet.

The three open-top format Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TLs at Percy Main – 3997, 3998 and 3999 – have been temporarily delicensed over the winter season.

Mercedes-Benz 516CDI Sprinter/EVM VS30 Cityline 729 (NK69 FAA) is now in service at Riverside.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solars withdrawn are 5224 (NK54 NVX) from Riverside due to a PVR reduction on "Loop" services 93/94, 5228 (NK54 NWB) from Riverside due to the entry into service of the new ADL Enviro200 vehicles on "Green Arrow" service 97, and 5229 (NK55 OLG) from Percy Main due to the return from refurbishment of most of the Volvo B9 on "Cobalt & Coast" services 309/310.

27 October 2019

Repaints last week included Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6162 (YN04 GJK) into the 2019 fleet livery and Optare Solo M880/Optare 704 (YJ10 MFK) into Little Coasters livery.

ADL Enviro 200MMC 5488 (NK69 FAU) has now been delivered, and is undergoing preparation for service at Saltmeadows Road; whilst 5493, 5494, 5496 and 5497 have now entered service at Riverside. Withdrawn as a consequence are Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4944 (NK51 OLH) and Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5234 (NK56 KHB), 5235 (NK56 KHC) and 5237 (NK56 KHE). The latter three are expected to transfer to East Yorkshire imminently.

Due to delay of the three new ADL Enviro 400MMCs entering service at Consett; a further swap of Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekkas have taken place in line with vehicle safety inspections being completed, with 6122, 6124, 6125 and 6138 returning to Saltmeadows from Consett, and 6123, 6128 and 6136 taking their place at Consett from Saltmeadows. Ex-Brighton & Hove Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6162 (YN04 GJK) has also now entered service, temporarily at Consett. Similar 6163 (YN54 AOM) has been taken out of service from the Saltmeadows Road school fleet to be repainted.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekkas 3995, 3996 and 6131 have now transferred from Percy Main to Riverside to operate the private scholars contract 850/851.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5217 (NK54 NVN) has been sold for preservation to the Northern National Restoration Group.

20 October 2019

Repaints last week included former East Yorkshire ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 795 (YY64 GWX) into the generic grey/charcoal Xlines livery. This vehicle is now numbered 6337 within the Go North East fleet.

The delivery of new vehicles continues, with the latest being Mercedes-Benz 516CDI Sprinter/EVM VS30 Cityline 729 (NK69 FAA). As such, 9071 (BU55 EVM) has been returned to EVM following its loan period to Go North East.

Further new ADL Enviro 200MMCs into service at Riverside are 5491 and 5498. This has allowed for the withdrawal of Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5236 (NK56 KHD) from the fleet at Riverside, which was subsequently transferred to East Yorkshire along with the return of Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TL 9073 (MF51 LZX) following its loan period to Go North East.

Further pre-owned buses acquired from East Yorkshire include ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 794 (YX64 VOO) and Volvo B5TL/Wright Eclipse Gemini 3 796 (BF63 HDC). They have been re-numbered 6336 and 6334 respectively. East Yorkshire 797 (BX14 SYT) will also be amalgamated into the Go North East fleet soon.

As driving colleagues have faced issues navigating the vehicles around the route on the private scholars contract they have been allocated to at Riverside, long wheelbase Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekkas 6167 (YN56 FFG), 6168 (YN56 FFH) and 6169 (YN56 FFJ) have transferred to Percy Main. After the school holidays, they will be swapped for three short wheelbase examples in the short-term, but the longer-term plan is to repaint the three black examples allocated to this route previously, when there is a gap in the paint schedule to accommodate this. Alternative plans are being reviewed to combat the high passenger loadings (which was the reason for the allocation of the longer vehicles from September).

13 October 2019

Repaints last week included Wright StreetDeck 6332 (NK67 GOA) into the blue variant of the Xlines livery.

ADL Enviro 200MMC 5498 (NK69 FBN), which was displayed at the ADL stand at Coach & Bus UK, held at the NEC, Birmingham, on 2 - 3 October 2019, has now been delivered. This bus carries the 2019 fleet livery and will be the spare bus for the "Green Arrow" 97 route.

The three new ADL Enviro400MMC vehicles for "X-lines" service X30 have also been delivered. These are:

- 6338 (YX69 NPA), which surrendered its original registration (NK69 FAJ) prior to delivery.
- 6339 (YX69 NPC), which surrendered its original registration (NK69 FAM) prior to delivery.
- 6340 (YX69 NPD), which surrendered its original registration (NK69 FAO) prior to delivery.

All are currently being prepared for service at the Saltmeadows Road central bodyshop facility. They received different registration marks prior to delivery to allow the vehicles to be registered and taxed sooner, following delays to the tax on the Enviro200MMC vehicles. Although it was originally anticipated that Go North East would be able to re-register these vehicles to their originally intended registration marks with the local 'NK' identifier, the DVLA have since confirmed that this is not possible.

Due to the delayed delivery of the Enviro400MMC vehicles, several temporary allocation changes have taken place, as changes were made to driver duties and boards based on the new double-deck buses being in service at Consett.

This includes the entry into service of Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekkas 6163, 6164, 6165 and 6166 at Saltmeadows Road in Brighton & Hove base livery, allowing similar 6122, 6124, 6125 and 6138 to transfer to Consett to operate service X30, pending the entry into service of the new vehicles. This has displaced Mercedes Citaro 0530N/Mercedes Citaro 5481 (HW07 CXR) to Riverside and 5482 (HW07 CXS), 5483 (HW07 CXT) and 5484 (HW07 CXU) to Deptford.

Withdrawn as a result are Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllennium Vyking 3974 (PJ02 PZA) from Riverside, Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4949 (NK51 OLP) from Deptford, and Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 9073 (MF51 LZX) from Consett.

Also withdrawn is Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4989 (YN51 MKV) at Percy Main, temporarily replaced in the fleet by 636 (NK61 FXD) which has transferred in from Hexham following the end of the seasonal AD122 service. Similar 635 (NK61 FJP) is also in use at Consett over the winter season.

The first four new vehicles for "Green Arrow" service 97 are now in service; these are 5489, 5490, 5492 and 5495. Withdrawn as a result are Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4967 (NK53 UNT) and Optare Versa V1170 Hybrid 9084 (YJ64 DZM), the latter of which has now been returned to Optare following its loan period to Go North East.

Several Wright Solar bodied Scania L94s have been sold. These are as follows:

- 4938 (NK51 OKX) for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.
- 4941 (NK51 OLC) for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade
- 4947 (NK51 OLN) for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade
- 4948 (NK51 OLO) for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade
- 5201 (NK54 NUU) to A-line Coaches, Pelaw.

6 October 2019

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 625 (NK11 HBB) into "Little Coasters" livery, and Wright StreetDeck 6306 (NK16 BXF) into the blue variant of the Xlines livery.

New ADL Enviro 200MMC vehicles received for the "Green Arrow" 97 service are as follows:

- 5491 (NK69 FBC)
- 5493 (NK69 FBE)
- 5496 (NK69 FBJ)
- 5497 (NK69 FBL)

All are currently being prepared for service at the Saltmeadows Road central bodyshop facility.

The first of the two new Mercedes-Benz 516CDI Sprinter/EVM VS30 Cityline vehicles for the NHS contract has been delivered. Registered as NK69 FAF, this has been numbered 730 within the fleet at Go North East. It is currently undergoing preparation for service at Riverside. Notably; this vehicle was displayed at the EVM stand at Coach & Bus UK, held at the NEC, Birmingham, on 2 - 3 October 2019.

Five former Brighton & Hove East Lancs OmniDekka bodied Scania N94UD double-deck vehicles have been acquired. These are:

- 623 (YN04 GJK), now numbered 6162 within the Go North East fleet.
- 637 (YN54 AOM), now numbered 6163 within the Go North East fleet.
- 639 (YN54 AOP), now numbered 6164 within the Go North East fleet.
- 640 (YN54 AOR), now numbered 6165 within the Go North East fleet.
- 641 (YN54 AOT), now numbered 6166 within the Go North East fleet.

East Yorkshire ADL Trident 2/ADL Enviro 400MMC 795 (YY64 GWX) has also been acquired by Go North East and re-numbered 6337. This vehicle was previously in use at Go North East as a demonstrator vehicle as fleet number 9109, being loaned to Go North East during July 2015. It is of high-specification, featuring high-back leather seats and tables on the upper saloon, and will complement the new vehicles of the same type being introduced to the Consett fleet later this month.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4990 (YN54 MKX) has now been withdrawn, having been replaced in the fleet at Deptford in September, while Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllennium Vyking 3976 (PJ02 PZC) has been sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

29 September 2019

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 633 (NK61 FEX) into "Little Coasters" livery, and Wright StreetDeck 6302 (NK16 BXB) into the 2019 fleet livery.

New ADL Enviro 200MMC vehicles received for the "Green Arrow" 97 service are as follows:

- 5489 (NK69 FBA)
- 5490 (NK69 FBB)
- 5492 (NK69 FBD)
- 5494 (NK69 FBF)
- 5495 (NK69 FBG)

All are currently being prepared for service at the Saltmeadows Road central bodyshop facility.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5216 (NK54 NVM), which had suffered defects uneconomical to repair, has been donated to 1st Burnmoor Scout Group, while former Metrobus Scania OmniCity 564 (YN08 OAW) has been sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

22 September 2019

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 626 (NK61 DBX) into "Little Coasters" livery, and Wright StreetDeck 6305 (NK16 BXE) into the blue variant of the Xlines livery.

Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8294 (NK09 FUP), in a float/reserve capacity, has returned to Chester-le-Street.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4947 (NK51 OLN) has been withdrawn from service at Riverside, having suffered defects uneconomical to repair, ahead of the delivery of the new ADL Enviro 200MMCs for the "Green Arrow" 97 service next week.

A temporary swap of Optare Versas has taken place between Riverside and Chester-le-Street due to contact changes. They are expected to return to their respective home depots after fitment of Euro 6 SCRTs:

- Optare Versas 8301, 8302, 8304, 8305 and 8306 (NK09 FVB/C/E/F/G) have transferred from Riverside to Chester-le-Street.
- Optare Versas 8320, 8321, 8322, 8323 and 8324 (NK11 FXC/D/E/F/G) have transferred from Chester-le-Street to Riverside.

Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6010 (V310 LGC) has been sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

15 September 2019

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 627 (NK61 DBY) into "Little Coasters" livery, and Wright StreetDeck 6303 (NK16 BXC) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8294 (NK09 FUP) and 8297 (NK09 FUV) have transferred from Deptford to Percy Main, in a float/reserve capacity, while Percy Main have transferred Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6139 (GX03 SVJ) to Riverside.

Having suffered defects uneconomical to repair, Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6010 (V310 LGC) has been withdrawn from service at Riverside.

8 September 2019

Repaints last week included Wright StreetDeck 6307 (NK16 BXG) into the blue variant of the Xlines livery.

Due to a low-bridge strike, Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllennium Vyking 3976 (PJ02 PZC) has been withdrawn from service. Replaced in the fleet last week at Riverside, Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4941 (NK51 OLC) has also been withdrawn.

Following the end of the temporary shuttle bus in operation at Bournmoor, Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5238 (NK56 KHF) has transferred to Percy Main Depot from Washington, where it will displace a double-deck to Riverside to replace 3976 (PJ02 PZC).

Vehicle disposals continue; with Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4969 (NK53 UNV) having been sold to Davies Motors, Ruthin, and Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 9074 (MF51 MBV) returned to East Yorkshire following temporary loan to Go North East.

1 September 2019

Repaints last week included Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5271 (NK56 KKG) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Following on from the vehicle movements last weekend, all of the fleet movements associated with the new academic school year have now been completed. These are summarised below:

- 724 has transferred from Washington to Riverside, in order to operate the new NHS contract, pending delivery of the new EVM Sprinter minibuses
- 3941 and 3942 have transferred from Washington to Chester-le-Street
- 3962, 3963 and 3964 have transferred from Deptford to Chester-le-Street
- 3965 has transferred from Riverside to Chester-le-Street
- 4949 has transferred from Peterlee to Deptford
- 4989 has transferred from Deptford to Percy Main
- 5234, 5235, 5236 and 5237 have transferred from Saltmeadows to Riverside
- 5238 has transferred from Riverside to Washington
- 5269, 5270 and 5271 have transferred from Percy Main to Chester-le-Street
- 5420 has transferred from Deptford to Consett
- 5440 and 5441 has transferred from Riverside to Consett
- 6122, 6123, 6128, 6136, 6137 and 6138 have transferred from Chester-le-Street to Saltmeadows
- 6131 has transferred from Saltmeadows to Percy Main
- 6146, 6301, 6302, 6303, 6304, 6305, 6306, 6307 and 6332 have transferred from Crook to Chester-le-Street, following the closure of the Crook outstation, with the full X21 operation transferring to Chester-le-Street
- 6910, 6911, 6912, 6913 and 6914 have transferred from Percy Main to Chester-le-Street
- 6929 has transferred from Saltmeadows to Riverside
- 6930 and 6931 have transferred from Saltmeadows to Consett
- 8294, 8295 and 8296 have transferred from Chester-le-Street to Deptford
- 8297, 8298 and 8299 have transferred from Riverside to Deptford
- 9071 is a Mercedes-Benz 516CDI Sprinter/EVM VS30 Cityline on loan at Riverside, to operate the new NHS contract, pending delivery of the new EVM Sprinter minibuses
- 9073 has returned to service at Consett, to be allocated exclusively to St Bede's scholars services, pending delivery of the new ADL Enviro400s for service X30

A number of vehicles have also been sold, including:

- 4978, 4980 and 4981 to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet.
- 5205 to ConnexionsBus, Harrogate.
- 9072, formerly East Yorkshire's 582, to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet

25 August 2019

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 631 (NK61 FEU) into "Little Coasters" livery, and Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6333 (NK67 GOC) into the blue variant of the Xlines livery.

Wright StreetDeck Micro-Hybrid 3 6333 (NK67 GOC) has also been re-registered as X21 GNE; with 6146 returning to its original registration mark, YN55 NFE.

Double-deck fleet movements have begun ahead of the new academic school year; including former Go-Ahead London General Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TLs 6924, 6925, 6926, 6927 and 6928 (LX54 GZB/GZC/GZD/GZE/GZF) from

Saltmeadows to Riverside, displacing Go-Ahead London Central Wright Eclipse Gemini bodied Volvo B7TLs 6915, 6916, 6917, 6918 and 6919 (LX06 EBV/EBZ/ECA/ECC/ECD) from Riverside to Consett. Former Go-Ahead London General 6932 (LX54 GZW) has also transferred from Saltmeadows to Consett.

In turn, former Brighton & Hove East Lancs OmniDekka bodied Scania N94UDs 6124, 6125, 6131 (GX03 SUU/SUV, YN04 GJE) to Saltmeadows. Similar long wheelbase Scania OmniDekkas 6167, 6168 and 6169 (YN56 FFG/FFH/FFJ) have transferred from Consett to Riverside, displacing similar 6126, 6127 and 6129 (GX03 SUY/SVA/SVD) to Saltmeadows.

18 August 2019

Repaints last week included Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5270 (NK56 KKF) into the 2019 fleet livery, and Wright StreetDeck 6304 (NK16 BXD) into the blue variant of the Xlines livery.

There were no fleet movements during the week.

11 August 2019

Repaints last week included Optare Versa V1170/Optare 5390 (NL63 YAY) into a white livery, receiving a promotional livery to support the World Transplant Games, as well as Optare Solo M710SE/Optare 709 (WK58 EAJ) and Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5247 (NK56 KHT) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4940 (NK51 OLB) has been sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

4 August 2019

Repaints last week included Optare Solo M880/Optare 703 (YJ10 MFF) into "Little Coasters" livery and Mercedes Citaro 0530N/Mercedes Citaro 5285 (NK08 CFU) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4933 (Y933 ERG) has been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade, whilst similar 4948 (NK51 OLO) has been withdrawn from service at Riverside having suffered defects uneconomical to repair.

28 July 2019

Repaints last week included Optare Solo M880/Optare 702 (YJ10 MFB) into "Little Coasters" livery and Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5268 (NK07 GJO) and 5269 (NK56 KKE) into the 2019 fleet livery.

An outstanding transfer from last week; Optare Solo M890/Optare 647 (NL63 XZU) has transferred from Consett to Deptford, releasing similar 650 (NL63 XZX) to Percy Main.

Chester Road at Bournmoor will be closed westbound (towards Chester-le-Street) from Monday 29 July until Friday 27 September to allow for road reconstruction and utility works in conjunction with the new housing development at this location. During this closure; Services 4, 78 & 78A will be unable to serve Bournmoor (4, 78 & 78A) or Fence Houses (4) in a southerly direction. As such; a shuttle bus will be in operation, ran from Washington Depot. Optare Solo M890/Optare 724 (YJ13 HMY) will be the vehicle allocated, so this bus has transferred from Percy Main Depot to Washington.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4932 (Y932 ERG) and 4969 (NK54 UNV) have been withdrawn from service at Deptford. The former will be sold for scrap, but the latter is expected to be sold on for further use.

Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6017 (V317 LGC) has been sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

21 July 2019

Repaints last week included Optare Solo M880/Optare 701 (YJ10 MFA) into "Little Coasters" livery, and the final "Whey Aye Five 0" branded Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity, 5259 (NK56 KJO), into the 2019 fleet livery. A number of the buses which were repainted into the 2016 fleet livery, but not fitted with advert frames, are due to return for repaint in the coming weeks to have these fitted, and will also receive a partial repaint into the 2019 fleet livery for consistency.

A large number of vehicle movements have taken place in line with the start of the school holidays. Summarised below:

With surplus double-decks now being available at Deptford, East Lancs OmniDekka bodied Scania N94UDs 6126 (GX03 SUY), 6127 (GX03 SVA) and 6129 (GX03 SVD) have returned to Riverside, enabling Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TLs 9072 (X762 ABU), 9073 (MF51 LZX) and 9074 (MF51 MBV) to be withdrawn.

Whilst building and facilities work is being carried out at Washington Depot, the operation of the Miscellaneous Works and additional peak-time commercial services that the depot operates, has transferred to Deptford. Along with this work,

Wright Eclipse Gemini bodied Volvo B7TLs 3962 (JCN 822), 3963 (NK06 JXD) and 3964 (NK06 JXC) have transferred to Deptford, as well as Mercedes Citaro 0530N/Mercedes Citaro 5487 (HW07 CXY).

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4932 (Y932 ERG) has transferred from Chester-le-Street Depot to Deptford, serving as a replacement vehicle for Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5201 (NK54 NUU) which has been withdrawn from service at Deptford.

Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5420 (NK16 BYA) has transferred to Deptford in a float/reserve capacity over the summer holidays, and Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5215 (NK54 NVL) has been withdrawn as a consequence.

The reduction in service levels on "Toon Link" service 6 saw the transfer of Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5250 (NK56 KHW) to Chester-le-Street.

Service changes in the Stanley area saw the transfer of Optare Solo M890/Optare 648 (NL62 XZV) from Consett to Deptford and Optare Solo M880/Optare 697 (YJ59 NNH) to Riverside. 651 (NL63 XZY) transferred from Deptford to Percy Main as a result, with Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5267 (NK56 KKC) and 5268 (NK07 GJO) transferring to Chester-le-Street in lieu.

The loss of the contract to operate service 5 between Jarrow and North Shields saw the transfer of Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5262 (NK56 KJX) from Washington to Chester-le-Street.

As a result of the inward transfer of these Scania OmniCitys, Chester-le-Street have transferred Optare Versa V1110/Optare 8297 (NK09 FUV), 8298 (NK09 FUW) and 8299 (NK09 FUY) to Riverside, enabling the withdrawal of Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 4938 (NK51 OKX) and 5215 (NK54 NVL).

Volvo B7TL/East Lancs Myllemium Vyking 3968 (PJ02 PYU) has also been withdrawn from service at Riverside having sustained defects uneconomical to repair.

14 July 2019

Repaints last week included Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 694 (YJ13 HNZ) into "Little Coasters" livery and Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5267 (NK56 KKC) into the 2019 fleet livery.

A trio of Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TLs have been acquired on temporary loan from East Yorkshire. These are:

- East Yorkshire 582 (X762 ABU), numbered 9072 within the Go North East fleet.
- East Yorkshire 584 (MF51 LZX), numbered 9073 within the Go North East fleet.
- East Yorkshire 585 (MF51 MBV), numbered 9074 within the Go North East fleet.

All have been allocated to Riverside for use on a private scholars contract, displacing East Lancs OmniDekka bodied Scania N94UDs 6126 (GX03 SUY), 6127 (GX03 SVA) and 6129 (GX03 SVD) to Deptford Depot, to operate a month-long Metro Replacement contract between South Shields and Chichester. No trains are currently running between these two platforms to allow for telecoms, platform and signalling upgrades in association with the new South Shields Interchange, due to re-open from Sunday 4 August.

7 July 2019

Repaints last week included Optare Solo M880/Optare 699 (YJ10 MFP) into "Little Coasters" livery.

A selection of float/reserve Wright Solar bodied Scania L94UB single-decks have been withdrawn: 4933 (Y933 ERG) from Chester-le-Street, and 4940 (NK51 OLB) and 4966 (NL52 WVX) from Riverside. All are planned to be stripped for spare parts and sold for scrap.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5216 (NK54 NVM) has also been withdrawn from service at Riverside having suffered defects uneconomical to repair. It had been expected to be replaced in the fleet from 21 July.

Scania K340EBCaetano Levante 7097 (FJ08 KLX) has been withdrawn and was subsequently sold to a Private Buyer.

30 June 2019

Repaints last week included Mercedes Citaro 0530N/Mercedes Citaro 5288 (NK08 CFZ) into the 2019 fleet livery and Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President in open-top format, 3997 (897 EYX) into the Toon Tour yellow and blue base livery.

The three Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President open-tops – 3997, 3998 and 3999 – have all now been formally allocated to Percy Main. 3997 and 3998 are to be allocated to the Toon Tour service and 3999 remains as a spare vehicle for the Toon Tour service and is also available for Private Hire and Special Events.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5201 (NK54 NUU) has transferred from Chester-le-Street Depot to Deptford, in a float/reserve capacity, to assist with extra vehicle requirements associated with Special Events.

23 June 2019

Repaints last week included Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5254 (NK56 KJA) into the 2019 fleet livery. Optare Solo M880/Optare 698 (YJ10 MFO) was a further repaint into “Little Coasters” livery.

There were no fleet movements during the week.

16 June 2019

Repaints last week included Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5250 (NK56 KHW) and Mercedes Citaro 0530N/Mercedes Citaro 5286 (NK08 CFV) into the 2019 fleet livery. Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President in open-top format, 3998 (794 EYD), has also been repainted, into the Toon Tour yellow and blue base livery.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5204 (NK54 NUX) has been sold to ConnexionsBuses, Harrogate.

East Yorkshire’s open-top Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 883 (897 EYX) has been acquired and numbered 3997 within the Go North East fleet.

9 June 2019

Further repaints into the “Little Coasters” livery include Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 693 (YJ13 HNY) and Optare Solo M880/Optare 700 (YJ10 MFU). Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5440 (NK16 AZV) has also been repainted into the 2019 fleet livery.

Optare Solo M880/Optare 700 (YJ10 MFU) has transferred from Deptford to Percy Main, and similar 705 (YJ10 MFN) from Washington to Percy Main. As such, Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 680 (NK16 BXY) has transferred from Percy Main to Washington in exchange.

Float Scania L94UB/Wright Solars 4932 (Y932 ERG) and 4933 (Y933 ERG) have transferred from Riverside Depot to Chester-le-Street.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5204 (NK54 NUX) has been withdrawn.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5206 (NK54 NVA) has been sold to ConnexionsBuses, Harrogate.

Ex Go-Ahead London Metrobus Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 563 (YN08 OAV) has been acquired for spare part recovery, while similar 567 (YN08 OAZ) acquired earlier this year has now been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade, for scrap.

2 June 2019

Buses repainted last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 678 (NK16 BXW) into a new four-colour base livery for the “X-lines” X6/X7 and X20 services and Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5441 (NK16 AZW) into the 2019 fleet livery.

Following the recent announcement that the Stagecoach operated City Sightseeing tour of Newcastle will not be returning this season, we have decided to launch our own trial operation of a part replacement seasonal open top bus service. As such; 6000, which was originally intended to be used in the Special Events fleet and for stakeholder engagement, has been re-numbered 3999. This vehicle will act as the spare, with two further examples being painted and branded for the NewcastleGateshead Toon Tour open-top service, due to commence operation from 29 June.

East Yorkshire open-top Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 884 (794 EYD) has also been acquired and numbered 3998 within the Go North East fleet.

Scania K340EB/Caetano Levante 7095 (FJ08 KLS) has been sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet, while Volvo B7RLE/Wright Eclipses 4979 (NK54 NUJ) and 4982 (NK54 NUP) have both been sold to Go North West, following conversion to Driver

Training vehicles at Thornton Bros, Ashington. Go North West is a newly created arm of transport giant Go Ahead Group, which began running services in Worsley and Radcliffe, as well as a number of other routes across Greater Manchester, from Sunday 2 June. Timetables and bus routes will not change, although the buses will have a new livery.

27 May 2019

Buses repainted last week included Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 692 (YJ13 HNX) into a two-tone blue base livery for "Little Coasters" – it is the first example to have the vinyls added too. Other repaints included Wright Streetlite DF/Wright Streetlite Max Micro-Hybrid 5420 (NK16 BYA) and Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5266 (NK56 KKB) into the 2019 fleet livery.

A number of vehicles which were unable to transfer to their new depot on 19 May were instead transferred during last week. Summarised as follows:

638 - Deptford to Riverside
4978 4980 4981 - Withdrawn from service at Percy Main
5206 - Reinstated at Percy Main
8301 - Chester-le-Street to Riverside

20 May 2019

Buses repainted last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 677 (NK16 BXV) into a new four-colour base livery for the "X-lines" X6/X7 and X20 services. Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 691 (YJ13 HNW) has been repainted into a new two-tone blue base livery; the brand name for the revitalised North Tyneside network has been revealed as "Little Coasters". Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5258 (NK56 KJN) has been repainted into the 2019 fleet livery - the first of this type to be repainted into the new fleet livery.

In line with service changes and the introduction of new brand identities, there were a large number of vehicle re-allocations which took place on Sunday 19 May, the significance of which has been likened to the South Shields and Bishop Auckland depot closures in 2005 and 2006 respectively.

These are summarised as follows:

626 628 633 634 - Riverside to Percy Main
637 639 - Deptford to Riverside
648 - Percy Main to Howns Gill
649 650 651 - Percy Main to Deptford
653 654 - Percy Main to Peterlee
672 673 674 675 676 677 678 - Percy Main to Deptford
679 - Percy Main to Washington
681 689 690 - Deptford to Washington
691 692 693 694 - Peterlee to Percy Main
695 696 - Howns Gill to Percy Main
697 - Deptford to Howns Gill
698 699 - Deptford to Percy Main
701 702 703 704 - Washington to Percy Main
718 719 720 - Peterlee to Deptford
724 725 - Crook to Percy Main
4949 - Riverside to Peterlee
4979 4982 - Withdrawn from service at Percy Main
5206 - Withdrawn from service at Chester-le-Street
5229 5230 5231 5232 - Chester-le-Street to Percy Main
5249 5251 5252 - Riverside to Chester-le-Street
5263 5264 5265 5266 - Percy Main to Chester-le-Street
5420 5440 5441 - Deptford to Riverside
6100 - Deptford to Percy Main
6136 - Percy Main to Chester-le-Street
6332 - Chester-le-Street to Crook
8302 8304 8305 8325 8326 - Chester-le-Street to Riverside

Further vehicle re-allocations and withdrawals will take place during this week and reported next, once buses return to service after completion of repairs.

13 May 2019

Buses repainted last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 675 (NK16 BXS) and 676 (NK16 BXU) into a new four-colour base livery. The brand name has been revealed as "X-lines", although vinyls won't be fitted until after the buses transfer to Deptford.

There were no fleet movements last week.

6 May 2019

Buses repainted last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 674 (NK16 BXR) into a new four-colour base livery. Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6143 (YN04 GKA) has been repainted into the 2019 fleet livery.

Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante 7104 (FJ61 GZD) has been reinstated into the Driver Training fleet following its earlier withdrawal.

Coaches sold are withdrawn Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante 7103 (FJ61 GZC) and 7115 (FJ60 EHY), together with Special Events Caetano Levantes 7116 (FJ60 KVM) and 7117 (FJ60 KVO).

29 April 2019

Buses repainted last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 673 (NK16 BXP) into a new four-colour base livery. 673 (NK16 BXP) and five others in this batch will be repainted and branded for the X6, X7 and X20 services effective 19 May 2019.

Scania K340EB/Caetano Levante 7097 (FJ08 KLX) has been on long-term loan to the Driver Training fleet since 24 January 2019, training new National Express recruits. The fleet list and allocation has been amended to reflect this.

The Wright Streetlite Micro-Hybrid 3 loan vehicle, covering for native examples in the fleet undergoing warranty work, 9087 (SK68 TXP), has now been returned to Wrightbus following completion of this warranty work.

22 April 2019

There were no full repaints last week, but Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 673 (NK16 BXP) has been fitted with USB charging points at Thornton Bros, Ashington, and has now been returned to Go North East for repaint.

"Hadrian's Wall Country Bus" branded Optare Solo SR M890/Optare 635 (NK61 FJP) and 636 (NK61 FXD) have both returned to service at Hexham for this year's operation of the seasonal AD122 service.

15 April 2019

Buses repainted last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 672 (NK16 BXO) into the 2019 fleet livery. It was also fitted with USB charging points at Thornton Bros, Ashington.

Scania K340EB/Caetano Levante 7094 (FJ08 KLF) has been sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet.

8 April 2019

Buses repainted last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 690 (NK66 CXF) into pink (subsequently receiving "indiGo Washington" branding).

After two and a half years of development, the region's largest bus operator, Go North East opened the doors to its brand new £3.5 million, state-of-the-art Hownsgill Depot in Consett, County Durham, on Friday 15 March 2019. The high-tech operation replaces the company's Stanley Depot, which it operated from for nearly 100 years. Therefore; most vehicles based at Stanley transferred to Hownsgill on Sunday 7 April, the date from which the new depot commenced operations.

In exchange for 5234 – 5237, ex-Go South Coast Mercedes Citaros 5482 – 5485 have transferred from Saltmeadows to Hownsgill. Likewise, Mercedes Citaro 5481 has transferred from Riverside to Hownsgill in exchange for Scania OmniCity 5238.

The nine remaining Scania OmniCitys based at Stanley (5239 – 5242, 5249 – 5253) have also transferred to Riverside, along with the operation of services 6 and X31.

1 April 2019

Buses repainted last week included Optare Solo SR M925/Optare 689 (NK66 CXE) into pink (subsequently receiving "indiGo Washington" branding) and Scania CN230UB/Scania Omnicity 5260 (NK56 KJU) into the 2016 fleet livery.

Scania L94UB/Wright Solar 5216 (NK54 NVM) has returned to full service at Riverside, serving as a replacement vehicle for already-withdrawn 5218 (NK54 NVO).

The final Alexander Mini Pointer Darts, 618 (NK55 RUV) and 619 (NK55 RUW), have left the fleet. Both have been sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade. Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante 7113 (FJ60 EGY) has been sold, and 7114 (FJ60 HXW) has also been withdrawn and similarly sold.

18 March 2019

East Yorkshire 885 (X594 EGK), a Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TL in open top format has been acquired and numbered 6000.

Optare Solo 635 (NK61 FJP) has transferred from Deptford to Percy Main.

Withdrawn Scania L94/Wright Solar 4992 (YR02 ZYM) and 5218 (NK54 NVO), and Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6030 (V330 LGC) have been sold to Alpha, Weetslade for scrap.

11 March 2019

New Volvo B11RT / Caetano Levante 3 coaches 7138/39/41/42 (BM68 AHA/D/E/F) have entered service at Chester-le-Street.

Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante 7103/7104 (FJ61 GZC/D), 7113/7115 (FJ60 EGY/HY) have been withdrawn.

ADL/BYD Enviro 200EV demonstrator LJ68 CYO is on loan at Riverside Depot with fleet number 9080, in use on service 53.

25 February 2019

Five new Volvo B11RT with Caetano Levante 3 bodies have been delivered, 7138 to 7142, registered BM68 AHA/C/D/E/F. 7140 (BM68 AHD) was the first in service, displacing Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante 7113 (FJ60 EGY) to the Special Events fleet. East Lancs bodied Scania N94UD 6136 (GX03 SUA) has been transferred to Percy Main depot, displacing Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TL 6017 (V317 LGC) to Washington.

Hybrid Optare Solo 629 (NK61 EFY), 630 (NK61 EGY) and 640 (NK62 DWY) have left the fleet, being returned to Sunderland City Council.

Mercedes Citaro hybrid demonstrator BF68 ZHB is on loan at Riverside Depot, numbered 9078.

12 February 2019

Scania L94/Wright Solar 5201 (NK54 NUU) has transferred from Percy Main to Chester-le-Street, with 5205 (NK54 NUY) going the other way.

Also swapping depots are Optare Versa 5389 (NL63 YAX), which returns to Riverside with 8324 (NK11 FXG) returning to Chester-le-Street.

Wright StreetDeck 6304 (NK16 BXD) has returned to service at Crook, with 6332 (NK67 GOA) returning to Chester-le-Street.

Scania L94/Wright Solar 5218 (NK54 NVO) has been withdrawn.

ADL Enviro 200 demonstrator YW68 OXA is on loan at Washington Depot, numbered 9079.

28 January 2019

Scania L94/Wright Solar 5201 (NK54 NUU), 5204 (NK54 NUX) & 5216 (NK54 NVM) have moved to Percy Main depot.

Optare Versa xFE demonstrator OP7 ARE is on loan at Washington Depot, numbered 9088.

Three Scania Omnicity have been acquired from Go Ahead London for spares recovery - these were Metrobus 564 (YN08 OAW), 566 (YN08 OAY) and 567 (YN08 OAZ)

21 January 2019

The final new Optare Solo for the Sunderland Connect service is 727 (NK68 BZX), and this entered service along with 726 (NK68 BZW) and 728 (NK68 BZY) on 17th January 2019.

The three hybrid Optare Solo previously used on the Sunderland Connect service, 629 (NK61 EFY) - 630 (NK61 EGY) - 640 (NK62 DWY), have been withdrawn, pending return to Sunderland City Council.

7 January 2019

New Optare Solo 726 (NK68 BZW) and 728 (NK68 BZY) have been delivered, and will be branded for the Sunderland Connect service.

Scania L94/Wright Solar 5201 (NK54 NUU) has been transferred from Chester-le-Street to Deptford, and Wright StreetDeck 6332 (NK67 GOA) has moved to Crook.

Several buses have been on temporary loan between depots whilst the Arriva strike has been ongoing.

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31 December 2018

ADL Enviro 400 demonstration YX68 UPY was on loan at Wahington Depot for 2 weeks over the Christmas Holiday, numbered 9081.

Scania L94/Wright Solar 4992 (YR02 ZYM) has been withdrawn, with Wright StreetDeck 6304 (NK16 BXD) out of service for repairs.

Re-allocations have seen Scania N94UD/East Lancs 6167 (YN56 FFG) allocated to Stanley, with similar 6176 (YN56 FFS) moving from Stanley to Chester-le-Street.

Optare Solo 635 (NK61 FJP) and Scania L94/Wright Solar 5215 (NK54 NVL) have returned to Deptford following the end of the special event operation at Riverside.

17 December 2018

On temporary loan from Wrightbus is StreetLite 9087 (SK68 TXP), operating from Riverside Depot.

Scania L94/Wright Solar 4942 (NK51 OLE) and Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6023 (V923 KGF) have been sold to Alpha, Weetslade.

3 December 2018

Recently acquired former Brighton & Hove Scania N94UD/East Lancs Omnidekka 6171 (YN56 FFL) has entered service at Chester-le-Street, allowing former London Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6023 (V923 KGF) to be withdrawn. Similar 6030 (V330 LGC) has also been withdrawn from Deptford.

Optare Versa 5389 (NL63 YAX) and 8324 (NK11 FXG) have swapped between Riverside and Chester-le-Street temporarily. The operation of the Park & Ride service for Enchanted Belsay means that Optare Solo 635 & 636 (NK11 FJO/P) and Scania L94/Wright Solar 5215 (NK54 NVL) have transferred to Riverside Depot from Deptford and Hexham.

12th November 2018

Following the end of the Metro replacement service between Chichester and South Shields, Optare Solo 635 (NK61 FGP) and Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6030 (V330 LGC) have transferred from Washington to Deptford, whilst similar 6017 (V317 LGC) has transferred back to Percy Main.

29th October 2018

As a result of some services operating from different depots, the Optare Solo based at Chester-le-Street have moved to Stanley (695, 715, 716, 717) and Peterlee (708).

15 October 2018

A further two Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka acquired from Brighton & Hove are 6167 (YN56 FFG) & 6171 (YN56 FFL). Scania L94 4991 (YR02 ZYK) has been sold to Alpha, Weetslade for scrap.

8 October 2018

Following the end of the summer service on the Hadrians Wall bus, Optare Solo 635 (NK51 FJP) has transferred to Washington for Metro replacement duties, releasing 723 (YD63 UZC) to return to Hexham and allow the last Mini Pointer Dart, 619 (NK55 RUW) to be withdrawn.

Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TL 6010 (V310 LGC) & 6033 (V233 LGC) have moved from Saltmeadows to Riverside, with 6924 (LX54 GZB) & 6925 (LX54 GZC) moving the other way.

Scania L94 4974 (NK53 UOA) has been sold to T. Wigley, Barnsley for scrap.

1 October 2018

To cover the Metro Replacement service between South Shields and Chichester that is operating, from Washington Depot, between 1 October until 4 November Optare Solo 723 (YD63 UZC) has been transferred from Hexham and Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6017 (V317 LGC) and 6030 (V330 LGC) from Percy Main and Chester-le-Street respectively.

Scania L94 5206 (NK54 NVA) has transferred from Peterlee to Chester-le-Street, Mercedes Citaro 5481 (HW07 CXR) from Saltmeadows to Riverside and Optare Versa 8307 (NK09 FVH) from Chester-le-Street to Riverside. Demonstrator Optare Solo 9089 (YJ16 DDA) has returned to Optare.

24 September 2018

Optare Solo 718 (YJ62 FMA) has transferred from Washington to Peterlee, 723 (YD63 UZC) from Washington to Hexham and demonstrator 9089 (YJ16 DDA) from Washington to Deptford. Similar 724 (YJ13 HMY) and 725 (YA13 AAE) are now allocated to Crook, with Optare Versa 8295 (NK09 FUT) and 8307 (NK09 FVH) moving to Chester-le-Street.

17 September 2018

Optare Solo 705 (YJ10 MFN), 706 (WK58 EAE) and 707 (WK58 EAF) have transferred from Chester-le-Street to Washington, whilst recently acquired Optare Solo 720 (YJ62 FYH) has been allocated to Peterlee, with 724 (YJ13 HMY) & 725 (YA13 AAE) temporarily at Chester-le-Street.

Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6123 (GX03 SUH) has moved from Riverside to Chester-le-Street, with Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6017 (V317 LGC) has moving from Chester-le-Street to Percy Main.

10 September 2018

The three new "baby" Optare Solo, 715 (NK18 EEA), 716 (NK18 EEB) & 717 (NK18 EDX) have been allocated to Chester-le-Street Depot for the Durham Cathedral Bus and Chester-le-Street Town Service, with Solo 721 (KY63 VTL) allocated to Hexham. The final pre-owned Optare Solo acquired from Dawsongroup is 720 (YJ62 FYH), resulting in hired Solo 9090 (YJ15 ARF) returning off loan.

Volvo Olympian 3818 (S818 OFT) has been sold to T. Wigley & Son, Barnsley, whilst Wright Solar bodied Scania L94 4958 (NL52 WVO) and 5203 (NK54 NUW) have been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

4th September 2018

The three new "baby" Optare Solo have been delivered - 715 (NK18 EEA), 716 (NK18 EEB) & 717 (NK18 EDX).

The final Mercedes Citaro from Go South Coast is 5486 (HW07 CXX), previously Go South Coast 2456. A large number of vehicle re-allocations have taken place as a result of the school term commencing: 3962, 3963, 3964 Chester-le-Street to Washington

3965 Chester-le-Street to Riverside

5263 Washington to Percy Main

5481-5485 allocated to Saltmeadows

5486, 5487 allocated to Washington

6010 Percy Main to Saltmeadows

6033 Washington to Saltmeadows

6122, 6128 Riverside to Chester-le-Street

6136, 6137, 6138 Percy Main to Chester-le-Street

6901-6909 allocated to Deptford

6910-6914 allocated to Percy Main

6915-6925 allocated to Riverside

6926-6941 allocated to Saltmeadows

Additionally, Scania L94 4942 (NK51 OLE) has been withdrawn and Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6009 (V209 LGC), 6018 (V218 LGC) & 6039 (V302 LGC) have been sold to T. Wigley & Son, Barnsley,

27 August 2018

Further vehicles acquired for the additional contract work being taken on from September are Mercedes Citaro 5483 (HW07 CXT), 5485 (HW07 CXV) & 5487 (HW07 CXY), previously Go South Coast 2453, 2455 & 2457. A further three Optare Solo acquired from Dawsongroup are 721 (KY63 VTL), 724 (YJ13 HMY) & 725 (YA13 AAE). Scania N94UD/East Lancs OmniDekka 6139 (GX03 SVJ) has transferred from Percy Main to Chester-le-Street following the completion of the Norham Road works. Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6025 (V325 LGC) has been sold to T. Wigley & Son, Barnsley.

13 August 2018

Further vehicles acquired for the additional contract work being taken on from September are Mercedes Citaro 5481 (HW07 CXR) and 5484 (HW07 CXU), previously Go South Coast 2451 & 2454. Scania L94 4958 (NL52 WVO) has been withdrawn from service. Scania L94 4975 (NK53 UOB), Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6020 (V220 LGC), and Volvo Olympian 3819 (S819 OFT) have been sold to T. Wigley & Son, Barnsley, and Davies Motors, Ruthin have purchased Volvo B12B/Plaxton coaches 7092 (LA55 WVN) and 7093 (PV55 VRW).

30 July 2018

A further vehicle acquired for the additional contract work being taken on in September is 5482 (HW07 CXS), a Mercedes Citaro that was previously Go South Coast 2452. Optare Solo demonstrator YJ16 DDA is on loan, and is allocated to Washington Depot with fleet number 9089. Scania L94 4960 (NL52 WVR) has been withdrawn from service and, along with Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6015 (V315 LGC), has been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade for scrap. T. Wigley & Son, Barnsley have taken Scania L94 4971 (NK53 UNX) and Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6031 (V331 LGC), whilst Volvo Olympian 3832 (S832 OFT) and Scania L94 4973 (NK53 UNZ) have been donated to external organisations.

23 July 2018

Following the award of the Nexus contract for service 23, Optare Solo 718 (YJ62 FMA) has been allocated to Washington, and 723 (YD63 UZC) has temporarily transferred from Hexham to Washington.
Withdrawn Scania L94 4959 (NL52 WVP) has been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade for scrap and Volvo B7TL 6019 (V319 LGC) has been sold to T Wigley & Son, Barnsley.

16 July 2018

The seventh Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TL from EYMS has now arrived, 6940 (PJ02 RBF), and Wright Gemini bodied Volvo B9TL 790 (BP15 OLC) has returned to EYMS.
ADL MPD 618 (NK55 RUV) has been withdrawn, and recently acquired Optare Solo 723 (YD63 UZC) has been allocated to Hexham.
Alpha Recovery has removed withdrawn buses 4929 (Y929 ERG), 4937 (NK51 OKW), 4956 (NL52 WVM) and 7077 (S977 ABR) for scrap.

9th July 2018

A further four Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TL have arrived on loan from EYMS - 6936 (X584 EGK), 6938 (PL51 LDU), 6939 (PJ02 RAX) & 6941 (PN02 XBU). Due to a delay in the arrival of the planned 6940 (PJ02 RBF), EYMS supplied Wright Gemini bodied Volvo B9TL 790 (BP15 OLC) for temporary use at Riverside.
A further vehicle received on loan is Optare Solo 9090 (YJ15 ARF), a 15-seater from Dawson Group which is being used at Hexham.
6901-6939/6941 will be used on special services for the Tall Ships, based out of a temporary depot at Deptford Terrace, Sunderland, for the week 10th to 14th July.
Scania Omnidekka 6168 (YN56 FFH), 6169 (YN56 FFJ) & 6176 (YN56 FFS) have been allocated to Stanley Depot, with 6122 (GX03 SSU), 6123 (GX03 SUH) & 6128 (GX03 SVC) moving from Stanley to Riverside.
Alpha Recovery has removed withdrawn buses 4899 (V989 ETN), 4926 (Y926 ERG), 4934 (Y934 ERG) and 6016 (V816 KGF) for scrap.

2 July 2018

The remainder of the 34 Volvo B7TL being acquired from Go Ahead London have now been received - Wright Gemini bodied 6902, 6906/7, 6912 (LX06 EBA/EBG/EBJ/EBO) and Plaxton President bodied 6920-23, 6925-27, 6929-34 (LX54 GYV/GYW/GYY/GYZ/GZC/GZD/GZE/GZT/GZU/GZV/GZW/GZY/GZZ). Two Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TL on loan from East Yorkshire Motor Services are 6935 (X508 EGK) and 6937 (MF51 MBX), the former having been new to Go Ahead London.

25 June 2018

A further Optare Solo acquired from Dawson Group is 723 (YD63 UZC), which is currently being prepared for service. More Volvo B7TL transferred from Go Ahead London are Wright Gemini bodied 6913 (LX06 EBP), 6916 (LX06 EBZ), 6919 (LX06 ECD) and Plaxton President bodied 6924 (LX54 GZB) and 6928 (LX54 GZF).
Optare Solo 719 (YJ62 FME) has been allocated to Peterlee, releasing Scania L94 5204 (NK54 NUX) to Riverside and 5205 (NK54 NUUY) to Chester-le-Street. Optare Solo 722 (KY63 VTA) has been allocated to Riverside.
Withdrawn vehicles sold to Alpha, Weetslade for scrap are ADL Dennis MPD 559 (NK53 TKY), Scania L94s 4930 (Y493 ETN), 4945 (NK521 OLJ), 4957 (NL52 WVN) and Scania Omnidekka 6130 (GX03 SVE).

18 June 2018

No significant change this week.

11 June 2018

Volvo B7TL/Plaxton President 6023 (V923 KGF) has moved from Percy Main to Chester-le-Street. A further three Wright Gemini bodied Volvo B7TL acquired from Go Ahead London are 6905 (LX06 EBF), 6914 (LX06 EBU) & 6915 (LX06 EBV).

4 June 2018

No significant changes this week.

28 May 2018

A further four Volvo B7TL acquired from Go Ahead London are Wright Gemini bodied 6908 (LX06 EBK), 6910 (LX06 EBM), 6911 (LX06 EBN) & 6917 (LX06 ECA), which were numbered WVL 259, 261, 262 & 268 in London.

The first of a number of Optare Solo being added to the fleet are 718 (YJ62 FMA) and 722 (KY63 VTA) from Dawson Group.

21 May 2018

A further four Volvo B7TL acquired from Go Ahead London are Wright Gemini bodied 6908 (LX06 EBK), 6910 (LX06 EBM), 6911 (LX06 EBN) & 6917 (LX06 ECA), which were numbered WVL 259, 261, 262 & 268 in London.

The first of a number of Optare Solo being added to the fleet are 718 (YJ62 FMA) and 722 (KY63 VTA) from Dawson Group.

14 May 2018

Volvo B7TL 6010 (V310 LGC) has returned to Percy Main. A further Volvo B7TL acquired from Go Ahead London is Wright Gemini bodied 6904 (LX06 EBD, which was numbered WVL 255 in London. The first of a further batch of East Lancs bodied Scania Omnidekka from Brighton and Hove are 6168 (YN56 FFH), 6169 (YN56 FFJ) & 6176 (YN56 FFS), which were 907/908/915 in Brighton.

7 May 2018

Scania Omnidekka 6138 (GX03 SVG) has moved from Stanley to Percy Main, displacing Volvo B7TL 6010 (V310 LGC) to Stanley temporarily.

The first of a number of Volvo B7TL being acquired from Go Ahead London are Wright Gemini bodied 6901 (LX06 EAY), 6903 (LX06 EBC) and 6918 (LX06 ECC), which were numbered WVL 252/254/269 in London.

30th April 2018

Scania Omnidekka 6139 (GX03 SVJ) has moved from Stanley to Percy Main, displacing Volvo B7TL 6033 (V233 LGC) to Washington.

Mercedes Citaro 5321 has been re-registered N21 GNE.

23rd April 2018

The last of the thirteen former Go Ahead London Wright Gemini bodied Volvo B9TL to enter service, at Stanley, is 6158 (LJ 62 KYA). East Lancs bodied Volvo B7TL 3974 (PJ02 PZA) is now allocated to the main fleet at Riverside Depot as a result of extra contract work, whilst withdrawn Scania L94/Wright Solar 4954 (NL02 ZRX) and 4968 (NK53 UNU) have been sold to Reliance Motor Services, Sutton on the Forest.

16th April 2018

The penultimate former Go Ahead London Wright Gemini bodied Volvo B9TL to enter service at Stanley is 6155 (LJ 62 KOX). Optare Solo 705 (YJ10 MFN) has been transferred from Peterlee to Chester-le-Street. Vehicles withdrawn are Volvo Olympian 3832 (S832 OFT) and Mercedes Citaro 5319 (NK08 MZW), whilst previously withdrawn vehicles now sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade are the last remaining Dennis Tridents 3885 & 3886 (NK51 UCN & NK51 UCO), Volvo B7TL/East Lancs 3969 (PJ02 PYZ) and Scania Omnicity 5248 (NK56 KHU).

9 April 2018

The final ex-London Volvo B9TL/Wright Gemini 6155: LJ62 KOX and 6158: LJ62 KYA have been received. 6154: LJ62 KLS, 6156: LJ62 KXX and 6159: LJ62 KYG have entered service at Stanley. Omnidekkas 6140: YN04 GJJ, 6141: YN04 GJY and 6142: YN04 GJZ have been transferred from Stanley to Chester-le-Street and Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6016: V816 KGF has been withdrawn from Stanley. Chester-le-Street has withdrawn similar 6018: V218 LGC and 6019: V319 LGC and transferred Volvo B7TL/East Lancs 3976: PJ02 PZC to Riverside for Special Events. Also transferred from Chester-le-Street are Scania L94s 5204: NK54 NUX to Peterlee and 5207: NK54 NVB to Deptford. Optare Solo 636: NK61 FMD is now at Hexham for service AD122. Volvo Olympian 3818: S818 OFT has been withdrawn. Dennis Trident 3887: NK51 UCP has been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

26 March 2018

Ex-London Volvo B9TL/Wright Gemini 6159: LJ62 KYG has been delivered and 6151: LJ62 KDV has entered service at Stanley. Stanley depot has transferred

Omnidekkas 6126: GX03 SUY, 6127: GX03 SVA & 6129: GX03 SVD to Riverside to replace the remaining Olympians and 3995: GX03 SSZ, 3996: GX03 STZ & 6136: GX03 SUA to Percy Main to replace Volvo B7TL/Plaxtons 6009: V209LGC, 6025: V325 LGC & 6031: V331 LGC which are withdrawn. Volvo B9R/Caetano 7114: FJ60 HXW has been transferred to the Special Events fleet at Riverside and Scania K340EB/Caetano 7098: FJ08 KLZ has been transferred to Driver Training. Scania L94/Wright 5205: NK54 NUY is transferred from Chester-le-Street to Peterlee and 4937: NK51 OKW has been withdrawn from Deptford. Also withdrawn is MPD 559: NK53 TKY.

19 March 2018

Ex-London Volvo B9TL/Wright Gemini 6151: LJ62 KDV has been delivered and 6150: LJ62 KCU & 6152: LJ62 KDZ have entered service at Stanley. Optare Solos 648: NL63 XZV and 709: WK58 EAJ have been transferred from Riverside to Percy Main, 654: NK15 GDF has been transferred from Peterlee to Percy Main and 635: NK61 FJP has been transferred from Peterlee to Hexham. Scania L94/Wright 4942: NK51 OLE has been transferred from Riverside to Chester-le-Street and 5206: NK54 NVA from Chester-le-Street to Peterlee. 4945: NK51 OLJ has been withdrawn from Hexham, 4968: NK53 UNU, 4971: NK53 UNX, 4973: NK53 UNZ & 4975: NK53 UOB have been withdrawn from Percy Main. Dennis MPD 564: NK53 TLO has been sold to Davies Motors, Ruthin.

12 March 2018

Ex-London Volvo B9TL/Wright Gemini 6152: LJ62 KDZ has been delivered and 6149: LJ62 KBY, 6153: LJ62 KLC, 6157: LJ62 KXZ & 6160: LJ62 KZD have entered service at Stanley. Optare Versas 8298: NK09 FUW & 8300: NK09 FVA are now in service at Chester-le-Street. Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6017: V317 LGC remains in service at Chester-le-Street. Scania L94/Wright 4955: NA02 NVL has been sold to St. Camillus Care Group, Newcastle.

5 March 2018

Ex-London Volvo B9TL/Wright Gemini 6160: LJ62 KZD has been delivered while 6161: LJ62 KZP has entered service at Stanley. Optare Versa 8299: NK09 FUY is now in service at Chester-le-Street while Scania L94s 4957: NL52 WVN & 4959: NL52 WVP and Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6017: V317 LGC have been withdrawn. Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6032: V332 LGC has been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

26 February 2018

Two more ex-London Volvo B9TL/Wright to be received are 6149: LJ62 KBY and 6157: LJ62 KXZ. Special events vehicles 3973: PJ02 PYZ and 3983: PJ02 PZL have been transferred to the main Riverside fleet; Scania L94/Wright 4945: NK51 OLJ has been returned to service at Hexham and Optare Versa 8296: NK09 FUU has been transferred from Riverside to Chester le Street. Volvo B7TL/East Lancs 3980: PJ02 PZG and Scania L94/Wright 4943: NK51 OLG have been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

19 February 2018

The first of 13 Volvo B9TL with Wright Gemini bodies to be acquired from Go-ahead London is 6161: LJ62 KZP which is in fleet livery and is being prepared for service at Stanley. Percy Main has transferred Scania Omnicity 5252: NK56 KHY to Stanley who have transferred Scania Omnidokka 6135: YN04 GJV to Percy Main. Optare Versa 8297: NK09 FUV is now in service at Chester le Street and Scania L94/Wright 4945: NK51 OLJ has been withdrawn. Also withdrawn are Scania L94/Wright 4974: NK53 UOA and Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6015: V315 LGC from Percy Main and Scania Omnidokka 6130: GX03 SVE from Stanley. Scania L94/Wright 4970: NK53 UNW and 4972: NK53 UNY have been sold to Ensign Bus Co, Purfleet.

12 February 2018

The final Mercedes Citaro to be refurbished is 5308: NK08 CHX which is in service at Riverside. Optare Versas 8294: NK09 FUP and 8301: NK09 FVB have been repainted in fleet livery and transferred to Chester-le-Street depot which has also received Scania L94s 4945: NK51 OLJ and 5201: NK54 NUU from Riverside and transferred 5214: NK54 NVJ and 5215: NK54 NVL to Deptford. Volvo B7/Plaxton 6016: V816 KGF has been transferred from Chester-le-Street to Stanley and 6020: V220 LGC has been withdrawn together with Scania L94 4972: NK53 UNY from Percy Main. On long term loan at Percy Main is Optare Metrodekka 9083: YJ65 EPU.

5 February 2018

The final new Wright Streetdeck to enter service at Chester-le-Street is 6333: NK67 GOC. Volvo B5LH/Wright 6068: NK62 CYF is now at Percy Main. Scania Omnicities 5254: NK56 KJA and 5261: NK56 KJV have been transferred from Percy Main to Washington, Mercedes Citaro 5324: NK58 DWA has been transferred from Washington to Riverside and 5338: HF06 FUB has been transferred from Washington to Deptford. Scania L94/Wright 5202: NK54 NUV and 5210: NK54 NVE have been transferred to the Driver Training fleet and 4935: Y935 ERG has been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

22 January 2018

Mercedes Citaro 5305: NK08 CHN has returned from refurbishment and is at Riverside. New Streetdeck 6331: NK67 GNZ is in service at Chester-le-Street; Volvo B5 hybrid 6067: NK62 CYE has been transferred from Chester-le-Street to Percy Main and Scania L94/Wright 4970: NK53 UNW has been withdrawn from Percy Main. Optare Versa 8303: NK09 FVD has been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

15 January 2018

The latest new Streetdeck delivered for The Angel is 6331: NK67 GNZ. Volvo B5LH 6058: NK62 CCY and 6069: NK62 CZA have been transferred from Chester le Street to Percy Main; Scania Omnicities 5251: NK56 KHX and 5262: NK56 KJX have been transferred from Percy Main to Stanley and Washington respectively and Scania L94s 4954: NL02 ZRX, 4955: NA02 NVL & 5203: NK54 NUW have been withdrawn from Percy Main. Scania L94 4929: Y929 ERG has been withdrawn from Deptford and the last Trident, 3889: NK51 UCS, has been withdrawn from Stanley.

8 January 2018

New Streetdecks received are 6315: NK67 GMG, 6317: NK67 GMU, 6318: NK67 GMV, 6321: NK67 GMZ, 6322: NK67 GNF, 6323: NK67 GNJ, 6324: NK67 GNN, 6325: NK67 GNO, 6326: NK67 GNP, 6327: NK67 GNU, 6328: NK67 GNV, 6329: NK67 GNX and 6330: NK67 GNY. Volvo B5LH/Wright hybrids 6057: NK62 CCV, 6059: NK62 CEN, 6060: NK62 CFN, 6062: NK62 CJJ, 6063: NK62 CKC, 6064: NK62 CLZ, 6065: NK62 CME and 6066: NK62 CYC have been transferred from Chester le Street to Percy Main. Citaros 5325: NK58 DWC and 5326: NK58 DWD have returned from refurbishment and 5309: NK08 CHY has been sent away. Scania L94/Wright 5230: NK55 OLH has been transferred from Hexham to Chester le Street and 5217: NK54 NVN has been transferred from Chester le Street to Riverside. Volvo B7TL/East Lancs 3972: PJ02 PYY has been sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet while 3981: PJ02 PZH, Volvo B10BLE 4912: X912 WGR, Scania L94 4927: Y927 ERG, Volvo B7/Plaxton 6028: V228 LGC and DAF SB120 8245: NA52 BUU have been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

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18 December 2017

Four more new Streetdecks have been received for The Angel - 6316: NK67 GMO, 6317: NK67 GMU, 6320: NK67 GMY and 6325: NK67 GNO. Of these, 6316 and 6320, together with 6319 are now in service at Chester-le-Street. Volvo B5LH

hybrids 6056: NK62 CBV and 6061: NK62 CJE have been transferred to Percy Main. Citaros 5324: NK58 DWA and 5338: HF06 FUB have returned to service at Washington and 5306: NK08 CHO and 5308: NK08 CHX have gone for refurbishment. Scania L94/Wright 5232: NK55 OLM has been transferred from Hexham to Chester-le-Street.

11 December 2017

Mercedes Citaro 5323: NK58 DVZ has returned to service at Riverside following refurbishment and 5307: NK08 CHV is out of service.

4 December 2017

The first new Wright Streetdeck for Angel service 21 has been delivered and is 6319: NK67 GMX. Citaros 5335: BJ10 VUV & 5336: BJ10 VUW have returned to service at Deptford and 5305: NK08 CHN & 5337: HF06 FUA have gone for refurbishment. Scania L94 4935: Y935 ERG is now withdrawn and 4946: NK51 OLM has been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

27 November 2017

5298: NK08 CHC and 5334: BJ10 VUU are the Citaros returned to service this week at Hexham and Deptford respectively, while 5326: NK58 DWD and 5327: NK58 DWE are away for refurbishment. Scania L94/Wright 4935: Y935 ERG is now in service at Chester le Street.

20 November 2017

Mercedes Citaro 5333: BJ10 VUT has returned to service at Deptford this week and 5325: NK58 DWC has gone for refurbishment. Scania L94s 4930: Y493 ETN and 4935: Y935 ERG have been withdrawn. Volvo B10BLE/Wright 4898: V988 ETN has been sold to Chris & Gemma Purdy for preservation.

13 November 2017

Scania Omnidekkas 6141: YN04 GJY and 6142: YN04 GJZ have been transferred from Washington to Stanley which has withdrawn Trident/Plaxton 3886: NK51 UCO, Volvo B7/Plaxton 6032: V332 LGC and Omnicity 5248: NK56 KHU. Also withdrawn is Scania L94/Wright 4943: NK51 OLG from Riverside. Citaros 5331: BJ10 VUR & 5332: BJ10 VUS have returned to service at Deptford and 5323: NK58 DVZ & 5324: NK58 DWA have been sent away for refurbishment.

6 November 2017

The two AD122 liveried Optare Solos, 635: NK61 FJP and 636: NK61 FMD have been transferred from Hexham to Peterlee. 707: WK58 EAF and 708: WK58 EAG have then moved from Peterlee to Stanley to operate the Durham Cathedral service. Mercedes Citaro 5330: BJ10 VUP has returned to service at Deptford and 5338: HF06 FUB has gone for refurbishment.

30 October 2017

The following vehicle transfers have taken place:

Volvo B9TL/Wright 6047: NK12 GCY Riverside to Hexham. Scania L94/Wright 4929: Y929 ERG, 4930: Y493 ETN & 4935: Y935 ERG Riverside to Deptford, 5210: NK54 NVE Hexham to Riverside, 5229: NK55 OLG & 5231: NK55 OLJ Hexham to Chester le Street, 5201: NK54 NUU & 5202: NK54 NUV Chester le Street to Riverside. Citaros 5303: NK08 CHJ & 5304: NK08 CHL returned to service at Hexham, 5328:

BJ10 VUN & 5329: BJ10 VUO returned to service at Deptford. 5298: NK08 CHC, 5334: BJ10 VUU, 5335: BJ10 VUV & 5336: BJ10 VUW are out of service for refurbishment. Volvo B7TL/Wright 3941: NK05 GZO & 3942: NK05 GZP Hexham to Washington. Scania Omnidekkas 6135: YN04 GJV & 6140: YN04 GJJ Chester le Street to Stanley. Optare Solos 707: WK58 EAF and 708: WK58 EAG Peterlee to Stanley.

Dennis Trident/Plaxton 3887: NK51 UCP has been withdrawn from Stanley, Volvo B10BLE/Wright 4898: V988 ETN has been withdrawn from Riverside and DAF SB120/Wright 8245: NA52 BVB has been withdrawn from Driver Training. Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6042: V306 LGC has been sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet.

2 October 2017

The final Volvo B5TL/Wright Gemini for X9/X10 has arrived and is 6314: NK67 EBJ. The Citaro sent to Blackburn for refurbishment this week is 5333: BJ10 VUT while 5302: NK08 CHH has been returned to Hexham. Scania L94s 4242: NK51 OLE & 4943: NK51 OLG have been transferred from Hexham to Riverside and 4945: NK51 OLJ has been transferred from Chester-le-Street to Riverside to replace 4946: NK51 OLM which has been withdrawn. Volvo B7TL/Wright 3963: NK06 JXD & 3964: NK06 JXC and B7TL/East Lancs 3976: PJ02 PZC have been transferred from Riverside to Chester-le-Street. Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6013: V313 LGC has been withdrawn from Stanley. Vehicles sold are Volvo B7TLs 3978: PJ02 PZE, 3982: PJ02 PZK, 6008: V308 LGC, 6036: V336 LGC to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet; Scania L94s 4931: Y931 ERG, 4936: Y936 ERG, 5233: NK55 OLN and DAF SB120s 8243: NA52 BUV, 8247: NA52 BVD, 8266: NK04 ZNE to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

25 September 2017

Mercedes Citaro 5332: BJ10 VUS is now at Blackburn for refurbishment and 5301: NK08 CHG has been returned at Hexham. Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6042: V306 LGC has been withdrawn from Washington. Dennis Trident/Plaxton 3888: NK51 UCR has been sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet.

18 September 2017

The penultimate Volvo B5TL/Wright for X9/X10 to be delivered is 6311: NK67 EBD. Volvo B10BLE 4898: V988 ETN has been reinstated at Riverside following repairs to the rear axle. Citaro 5331: BJ10 VUR has been taken out of service for refurbishment and 5299: NK08 CHD has returned to service at Hexham. Vehicles transferred are Volvo B9TL/Wright 6048: NK12 GCZ from Riverside to Hexham; Scania Omnidekka 6134: YN04 GJU from Chester-le-Street to Percy Main; Scania L94/Wright 4946: NK51 OLM from Percy Main to Riverside; Optare Solo 639: NK12 HCF from Percy Main to Deptford; Optare Solo 649: NK63 XZW from Stanley to Percy Main. Vehicles withdrawn are Scania L94/Wright 4927: Y927 ERG, Trident/Plaxton 3885: NK51 UCN, Volvo B7TL/East Lancs 3966, 3969, 3972, 3979, 3980, 3981 and Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6008, 6011, 6012, 6029, 6036 and 6038.

11 September 2017

Volvo B5TL/Wright Gemini 3 6312: NK67 EBF and 6313: NK67 EBG have been delivered and are now in service, together with 6308, 6309 and 6310. Citaro 5330: BJ10 VUP has gone to Bus & Coach World, Blackburn for refurbishment and 5300: NK08 CHF has returned which is due to be allocated to Hexham. Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6009: V302 LGC has been transferred from Riverside to Chester-le-Street. Volvo B9R/Caetano 7116: FJ60 KVM and 7117: FJ60 KVO have been transferred to a Special Events fleet at Riverside while similar 7114: FJ60 HXW has been transferred to Driver Training. Vehicles withdrawn are Volvo B7TL/East Lancs 3978: PJ02 PZE and 3982: PJ02 PZK from Deptford, Volvo B10BLE 4898: V988 ETN from Riverside and 6028: V228 LGC from Washington. Dennis MPD 574: NK53 TMZ has been sold to K Stoves and L Calder for preservation.

4 September 2017

Two more new Volvo B5TL/Wright Gemini 3 for X9/X10 are 6309: NK67 ECE and 6310: NK67 EBC. Scania/Caetano Levante 7098: FJ08 KLZ has been transferred from Hexham to Riverside for a special events fleet. Citaro 5298: NK08 CHC has temporarily returned to service at Deptford for tests to a new exhaust system prior to going for refurbishment. Optare Solo 705: YJ10 MFN has been transferred from Washington to Peterlee and Scania L94/Wright 5209: NK54 NVD has been transferred from Deptford to Chester-le-Street where Volvo B7TL/East Lancs 3981: PJ02 PZH and Optare Versa 8303: NK09 FVD have been withdrawn. Also withdrawn is Dennis

Trident/Plaxton 3888: NK51 UCR from Stanley. Volvo Olympian 3831: S831 OFT has been sold to Davies Motors, Ruthin.

28 August 2017

The first of the new Volvo B5TL/Wright Gemini 3 for services X9/X10 has been delivered and is 6308: NK67 ECD. Citaros 5318: NK08 MZV and 5319: NK08 MZW have returned from refurbishment while 5328: BJ10 VUN and 5329: BJ10 VUO have gone for refurbishment. Volvo B7/East Lancs 3981: PJ02 PZH has been transferred from Deptford to Chester-le-Street.

21 August 2017

Mercedes Citaro 5317: NK08 MYG has returned to service at Riverside and 5292: NK08 CGO has returned to service at Deptford. Scania Omnidekka 6147 has been re-registered CU 6860 and 6148 has been re-registered CU 7661.

14 August 2017

Volvo B7TL/East Lancs 3979: PJ02 PZF and Citaro 5284: NK08 CFP have been transferred from Deptford to Riverside. Scania K340EB/Caetano 7095: FJ08 KLS has been withdrawn. Volvo B10BLE/Wright 4922: X922 WGR has been sold to Daniel Annis, Pelaw for preservation.

7 August 2017

The 5 new Volvo/Caetano coaches, 7133 - 7137, have now entered service at Chester-le-Street. Scania K340EB/Caetano 7097: FJ08 KLX and Volvo B9R/Caetano 7114: FJ60 HXW & 7116: FJ60 KVM have been delicensed. Citaros 5314: NK08 MYC and 5316: NK08 MYF have been returned to service this week at Riverside. Volvo B10BLE/Wright 4922: X922 WGR has been withdrawn from Riverside.

31 July 2017

Five new Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante coaches have been received for National Express at Chester-le-Street: 7133: BV17 GVD, 7134: BV17 GVE, 7135: BV17 GVF, 7136: BV17 GVG and 7137: BV17 GVJ. Mercedes Citaros 5313: NK08 MYB and 5315: NK08 MYD have returned to service at Riverside following refurbishment. Scania L94 4942: NK51 OLE has been transferred from Riverside to Hexham; Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6011: V311 LGC has been transferred from Deptford to Riverside and 6036: V336 LGC, 6038: V338 LGC & 6039: V302 LGC from Chester-le-Street to Riverside.

24 July 2017

Two additional Scania Omnidekkas have been transferred from Brighton & Hove which are 6147: YN05 GZP and 6148: YN05 GZR allocated to Percy Main to replace Tridents 3890: CU 6860 (which has now been withdrawn) and 3891: NK51 UCU. Citaro 5312: NK08 MYA has returned to Riverside while 5319: NK08 MZW from Riverside and 5299: NK08 CHD, 5300: NK08 CHF & 5303: NK08 CHJ from Deptford have been taken out of service for refurbishment. Scania L94 5233: NK55 OLN has been withdrawn from Hexham and replaced by 4943: NK51 OLG transferred from Riverside. Volvo B7/Plaxton 6011: V311 LGC has now been transferred from Chester-le-Street to Deptford.

17 July 2017

The final new Streetlites to enter service at Deptford are 5476: NK17 GJX and 5477: NK17 GJY. Citaros 5301: NK08 CHG and 5302: NK08 CHH have gone for refurbishment from Deptford together with 5316: NK08 MYF, 5317: NK08 MYG and

5318: NK08 MZV from Riverside. 5310: NK08 MXY and 5311: NK08 MXZ have returned to service at Riverside. Volvo B7/Plaxton 6011: V311 LGC has been transferred from Stanley to Chester-le-Street.

10 July 2017

Deptford has now received Streetlites 5470: NK17 GJF, 5478: NK17 GJZ, 5479: NK17 GKA and 5480: NK17 GKC. Citaros 5298: NK08 CHC and 5304: NK08 CHL have been taken out of service from Deptford for refurbishment and Versa 8326: NK11 GWX has been transferred to Chester le Street. Citaro 5322: NK58 DVY has returned to service at Riverside following refurbishment. DAF SB120 8263: NK04 ZKZ has been sold via Hopauctions.com, Goole.

3 July 2017

Deptford has received Streetlites 5468: NK17 GHZ, 5472: NK17 GJJ, 5473: NK17 GJO, 5474: NK17 GJU and 5475: NK17 GJV. Transferred are Scania L94 5206: NK54 NVA from Deptford to Chester le Street, Versas 8308: NK09 FVJ, 8309: NK09 FVL & 8327: NK11 GWY from Deptford to Riverside and Scania Omnicity 5237: NK56 KHE from Riverside to Stanley. Citaro 5321: NK58 DVX has returned to service at Riverside while 5315: NK08 MYD has gone for refurbishment. MPDs 557: NK53 TKV, 570: NK53 TMU, 603: NK04 NTX, 604: NK04 NTY and 606: NK04 NUB have been sold to Davis Motors, Ruthin. Volvo B10BLE 4915: X915 WGR has been sold to A-line Coaches, Pelaw. Olympian 3822: S822 OFT, B10BLEs 4896: V896 ETN, 4900: V990 ETN, 5152: T802 CBW, 5155: T805 CBW, 5167: W817 FBW and DAF SB120 8242: NA52 BUU, 8262: NK04 ZKY, 8265: NK04 ZND have been sold to Trevor Wigley, Carlton.

26 June 2017

New vehicles in service at Deptford are Wright Streetlites 5465: NK17 GHV, 5469: NK17 GJE and 5471: NK17 GJG. Also delivered are 5468: NK17 GHZ, 5472: NK17 GJJ, 5473: NK17 GJO and 5475: NK17 GJV. Mercedes Citaro 5320: NK58 DVW has returned from refurbishment and 5292: NK08 CGO has been sent away. Deptford has transferred Scania L94/Wright 5207: NK54 NVB to Chester le Street and Optare Versas 8306: NK09 FVG, 8307: NK09 FVH and 8328: NK11 HBC to Riverside. The last DAF SB120/Wright Cadet in service, 8266: NK04 ZNE, has been withdrawn. Ex-Oxford Volvo B10BLE/Wright 5166: W816 FBW has been sold via Hopauctions.com, Goole.

19 June 2017

New vehicles in service at Deptford are Wright Streetlites 5463: NK17 GHO, 5464: NK17 GHU, 5466: NK17 GHX and 5467: NK17 GHY. Also delivered are 5465: NK17 GHV and 5471: NK17 GJG. Citaro 5297: NK08 CGZ is back in service at Riverside and 5314: NK08 MYC has gone for refurbishment. MPDs 564: NK53 TLO and 574: NK53 TMZ are withdrawn from Deptford and Scania L94 4934: Y934 ERG is withdrawn from Chester-le-Street.

12 June 2017

Citaros 5295 and 5296 have returned to Riverside following refurbishment and 5313 is out of service for refurbishment. Scania L94/Wright 4926: Y926 ERG had been withdrawn from Riverside and Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6027: V327 LGC has been withdrawn from Washington. Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6026: V226 LGC and Volvo B10BLE/Wright 5168: W818 FBW have been sold to Trevor Wigley, Carlton.

5 June 2017

This week's swap of Citaros for refurbishment is 5312 out of service and 5293 returned. Optare Versas 8319 – 8325 have been transferred from Deptford to Chester le Street.

29 May 2017

Citaros 5281 and 5294 are now returned to service at Riverside and 5310, 5311 & 5322 have gone for refurbishment. Volvo B7/Plaxton 6009: V209 LGC & 6012: V312 LGC have been transferred from Stanley to Percy Main and 6042: V306 LGC has been transferred from Stanley to Washington. Scania L94/Wright 4931: Y931 ERG has been withdrawn from Riverside. MPD 554: NK53 TKO has been sold to Hopauctions.com, Goole. Dennis Trident/East Lancs 3858: V858 EGR has been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade. Dennis Trident/East Lancs 3872: W182 SCU and DAF SB120s 8261: NK04 ZNC & 8264: NK04 ZLE have been sold to Trevor Wigley, Carlton.

15 May 2017

Mercedes Citaro 5283: NK07 KPU has now returned to service at Riverside and 5297: NK08 CGZ & 5321: NK58 DVX have been taken out of service for refurbishment. DAF SB120/Wright 8243: NA52 BUV and 8244: NA52 BUW have been withdrawn from Driver Training. Dennis Trident/Plaxton 3891: CU 7661 has been withdrawn from Percy Main.

8 May 2017

Mercedes Citaro 5282: NK07 KPT has returned to service at Riverside after refurbishment and Scania Omnicity 5236: NK56 KHD has been transferred from Riverside to Stanley. MPDs 557: NK53 TKV and 603: NK54 NTX have been withdrawn from Riverside and Deptford respectively and Scania L94/Wright 4936: Y936 ERG has been withdrawn from Deptford. MPDs 547: NA52 AXN, 548: NA52 AXO and 549: NK53 TKD have been sold to Davis Motors, Ruthin.

1 May 2017

Mercedes Citaros 5277, 5278 & 5280 have returned to service at Riverside following refurbishment and 5296 & 5320 have been taken out of service for refurbishment.

24 April 2017

Scania Omnicity 5235: NK56 KHC has been transferred from Riverside to Stanley and Volvo B7/Plaxton 6014: V314 LGC has been withdrawn from Stanley. DAF SB120/Wright 8247: NA52 BVD has been withdrawn from Driver Training. MPDs 550: NK53 TKE and 556: NK53 TKU have been sold to Stafford Bus Centre, Stone. Volvo B10BLE 5159: T809 CBW has been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

17 April 2017

Mercedes Citaros 5275, 5276 and 5279 have returned to service at Riverside while 5293, 5294 and 5295 have been taken out of service for refurbishment. Scania L94/Wright 5205 has been transferred from Deptford to Chester-le-Street.

10 April 2017

Vehicle transfers this week are of Scania L94s 4926 and 4927 from Chester-le-Street to Riverside, in turn Omnicities 5234 and 5238 have transferred from Riverside to Stanley, 5254 from Stanley to Percy Main and Scania L94 4964 from Percy Main to Driver Training. MPD 574 has transferred from Riverside to Deptford and 570 has been withdrawn from Deptford.

3 April 2017

Mercedes Citaros 5287, 5290 and 5291 have returned to service at Deptford following refurbishment. Scania L94s 4946 and 4954 have subsequently transferred from Deptford to Percy Main to allow further L94s, 4962 and 4963, to be transferred to Driver Training. This will see withdrawal of the DAF SB120 driver training vehicles. Also transferred from Deptford are Scania L94s 4945 and 5204 to Chester-le-Street. Percy

Main has also returned Optare Solo 638 to Riverside. Ex-Plymouth Solo 707: WK58 EAF is in service at Peterlee, not Deptford and MPD 549: NK53 TKD has been withdrawn. Solos 712: WK59 CWX and 714: WK59CWZ are in service at Stanley. MPD 560: NK53 TKZ, Volvo B7 6034: V334 LGC and DAF SB120 8248: NA52 BVE have been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade. MPD 571: NK53 TMV has been sold to Stafford Bus Centre, Stone.

20 March 2017

638 639 Riverside to Percy Main
650 651 652 Stanley to Percy Main
653 Peterlee to Percy Main
636 Percy Main to Hexham
5277 out of service at Riverside
606 withdrawn from Riverside
697 707 5288 in service at Deptford
5248 Washington to Stanley
5338 Stanley to Washington
706 710 711 713 in service at Stanley
604 withdrawn from Stanley 553
572 573 605 3866 4919 8246
sold

13 March 2017

Refurbished Citaros 5285, 5286 and 5289 have re-entered service at Deptford from where Scania L94 4955: NA02 NVL has been transferred to Percy Main, 5214: NK54 NVJ is transferred to Chester-le-Street and Optare Solo 635: NK61 FJP is transferred to Hexham. Peterlee has transferred MPD 603: NK54 NTX to Deptford. Scania L94/Wright 4965: NL52 WVV has been transferred from Chester-le-Street to Driver Training.

6 March 2017

Ex-Plymouth Optare Solo 709: WK58 EAJ has entered service at Riverside.

27 February 2017

The final Optare Solo to come from Thames Travel is 697: YJ59 NNH. The final Optare Solos to come from Plymouth Citybus are 710: WK59 CWU, 711: WK59 CWW & 712: WK59 CWX. Finally, the last Wright Streetlite to be delivered from the current order is 5459: NK66 EWJ. Mercedes Citaro 5284: NK08 CFP has returned to service at Deptford following refurbishment while 5290: NK08 CGF and 5291: NK08 CGG are now out of service for refurb. Ex-Plymouth Solo 708: WK58 EAG has entered service at Peterlee. Scania L94/Wright 4961: NL52 WVS has been transferred to Driver Training. MPD 562: NK53 TLJ, Volvo Olympians 3824: S824 OFT & 3830: S830 OFT and Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6022: V322 LGC have been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

20 February 2017

709: WK58 EAJ and 713: WK59 CWY are two more Optare Solos to arrive from Plymouth Citybus. Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6026: V226 LGC has been withdrawn from Chester le Street and Scania L94/Wright 4928: Y928 ERG has been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

13 February 2017

Four more Streetlites for Riverside are 5457: NK66 EWF, 5458: NK66 EWH, 5461: NK66 EWM and 5462: NK66 EWN. Two more ex-Plymouth Citybus Solos to arrive are 706: WK58 EAE and 707: WK58 EAF.

6 February 2017

Further new Streetlites for Riverside are 5453: NK66 EWB, 5454: NK66 EWC, 5456: NK66 EWE and 5460: NK66 EWL. An Optare Solo has been acquired from Plymouth Citybus which is 708: WK58 EAG. Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6016: V816 KGF has been transferred from Stanley to Chester-le-Street and the Metrodekka demonstrator has been moved from Washington to Chester-le-Street.

30 January 2017

More new Streetlites are 5448: NK66 EVJ, 5450: NK66 EVM for Stanley and 5455: NK66 EWD for Riverside. Further vehicles sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade are MPD 565: NK53 TLU, Volvo B10BLEs 5153: T803 CBW, 5154: T804 CBW, 5169: W819 FBW, 5170: W20 FWL, 5171: W821 FBW, Volvo B7/Plaxton 6024: V324 LGC and DAF SB120s 8268: NK54 NKU, 8269: NK54 NKW.

23 January 2017

Five more new Streetlites delivered are 5446: NK66 EVG, 5447: NK66 EVH, 5449: NK66 EVL, 5451: NK66 EVN and 5452: NK66 EWA. 5446, 5447 & 5449 are in Durham Diamond livery, 5451 & 5452 are in the new red/blue fleet livery. The Metrodekka demonstrator, 9099, has been transferred from Riverside to Washington. Vehicles sold are Trident 3864: W864 PNL, B7/Plaxton 6024: V324 LGC, Volvo B10BLEs 4916: X916 WGR & 5154: T804 CBW and DAF SB120 8270: NK54 NKX to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade and Volvo coaches 7080: Y808 MFT, 7082: Y782 MFT, 7087: NA52 RMZ & 7090 MH54 MBX to Solus Travel Ltd, Tamworth.

16 January 2017

The first vehicles from an order for a further batch of Wright Streetlites have been delivered and are 5442: NK66 EVB, 5443: NK66 EVC and 5444: NK66 EVD. They are allocated to Stanley depot and are branded Durham Diamond. This batch is fitted with Mercedes engines instead of Cummins and they are B45F+28. Ex-Thames Travel Solo 699: YJ10 MFP has entered service at Deptford. Volvo Olympian 3832 has been reinstated at Riverside to replace 3830 which has been withdrawn defective. Also withdrawn are Volvo B7/Plaxton 6022: V322 LGC and DAF SB120 driver trainer 8246: NA52 BVC. Mercedes Citaro 5336: BJ10 VUW has been transferred from Peterlee to Deptford. Volvo Olympian 3814: S814 FVK has been sold to the North East Electric Transport Trust at the North East Land Sea and Air Museum, Sunderland.

9 January 2017

The Thames Travel Optare Solo 691: YJ13 HNW has entered service at Peterlee depot. This has resulted in the transfer of MPD 574: NK53 TMZ to Riverside and the withdrawal of 605: NK04 NUA. The last Volvo Olympians have been withdrawn from Stanley, fleet numbers 3822, 3830, 3831 and 3832. However, 3830 has been transferred to Riverside to replace their 3824 which is withdrawn. Also withdrawn from Stanley is Volvo B10BLE 4896: V986 ETN. Ex-Brighton Omnidekka 6145: YN55 NFC is in service at Percy Main together with 6132: YN04 GJF transferred from Stanley in exchange for Dennis Trident/Plaxton 3888: NK51 UCR.

19 December 2016

The penultimate Optare Solo SR to be received from Thames Travel is 691: YJ13 HNW,

while 692: YJ13 HNX has entered service at Peterlee. As a result, Citaros 5334: BJ10 VUU and 5335: BJ10 VUV have been transferred from Peterlee to Deptford, Scania L94/Wright 4962: NL52 WVT has been transferred from Deptford to Percy Main and Volvo B10BLE/Wright 4912; X912 WGR has been withdrawn from Percy Main. Scania Omnidekka 6135: YN04 GJV has been transferred from Crook to Chester-le-Street, from where the last East Lancs bodied Trident, 3872: W182 SCU and the first Scania L94/Wright, 4928: Y928 ERG, have been withdrawn.

12 December 2016

Another Optare Solo SR to arrive from Thames Travel is 692: YJ13 HNX. Ex-Brighton Scania Omnidekka 6146: YN55 NFE has entered service at Crook. The Optare Metrodekka demonstrator has been transferred to Riverside and Chester-le-Street has received Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6030: V330 LGC in exchange. Scania L94s 4963: NL52 WVU and 4964: NL52 WVV have been transferred from Deptford to Percy Main which has withdrawn Volvo B10BLEs 4917: X917 WGR and 4919: X919 WGR together with Dennis Trident/East Lancs 3866: W866 PNL. Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6011: V311 LGC and 6042: V306 LGC have been transferred from Washington to Stanley which has withdrawn Volvo Olympian 3814: S814 FVK. Mercedes Citaro 5333 has been transferred from Peterlee to Deptford.

5 December 2016

Ex-Thames Travel Optare Solos 693: YJ13 HNY and 694: YJ13 HNZ have entered service at Peterlee. MPD 562: NK53 TLJ has been withdrawn.

28 November 2016

MPD 605: NK54 NUA has been transferred from Washington to Riverside. MPDs withdrawn are 560: NK53 TKZ from Riverside and 573: NK53 TMY from Deptford. Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6034: V334 LGC has been withdrawn from Chester-le-Street.

21 November 2016

Two more ex-Thames Travel Optare Solos are 693: YJ13 HNY and 694: YJ13 HNZ. 698: YJ10 MFO and 700: YJ10 MFU have entered service at Deptford and ex-Brighton Omnidekka 6142: YN04 GJZ has entered service at Washington. Volvo B12B/Plaxton Panther 7092: K2 VOY has been re-registered LA55 WWN. Dennis Trident/East Lancs 3867: W177 SCU has been sold to Central Taxis, Gateshead.

14 November 2016

Some more ex-Brighton Scania N94/East Lancs have arrived which are 6143: YN04 GKA, 6145: YN55 NFC and 6146: YN55 NFE. Similar 6141: YN04 GJY and ex-Thames Travel Solo 705: YJ10 MFN have passed into service at Washington while 695: YJ13 HOA & 696: YJ13 HOH have entered service at Crook. MPDs 571: NK53 TMV & 572: NK53 TMX have been withdrawn as a result. Also withdrawn is MPD 550: NK53 TKE. Volvo B10BLE 4919: X919 WGR has been re-instated at Percy Main and 4916: X916 WGR has been withdrawn. Vehicle transfers are Scania Omnicities 5248 & 5249 from Percy Main to Washington; Scania L94s 4963 & 4964 from Percy Main to Deptford; MPD 570 and Scania L94s 4961 & 4962 from Washington to Deptford; Optare Solo 635 from Hexham to Deptford; Volvo B7/Plaxton 6032 from Washington to Stanley and Metrodekker 9099 from Washington to Chester le Street. Optare Solo 697: YJ59 NNH has not yet arrived from Thames Travel, 695 came in place of it.

31 October 2016

MPD 603: NK54 NTX has been transferred from Washington to Peterlee. Dennis Trident/East Lancs 3867: W177 SCU has been withdrawn.

24 October 2016

Volvo B10BLE 4922: X922 WGR has returned to service at Riverside and 4897: V987 ETN, together with MPD 547: NA52 AXN have been withdrawn. Percy Main has received Scania L94 4963: NL52 WVU from Washington and has withdrawn Volvo B10BLE 4912: X912 WGR. Dennis Trident/East Lancs 3876: W186 SCU and 3878: W188 SCU and Volvo B10BLE 4909: W909 RBB have been sold to Trevor Wigley, Carlton.

10 October 2016

Six more Optare Solos have been received from Thames Travel. They are 696: YJ13 HOH, 697: YJ59 NNH, 698: YJ10 MFO, 699: YJ10 MFP, 700: YJ10 MFU and 705: YJ10 MFN. The first four similar vehicles (701 - 704) are now in service at Washington who have transferred MPDs 604: NK54 NTY to Stanley and 606: NK54 NUB to Riverside. Stanley has therefore withdrawn MPD 553: NK53 TKN and Riverside has withdrawn 556: NK53 TKU. Dennis Trident 3869: W179 SCU has been sold to Trevor Wigley, Carlton and Alpha Recovery has taken MPDs 542, 566, 567, 568, 569, Volvo B10BLE 4903 and DAF SB120s 8258, 8267 & 8271.

3 October 2016

Scania L94 4965 has been transferred from Deptford to Chester le Street and 4929 has been transferred from Chester le Street to Riverside. Optare Solo 636 has been transferred from Hexham to Percy Main. Riverside has withdrawn MPD 554: NK53 TKO and Volvo B10BLEs 4919: X919 WGR & 4922: X922 WGR. Stanley has withdrawn Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6024: V324 LGC. MPDs 555: NK53 TKT and 558: NK53 TKX have been sold to Trevor Wigley, Carlton. Volvo B10BLEs 4901: W901 RBB, 4918: X918 WGR and 4925: X935 WGR have been sold to Ensign, Purfleet.

26 September 2016

More Ex-Brighton Scania N94/East Lancs Omnidekkas to arrive are 6141: YN04 GJY, 6142: YN04 GJZ and 6144: YN05 GZL. Scania L94/Wright 5215 has been transferred from Deptford to Chester-le-Street. Dennis MPD 565: NK53 TLU and ex-Oxford B10BLE 5170: W20 FWL have been withdrawn. Volvo B7/Plaxton 6040: V304 LGC has been sold to Trevor Wigley, Carlton.

19 September 2016

DAF SB120s 8263, 8264 and 8265 have been withdrawn from Washington. Dennis MPD 551: NK53 TKF and Dennis Trident/East Lancs 3875: W185 SCU have been sold to Trevor Wigley, Carlton. Volvo B10BLE/Wright 4902: W902 RBB, 4907: W907 RBB and 4920: X492 WGR have been sold to Ensign, Purfleet.

12 September 2016

4 Optare Solos have been received from Thames Travel numbered 701: YJ10 MFA, 702: YJ10 MFE, 703: YJ10 MFF and 704: YJ10 MFK. The 10 new Solos are now in service at Deptford (681, 689 & 690) and Washington (682 - 688). MPDs 559: NK53 TKY and 560: NK53 TKZ have been transferred from Deptford to Riverside; Volvo B7/Plaxton 6030: V330 LGC has been transferred from Stanley to Riverside and Citaro 5324: NK58 DWA has been transferred from Riverside to Washington. DAF SB120s 8261: NK04 ZNC and 8262: NK04 ZKY have been withdrawn from Washington.

5 September 2016

Ten new Optare Solo SR have been received, fleet numbers 681 - 690, 7 branded indiGo for Washington depot and 3 for Deptford depot currently in unbranded red.

Please see the fleet list for details of the registration marks. Ex-Brighton Scania Omnidekka 6134: YN04 GJU has entered service at Chester le Street and 6135: YN04 GJV at Crook. Volvo B7/Plaxton 6038 has been transferred from Crook to Chester le Street. Volvo B10BLEs withdrawn are 4901, 4902, 4907, 4918, 4920, 4925 and 5167. Also withdrawn is Dennis Trident/East Lancs 3864. DFDS branded Trident 3866: 340 GUP has been re-registered W866 PNL and 3867: 524 FUP has been re-registered W177 SCU, both prior to disposal. Ex-Oxford Volvo B10BLE 5157: T807 CBW has been sold to Central Taxis, Gateshead.

29 August 2016

Dennis Tridents 3873: W183 SCU & 3880: W176 SCU and Volvo B10BLE 4911: W411 SCU have been sold to Wigley, Carlton.

22 August 2016

Volvo B10BLE 4925 has been transferred from Stanley to Riverside. DAF SB120 8267 has been withdrawn from Washington. Volvo B10BLE 4841: R841 PRG has been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade and 4923: X923 WGR has been sold to Ensign, Purfleet.

15 August 2016

Following the transfer of Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6034 from Percy Main to Chester le Street Volvo B7TL/East Lancs 3983 has now been transferred from Chester le Street to Riverside. Dennis Trident 3869: W179 SCU has been withdrawn from Chester le Street. Volvo B10BLE 4904: W904 RBB has been sold to Wigley, Carlton.

8 August 2016

Two more ex-Brighton Scania Omnidekkas are 6134: YN04 GJU and 6135: YN04 GJV using the fleet numbers of the 2 convertible open toppers which became 3995 & 3996 before entering service. Volvo B7/East Lancs 3983 wasn't transferred to Riverside and remains at Chester le Street for the time being. Following the end of Metro replacement work Volvo B7/Plaxtons 6009, 6012, 6013, 6014 & 6016 have returned to Stanley. Ex-Oxford B10BLE 5170 has been transferred from Washington to Stanley; ex-Brighton Omnidekka 6140 has been transferred from Stanley to Chester le Street and Dennis Trident/East Lancs 3876 has been withdrawn from Stanley, as has 3878 from Chester le Street. Volvo B7/Wright 3941 has been transferred from Riverside to Hexham. DAF SB120/Wright 8255 has been sold to Wigley, Carlton.

25 July 2016

The seven latest ex-Brighton Scania Omnidekkas have entered service at Stanley resulting in the transfer of Volvo B7/Plaxtons 6009, 6012, 6013, 6014 & 6016 to Riverside for Metro replacement work, together with MPD 547. Other MPDs transferred are 550 from Deptford to Peterlee, 556 from Hexham to Riverside and 554 re-instated to service at Riverside. Volvo B7/East Lancs 3983 and Scania L94/Wright 4930 & 4931 have been transferred from Chester le Street to Riverside. Scania L94 4964 has been transferred from Riverside to Percy Main. Volvo B10BLE/Wright 4909: W909 RBB has been withdrawn.

18 July 2016

Seven additional Scania N94UD/East Lancs Omnidekkas have been acquired from Brighton & Hove - 3995: GX03 SSZ, 3996: GX03 STZ, 6136: GX03 SUA, 6137: GX03 SVF, 6138: GX03 SVG, 6139: GX03 SVJ and 6140: YN04 GJJ. 3995 & 3996 have been numbered as such to ease identifying them as convertible open toppers which are higher than other Omnidekkas in the fleet. Volvo B10BLE 4908: W908 RBB has been sold to Ensign, Purfleet.

4 July 2016

Volvo B7/Plaxton 6034: V334 LGC has been transferred from Deptford to Percy Main. Scania coaches 7095 & 7098 are still in service at Chester le Street. Volvo B10BLEs 4903: W903 RBB & 5166: W816 FBW have been withdrawn and DAF SB120/Wright 8272: NK54 NLC & 8273: NK54 NLD have been sold to Ensign, Purfleet.

26 June 2016

Volvo B10BLE 4925: X935 WGR has been transferred from Deptford to Stanley. Scania L94 5217: NK54 NVN has been transferred from Deptford to Chester le Street. Ex-Oxford Volvo B10BLEs 5153: T803CBW and 5154: T804 CBW have been withdrawn from Percy Main as has Dennis Trident/East Lancs 3880: W176 SCU from Stanley. Volvo B10BLEs 4905: W905 RBB, 4910: W491 SCU, 4914: X914 WGR and 4924: X924 WGR have been sold to Ensign, Purfleet.

20 June 2016

The final Streetlite for Prince Bishops has entered service at Deptford - 5441: NK16 AZW, as have the remaining new Volvo B11RT/Caetano coaches for National Express which are - 7127: BX16 CKK, 7129: BX16 CKO, 7130: BX16 CKP, 7131: BX16 CLO and 7132: BX16 CLU. Scania L94s 4972 & 4975 have been transferred from Deptford to Percy Main and 5216 from Deptford to Chester le Street. Volvo B10BLE 4909 has returned to service at Washington. Vehicles withdrawn are Volvo B10BLE 5157 from Percy Main, Dennis Trident 3875 from Chester le Street, DAF SB120 8271 from Washington and Scania coaches 7094, 7095, 7098, 7099, 7100, 7101 & 7102 from Chester le Street. Vehicles sold are Volvo B10BLEs 4906: W906 RBB and 4913: X913 WGR to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet.

13 June 2016

There have been a large number of vehicle movements following the delivery of new vehicles and service changes. Further Streetlites for Deptford are 5431: NK16 BYO, 5438: NK16 BWZ, 5439: NK16 AZU, 5440: NK16 AZV & 5441: NK16 AZW. New coaches are Volvo B11RT/Caetano 7125: BX16 CKG, 7126: BX16 CKJ, 7128: BX16 CKL, 7130: BX16 CKP, 7131: BX16 CLO & 7132: BX16 CLU. Vehicles transferred are: Citaros 5320, 5321, 5322, 5323 & 5324 from Deptford to Riverside; Scania L94s 4968, 4970, 4971, 4973, 4974 & 5203 from Deptford to Percy Main; Volvo B10BLE 4907 from Deptford to Riverside; Volvo B10BLE 4909 from Deptford to Washington; Versa 8328 from Riverside to Deptford; Volvo B10BLE 5170 from Riverside to Washington and Volvo B12B 7093 from Chester le Street to Driver Training. Vehicles withdrawn are MPD 551, B10BLEs 4905, 4906, 4911, 4924 and DAF SB120 8258 from Deptford; B10BLEs 4913, 4914, 5152 & 5155 from Percy Main; B10BLEs 5168, 5169 & 5171 from Riverside and Scania K340EB/Caetano 7096 from Chester le Street. Tridents 3804, 3865 & 3868, Volvo B10BLEs 4921, 5151, 5156 & 5160, and Volvo B7/Plaxton 6035 & 6037 have been sold to Wigley, Carlton for scrap. Volvo B7/Plaxton 6041 has been sold to St. Oswald's Hospice, Gosforth.

16 May 2016

Two more new Streetlites are 5426: NK16 BYH and 5427: NK16 BYJ. Streetlites to enter service at Deptford on Prince Bishop are 5420 - 5425 and 5432 - 5435. This has resulted in the transfer of DAF SB120 8267 to Washington and Volvo B10BLE 4903 to Stanley and the withdrawal of Volvo B10BLEs 4908 & 4910 and DAF SB120s 8267, 8268, 8269, 8270, 8272 & 8273.

9 May 2016

More new Wright Streetlites to be delivered are 5421: NK16 BYB, 5422, NK16 BYC, 5423: NK16 BYD, 5424: NK16 BYF, 5425: NK16 BYG and 5432: NK16 BYP. Dennis MPD 542: NA52 AXG and Volvo B10BLE 4904: W904 RBB have been withdrawn from Deptford. Dennis Trident 3859: W859 PNL, Volvo B7TL 6021: V921 KGF and DAF SB120s 8259: NK04 FPD & 8260: NK04 FPE have been sold to Wigley, Carlton.

25 April 2016

The first of 22 new Wright Streetlites to be delivered is 5420: NK16 BYA. A further transfer following the recent service changes is of Volvo B9/Wright 6121 from Riverside to Stanley. Volvo B7/Plaxton 6040 has been withdrawn from Washington. The Solo on loan at Riverside, 9105, has been returned to Optare. Dennis MPDs 561: NK53 TLF & 563: NK53 TLN and Volvo B10BLE/Wright 5158: T808 CBW have been sold to Wigley, Carlton.

18 April 2016

The following vehicle transfers have taken place as a result of service changes at the weekend: Volvo B9TL/Wright 6118, 6119 & 6120 Riverside to Stanley; Volvo B7RLE/Wright 4978, 4979, 4980, 4981 & 4982 Riverside to Percy Main; Omnities 5243, 5244, 5245, 5246 & 5247 Percy Main to Washington; Versas 8294, 8295, 8296, 8297, 8298, 8299, 8300 & 8301 and Scania L94/Wright 4935 Washington to Riverside; Omnities 5255, 5256, 5257, 5258, 5259 & 5260 Chester le Street to Washington; Streetlites 5395, 5396, 5397, 5398, 5399 & 5400 Stanley to Chester le Street. In addition MPD 557 has been transferred from Hexham to Riverside and 558 has been withdrawn.

4 April 2016

New Optare Solos 672 - 680 have entered service at Percy Main depot, branded Indigo. This has resulted in the transfer of MPDs 549, 559 & 551 to Deptford, 553 to Stanley and the withdrawal of 554, 566, 567, 568 & 569. Scania L94s 4942 & 4943 have been transferred from Deptford to Riverside which has withdrawn MPD 563 and Volvo B10BLE 4921. Deptford has withdrawn MPD 548 and Stanley has withdrawn Volvo B7/Plaxton 6037. Solos 9104 and 9106 have returned to Optare while 9105 remains in use at Riverside at present.

28 March 2016

14 new Optare Solo SR have been delivered for Hexham & Percy Main depots, fleet numbers 667 - 680. For details of the registration marks, please see the fleet list. As a result, Solos on loan, 9105 and 9106 have returned to Optare and 9104 has been transferred to Riverside. Solo 636: NK61 FMD has also been transferred to Hexham from Deptford. Volvo B7TL/Plaxtons displaced by the new StreetDecks have been put to use elsewhere: 6034 at Deptford, 6040 at Washington, 6024 & 6037 at Stanley. Dennis Trident 3859: W859 PNL has been withdrawn from Percy Main.

7 March 2016

The final Wright StreetDeck to be delivered for service X21 is 6307: NK16 BXG. MPD 542: NA52 AXG has been transferred to Deptford from Riverside and 559: NK53 TKY to Deptford from Hexham. In exchange, Hexham has received Optare Solo 635: NK61 FJP from Deptford. Trident 3873: W183 SCU has been withdrawn from Stanley.

29 February 2016

More Wright StreetDecks for X21 to be delivered are 6301: NK16 BXA, 6303: NK16

BXC, 6304: NK16 BXD, 6305: NK16 BXE and 6306: NK16 BXF. Also new is a further Volvo B11RT/Caetano Levante 7124: BD65 JDZ. A third Optare Solo on loan at Hexham is 9104: YJ65 ELW. Volvo B7/Plaxton President 6030: V330 LGC has been transferred from Percy Main to Stanley in exchange for Dennis Trident/Plaxton President 3888: NK51 UCR.

15 February 2016

The first Wright StreetDeck for the re-branded X21 Castles Express has been delivered and is 6302: NK16 BXB.

25 January 2016

An Optare Solo is on loan at Hexham, pending the delivery of new vehicles, to cover for MPD 555: NK53 TKT which has been withdrawn together with 561: NK53 TLF. The Solo is 9106: YJ10 EZB. Dennis MPD 524: NA52 AWG has been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade and Scania L94/Wright artic 4950: NK51 OLR has been sold to Diagtest Ltd, Meadowfield.

18 January 2016

DAF SB120/Cadets 8254 and 8255 have been withdrawn from Washington and 8254 has been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade together with Dennis Trident/East Lancs 3863: W863 PNL. Also sold are DAF SB120/Cadets 8250, 8251 and 8253 to Trevor Wigley, Carlton.

11 January 2016

A few vehicle movements this week: StreetDeck demonstrator 9119 from Riverside to Crook for use on Pronto X21, Volvo B10BLE 4896: V986 ETN Riverside to Stanley, Trident/East Lancs 3864: W864 PNL Chester le Street to Stanley.

21 December 2015

New coaches delivered for National Express are Volvo/Caetano 7120: BX65 WDA, 7121: BX65 WDC, 7122: BX65 WDD and 7123: BX65 WDE. Vehicles transferred over the weekend are Volvo B10BLEs 4903, 4906 & 4907 from Riverside to Deptford and 4911 from Percy Main to Deptford; DAF SB120s 8270 & 8271 from Deptford to Washington and 8259 & 8260 have been withdrawn from Deptford.

14 December 2015

Volvo B7/Plaxton 6021: V921 KGF and Dennis Trident 3863: W863 PNL have been withdrawn. Volvo Olympians 3813, 3823 & 3825 have been sold to South Gloucestershire Bus & Coach Co., Bristol. Trident 3874, Scania artic 4951, Volvo B10BLEs 5144 & 5149, Volvo B6BLE 8293 and MPDs 544 & 545 have been sold to Trevor Wigley, Barnsley.

30 November 2015

Tridents 3862: W862 PNL and 3870: W174 SCU have been sold to Ensign Bus Co.

23 November 2015

Volvo B7/Plaxton 6020: V220 LGC has been transferred from Deptford to Chester le Street and 6016: V816 KGF from Chester le Street to Stanley. Chester le Street has withdrawn Trident/East Lancs 3868: W178 SCU and Stanley has withdrawn 3874: W184 SCU.

16 November 2015

Ex-Oxford Volvo B10BLEs 5151, 5156, 5158 & 5159 (T801 CBW etc) have been withdrawn from Percy Main.

9 November 2015

3874 in service at Stanley
5273 Stanley to Percy Main

2 November 2015

Service changes which took place last weekend saw a number of vehicle re-allocations, as follows: B7/East Lancs 3978 Riverside to Deptford and B7/Plaxton 6042 Deptford to Washington. Volvo B10BLEs 4916 & 4917 from Riverside to Percy Main. Omnities 5239, 5240, 5241 & 5242 Riverside to Stanley and Citaros 5293, 5294, 5295, 5296 & 5297 Stanley to Riverside. In addition, Streetlite 5401 from Stanley has been swapped with 5409 from Chester le Street. MPD 542: NA52 AXG has returned to service at Riverside for use on a temporary shuttle service associated with the closure of Chowdene Bank. Ex-Brighton Scania N94s 6129: GX03 SVD and 6132: YN04 GJF have entered service at Stanley. Volvo B10BLE 5160: T810 CBW has been withdrawn from Riverside and 5165: T815 CBW has been sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet. Scania artic 4952: NK51 OLU has been sold for scrap to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

12 October 2015

Volvo B10BLE 4910 has been transferred from Percy Main to Deptford and MPDs 547 from Deptford to Stanley and 560 from Hexham to Deptford. More vehicles sold are Tridents 3802, 3871, 3877, Volvo B10BLEs 4843, 4847, 4853, 5145, 5146 and 5150 to Ensign Bus Co. Trident 3803 and Volvo B10BLE 5164 have gone to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

5 October 2015

Volvo B10BLEs 4897 & 4898 have been transferred from Riverside to Deptford and Scania L94s 5201 & 5202 have been transferred from Deptford to Chester le Street. The outstanding two Scania N94/East Lancs have been received from Brighton and Hove, they are 6129: GX03 SVD and 6132: YN04 GJF. Vehicles sold are MPD 546, Trident 3801 and Volvo B10BLEs 4842, 4846, 5147, 5161, 5162 & 5163 to Ensign Bus Co.

21 September 2015

Dennis Tridents 3860 & 3861, Volvo B10BLE 5148 and MPDs 536, 537, 538, 539 & 541 have been sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet. DAF SB120 8252: NA52 BVJ has been sold to Diagtest Ltd, Meadowfield.

14 September 2015

Volvo B10BLEs 4910: W491 SCU and 4914: X914 WGR have been transferred from Riverside to Percy Main, while 4843: R843 PRG, 5148: V534 GDS and 5163: T813 CBW have been withdrawn. 4843 was the last of the 'R' registration batch in service and 5148 was the last of the ex-Arriva vehicles. Meanwhile, Dennis Trident 3879: W189 SCU has been sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet but went on immediate loan from them to Garnett's, Bishop Auckland. Also sold is Volvo B10BLE 4845: R845 PRG to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

7 September 2015

Dennis Trident 3874: W184 SCU has been transferred to Stanley from Percy Main.

Volvo B10M 7080: Y808 MFT is the final vehicle to be transferred from Driver Training to Hexham for scholars work. Mercedes Citaros at Stanley are being re-painted blue (the same shade as Connections 4) for a re-branding of the Diamond service.

31 August 2015

4896 4897 4923 Deptford to
Riverside
4911 4915 Riverside to Percy Main
4966 Hexham to Riverside
4935 Chester le Street to
Washington
6039 Deptford to Chester le Street
6017 Washington to Chester le
Street
6013 Washington to Stanley
5165 withdrawn from Percy Main
544 withdrawn from Deptford
5162 withdrawn from Peterlee
8252 withdrawn from Washington
3865 3879 withdrawn from Chester
le Street
542 withdrawn from Crook

24 August 2015

The remaining MPDs at Peterlee, 564, 565, 573 & 574, have been transferred to Deptford leading to the withdrawal of 544 and 546 and the temporary transfer of 542 to Crook. DAF SB120 8253 has been withdrawn from Washington and Trident 3877 from Chester le Street.

17 August 2015

The 14 new Optare Solos for Peterlee have now entered service resulting in a number of vehicle transfers and withdrawals. MPDs 560 and 619 have been transferred to Hexham, 546 to Deptford and 536 537 538 539 541 & 545 have been withdrawn. DAF SB120 8273 has been transferred from Hexham to Deptford. Other vehicles withdrawn are Volvo B10BLEs 4842 and 5161 from Deptford and Trident 3860 from Stanley. DAF SB120 8248 is a further vehicle of this type transferred to Driver Training.

3 August 2015

The outstanding vehicles from the order for 14 Optare Solos have now been received. They are 661: NK15 GFJ and 666: NK15 EMJ. Volvo B10BLEs 4841: R841 PRG and 5164: T814 CBW have been withdrawn from Riverside depot and Trident 3804: V804 EBR has been withdrawn from Chester le Street.

27 July 2015

12 out of an order for 14 new Optare Solo M9250 have been received for Peterlee depot. They seat 30 and are in a pink livery for new Indigo branded services. The vehicles are 653: NK15 GDE, 654: NK15 GDF, 655: NK15 GDJ, 656: NK16 GDO, 657: NK15 GEY, 658: NK15 GFA, 659: NK15 GFE, 660: NK15 GFG, 662: NK15 GFO, 663: NK15 GFU, 664: NK15 GFV and 665: NK15 GFX. The outstanding vehicles are 661: NK15 GFJ and 666: NK15 EMJ.
618 transferred to Hexham

20 July 2015

7087 Driver Training to Hexham
6020 Percy Main to Deptford
4843 Chester le Street to
Riverside
4854 sold

13 July 2015

5161 Riverside to Deptford
5162 Riverside to Peterlee
3870 withdrawn from Percy
Main

6 July 2015

6010 Stanley to Percy Main
3823 3861 withdrawn from
Stanley
4851 sold to Alpha Recovery

29 June 2015

6130 6133 in service at Stanley
3813 withdrawn from Stanley
8242 to Driver Training
7082 Driver Training to Hexham
7093 Hexham to Chester le
Street 618 out of
service for
modifications
543 sold to Alpha Recovery

22 June 2015

8264 Riverside to Washington
8251 withdrawn from Washington
5144 withdrawn from Riverside
4897 Stanley to Deptford
6123 6124 in service at Stanley
7090 7092 Driver Training to
Hexham

15 June 2015

5235 5238 5239 5242 Stanley to Riverside
5144 returned to service at Riverside
8243 8246 Riverside to Driver Training
8247 Washington to Driver Training
8250 withdrawn from Washington
6122 6126 used vehicles in service at Stanley
3801 3802 3825 3862 3871 withdrawn from
Stanley
8244 8245 transferred to Driver Training

8 June 2015

8262 Riverside to Washington
5145 5146 withdrawn from
Riverside
6125 6127 6128 in service at
Stanley
5236 5240 Stanley to Riverside

1 June 2015

5234 5237 5241 Stanley to
Riverside
547 Riverside to Deptford
7093 Chester le Street to Hexham
5150 8245 withdrawn from
Riverside
524 withdrawn from Hexham
3858 withdrawn from Percy Main

25 May 2015

5410 - 5419 new vehicles in service at Stanley
6118 - 6121 new vehicles in service at Riverside
4900 4901 4903 Stanley to Riverside
8261 8263 8265 Riverside to Washington
4846 5144 5147 5149 8242 withdrawn from
Riverside
8244 withdrawn from Hexham
543 withdrawn from Deptford
5402 Stanley to Chester le Street
4847 withdrawn from Stanley

11 May 2015

5396 5418 5419 new vehicles received but not yet in service
6122 6126 6127 6130 6131 6133 used vehicles received but not yet in service
5403 5404 5405 5406 5407 5408 5409 new vehicles in service at Chester le
Street
4896 4908 4909 Chester le Street to Deptford
4906 Chester le Street to Riverside
5395 5397 5398 5399 5400 5401 5402 new vehicles in service at Stanley
4898 4899 4902 Stanley to Riverside
8273 Deptford to Hexham
6008 6020 Deptford to Percy Main
4853 4854 withdrawn from Chester le Street
4855 sold for preservation to Craig Smith, Perkinsville

27 April 2015

5402 5403 5404 5405 5415 5416 5417 6118 6120 new
vehicles received but not yet in service
6123 6124 6125 6128 used vehicle received but not yet in
service
5391 5392 5393 5394 new vehicles in service at Riverside
3813 Riverside to Stanley
4923 Riverside to Deptford
8244 Riverside to Hexham
3803 withdrawn from Stanley

20 April 2015

More new Streetlites are 5412: NK15 EOC and 5414: NK15 EOE, both for Red Kite.

Also new are the first of 4 Volvo B9TL/Wright Gemini for Red Kite 6119: BG15 RNJ and 6121: BG15 RNO. MPD 524: NA52 AWG has been transferred from Riverside to Hexham.

13 April 2015

The following new Wright Streetlites have been delivered - 5395: NK15 ENF 5397:

NK15 ENJ 5398: NK15 ENL 5399: NK15 ENM 5400: NK15 ENN 5401: NK15 ENO 5403: NK15 ENR 5406: NK15 ENR 5407: NK15 ENW 5408: NK15 ENX 5409: NK15 ENY 5411: NK15 EOB 5413: NK15 EOD all are 46 seaters with 28 standing. 5401 & 5409 are in red fleet livery, 5411 & 5413 are in red for Red Kite, the remainder are green for the former Lime services which are to be re-branded Coast & Country.

6 April 2015

MPD 561: NK53 TLF has been transferred from Deptford to Hexham for operation on the Roman Wall service.

23 March 2015

Four new Wright Streetlite DF Micro Hybrids have been received for service X66 to the Metrocentre - 5391: NK15 EMV, 5392: NK15 EMX, 5393: NK15 ENC and 5394: NK15 ENE. They are painted in the same blue as Connections 4. Volvo B12B 7093: K3 VOY has been returned to National Express work at Chester le Street.

16 March 2015

Volvo B10BLE 4845: R845 PRG has now been withdrawn from Riverside and the Volvo B6BLE/Plaxton 8293: NK54 PHV has been withdrawn from Hexham.

9 March 2015

Volvo B10BLE 4845: R845 PRG has returned from Chester le Street to Riverside and has been replaced with 4843: R843 PRG.

2 March 2015

The outstation at Consett closed on Monday 23 February and the 12 Optare Solos allocated there were transferred to Stanley.

23 February 2015

The operating depot at Saltmeadows Road closed on the night of Saturday 21

February and all of the allocated vehicles were transferred to Riverside. The bodyshop and stores remain at Saltmeadows. Chester le Street Volvo B10BLE 4907:

W 907 RBB has been transferred to Riverside in exchange for 4845: R845 PRG.

Scania L94 4964: NL52 WVV has been transferred from Washington to Riverside.

Volvo Olympians 3828: S828 OFT and 3829: S829 OFT have been sold to South Gloucestershire Bus & Coach, Bristol.

16 February 2015

MPD 541: NA52 AXF has been transferred from Deptford to Peterlee to replace 540: NA52 AXD which has been withdrawn following fire damage.

9 February 2015

Olympian 3813: S813 FVK has been transferred from Stanley to Riverside. Vehicles sold are Volvo B10BLEs 4850: R856 PRG, 4852: R852 PRG, Scania artic 4953:

NK51 OLV, Volvo B10M driver trainers 7078: S978 ABR and 7079: S979 ABR to

Alpha Recovery, Weetslade. Mercedes Citaro artics 5339, 5341, 5347 & 5348 have been sold to Brighton & Hove. 2 February 2015

Optare Versa 8328 has been transferred from Deptford to Riverside and Scania artics 4950 & 4951 have been withdrawn.

26 January 2015

Following revision to services at the weekend, the following vehicle transfers have

taken place: Volvo B9 6084 (repainted from Fab 56 to GNE red) Volvo B10BLE

4914 and Versa 8329 from Deptford to Riverside. MPD 562 from Percy Main to

Deptford and Volvo B10BLE 4911 from Percy Main to Riverside. DAF SB120s 8260

from Washington to Deptford, 8272 & 8273 Chester le Street to Deptford. This has

led to the withdrawal of all the remaining Mercedes Citaro artics and Scania artic

4952. The remaining Scania artics are due for withdrawal next week end.

12 January 2015

Ex-Yourbus Volvo B9R/Caetano 7118: FJ60 KVP and 7119: FJ60 KVR have been transferred to Oxford Bus Company.

5 January 2015

MPD 524: NA52 AWG has returned from Percy Main to Riverside

22 December 2014

MPD 524: NA52 AWG has been transferred from Riverside to Percy Main.

1 December 2014

Volvo B10BLE 4845: R845 PRG has been transferred from Stanley to Riverside while Riverside has withdrawn Scania artic 4953: NK51 OLV.

24 November 2014

Volvo Olympians 3813: S813 FVK and 3814: S814 FVK remain in service at Stanley while 3828: S828 OFT has been withdrawn.

17 November 2014

Volvo Olympian 3833: S833 OFT has been sold for preservation to the County Durham Bus Preservation Group. Volvo B12Bs 7092: K2 VOY and 7093: K3 VOY have now been transferred permanently to Driver Training, while B10M 7079: S979 ABR has been withdrawn.

10 November 2014

MPD 524: NA52 AWG has been transferred from Washington to Riverside.

3 November 2014

Scania L94 4935: Y935 ERG has been transferred from Deptford to Chester le Street depot. Vehicles re-registered are: 3962: NK06 JXE is now JCN 822, 3965: NK06 JXB is now 574 CPT, 7103: JCN 822 is now FJ61 GZC and 7104: 574 CPT is now FJ61 GZD.

20 October 2014

Volvo Olympians 3813 3814 3829 and 3833 have been withdrawn from service at Stanley and Volvo B10M 7078: S978 ABR has been withdrawn from Driver Training.

6 October 2014

With the ending of this year's Roman Wall service Dennis MPD 524: NA52 AWG has been transferred from Hexham depot to Washington and 542: NA52 AXG has been transferred from Hexham to Deptford. In addition, MPD 544: NA52 AXJ has been transferred from Washington to Deptford. Volvo B12B coaches 7092: K2 VOY and 7093: K3 VOY have been withdrawn from National Express work at Chester le Street and have been used by Driver Training pending disposal. MPD 535: NA52 AWX has been sold to Gateshead College Autoskills Centre and Volvo B10BLE 4844: R844 PRG has been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade. Dennis Trident 3890: NK51 UCT has now been re-registered CU 6860, consequently Volvo B12B 7090 has been re-registered MH54 MBX.

29 September 2014

There have been no vehicle transfers this week. A number of older branded double deck vehicles have been re-registered. DFDS Trident 3866 has become 340 GUP, 3867 is now 524 FUP and 3891 is now CU 7661. 3890 will be re-registered CU 6860 in due course. Red Arrow B7TL 3943 is now registered FCU 190. The Angel B7s 3962 and 3965 are also due to be re-registered.

22 September 2014

Volvo B7/Plaxtons 6039: V302 LGC and 6042: V306 LGC have been transferred from Riverside depot to Deptford. MPD 535: NA52 AWX has been withdrawn from service at Hexham and Volvo B10BLE 4852: R852 PRG has been withdrawn from Chester le Street. Volvo Olympians 3815: S815 FVK and 3817: S817 FVK have been sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet, although both were passed on immediately to North East Bus & Coach, Stockton.

8 September 2014

Volvo B10BLEs 4850: R856 PRG and 4851: R851 PRG have been withdrawn from service at Chester le Street. 1 September 2014

The following vehicle transfers have taken place as a result of service revisions and contract changes:

3979 Riverside to Deptford
6015 6023 6031 Riverside to Percy Main
3803 3860 3861 3871 3873 3880 Percy Main to Stanley
548 Percy Main to Deptford
542 Deptford to Hexham
6028 Deptford to Washington
4934 8272 8273 Deptford to Chester le Street
3819 3824 Stanley to Riverside
4905 4914 Stanley to Deptford
3815 3817 withdrawn from Riverside

25 August 2014

Optare Solo 632: NK61 FEV has been transferred from Saltmeadows to Percy Main.

11 August 2014

The Mercedes Citaro demonstrator BP14 FJZ has been transferred from Riverside to Stanley for use on Lime services. MPD 542: NA52 AXG has been returned to Deptford from Percy Main. Volvo Olympian 3816: S816 FVK has been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

28 July 2014

Optare Solo SRs 625: NK11 HBB, 627: NK61 DBY and 631: NK61 FEU have been transferred from Saltmeadows to Percy Main.

14 July 2014

Ex-Driver Training Volvo B10M 7076: R139 ABT (previously YSU 876) has been sold to Nightingale Coaches, Stanley.

30 June 2014

Volvo Olympian 3826: S826 OFT, B10BLEs 4848: R848 PRG and 4849: R849 PRG, SPDs 8220: V220 ERG and 8228: X228 FBB have been sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet. Volvo B10BLE 4840: R112 SBD, Volvo B10M 7060: N760 RCU and SPD 8229: X229 FBB have been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

23 June 2014

Volvo Olympian 3821: S821 OFT has been sold to Tyne & Wear Fire Service.

16 June 2014

Volvo B10BLE 4842: R842 PRG has been transferred from Riverside to Deptford.

To operate temporary shuttle services MPD 542: NA52 AXG has been transferred from Deptford to Percy Main and 544: NA52 AXJ from Deptford to Washington.

9 June 2014

Volvo B10BLEs 5160, 5161, 5162, 5163 and 5164 from Riverside have been swapped with DAF SB120s 8242, 8243, 8244, 8245 and 8246 from Saltmeadows.

Olympian 3819 has been transferred from Percy Main to Stanley.

2 June 2014

Volvo B10BLE 4845: R845 PRG has returned to Stanley from Deptford and MPD 535: NA52 AWX has been transferred from Peterlee to Hexham.

Volvo B10M driver training vehicle 7076 has been re-registered R139 ABT prior to disposal.

Volvo B10BLEs 4837: R837 PRG, 4838: R838 PRG and 4839: R839 PRG and SPDs 8221: V221 ERG and 8231: X231 FBB have been sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet.

5 May 2014

The last Dennis SPD in the fleet, 8228: X228 FBB, has been withdrawn from service at Hexham.

28 April 2014

Volvo Olympian 3816: S816 FVK has been transferred from Percy Main to Stanley.

14 April 2014

Volvo Olympian 3821: S821 OFT has been withdrawn from Stanley.

DAF SB120/Wright 8249: NA52 BVF has been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

7 April 2014

The following vehicle transfers have taken place:

Olympians 3815, 3817 & 3818 from Percy Main to Riverside.

Volvo B7TL/Plaxton 6025, 6030 & 6033 from Riverside to Percy Main.

Trident 3874 from Chester le Street to Percy Main.

Volvo B10BLE/Wright 4906, 4907, 4908 & 4909 Peterlee to Chester le Street.

Dennis MPD 524 has returned to service at Hexham.

Vehicles withdrawn are Volvo B10BLEs 4837, 4838, 4839, 4844 from Chester le Street and 4848 & 4849 from Stanley and Dennis SPD 8231 from Chester le Street.

17 March 2014

5254 5273 Percy Main to Stanley
4845 6008 Stanley to Deptford
8249 delicensed from Washington
506 3820 3827 8226 8239 sold to
Ensign, Purfleet
8233 8241 sold to Alpha Recovery,
Weetslade

10 March 2014

Percy Main vehicles continue to be cascaded to other depots following delivery of new Geminis with Citaros 5335 transferring to Peterlee for Wear Tees Express and 5337 transferring to Stanley. Omnicity 5256 is the last such vehicle to be transferred to Chester le Street for WheyAye 50.

Volvo B10BLE 4845: R845 PRG has been transferred from Deptford to Stanley, Volvo B12B 7090: CU6860 is now in the Driver Training fleet and SPD 8220: V220 ERG is withdrawn.

Olympian 3811: S811 FVK has been sold to Ensign Bus Co.

3 March 2014

Citaro 5334 has been transferred from Percy Main to Peterlee for Wear Tees Express.

SPDs 8221, 8239 and 8241 have been withdrawn.

SPDs 8216, 8223, 8224, 8225, 8227, 8232, 8235, 8236, 8237, 8238 and Dart 8289 have been sold to Ensign Bus Co.

24 February 2014

The last Volvo B9/Wright Gemini for Percy Main have finally entered service - 6114: NL63 XBY, 6115: NL63 XBZ, 6116: NL63 XCA and 6117: NL63 XCB.

As a result Citaros 5333 and 5336 have transferred from Percy Main to Peterlee, 5331 to Riverside, 5338 to Stanley and Omnicity 5255 to Chester le Street.

Optare Solo 634 has been transferred from Saltmeadows to Riverside.

Riverside has withdrawn Olympians 3811, 3820, 3827, Volvo B10BLE 4840 and SPD 8229.

Chester le Street has withdrawn Darts 8237 and 8289.

17 February 2014

Volvo B7TL/East Lancs 3974 and 3978 and Scania L94/Wright 4944 have been transferred from Chester le Street to Riverside.

Scania Omnicity 5259 has been transferred from Percy Main to Chester le Street.

SPDs 8236 and 8238 have been withdrawn from Chester le Street.

10 February 2014

Further vehicles transferred in to the new Riverside depot are Scania artics 4950 - 4953, Pulse branded Volvo B10BLEs 5160, 5161, 5162 and 5163 together with 5164 and Metrocentre Shuttle branded DAF SB120 8266, all from Saltmeadows.

New Volvo B9TL/Wright Geminis entering service at Percy Main have seen the transfer of Omnicities 5257, 5258 and 5260 to Chester le Street and 5250 and 5253 to Stanley. However, Percy Main has received Volvo B10BLEs 4912 and 4913 from Stanley to allow the withdrawal of SPDs 8239 and 8241.

Volvo B10BLE 4922 has been transferred from Deptford to Riverside. Volvo B7TL/East Lancs 3974 and 3978 are on loan to Chester le Street and Driver Training Volvo B10M 7060 has been withdrawn.

3 February 2014

The new Gateshead Riverside depot became operational on 1 February and all of the allocation from Sunderland Road, Gateshead and Winlaton depots has been transferred to the new site. See the fleet list and allocation for details.

Volvo B7/East Lancs 3979: PJ02PZF and B10BLE/Wright 4920: X492 WGR have been transferred from Deptford to Riverside. Scania L94s 4964: NL52 WVV has been transferred from Deptford to Washington and 5210: NK54 NVE from Deptford to Hexham. Volvo B10BLE 4845: R845 PRG has been transferred from Riverside to Deptford.

27 January 2014

The final four Volvo B9TL/Wright Gemini for Percy Main depot have been delivered and are: 6114: NL63 XBY, 6115: NL63 XBZ, 6116: NL63 XCA and 6117: NL63 XCB.

Also, the last similar vehicles for Deptford have entered service - 6088: NL63 YHR in Fab 56 livery and 6099: NL63 YJC and 6100: NL63 YJD in red fleet livery.

MPD 564 has transferred from Saltmeadows to Peterlee and 547 from Deptford to Saltmeadows.

Mercedes Citaro artic 5345: BP57 UYH has been sold to Optare Group Ltd.

20 January 2014

Mercedes Citaro artic 5345 has been withdrawn from service at Gateshead and SPDs 8216, 8223, 8224, 8225, 8226, 8227, 8231, 8232, 8233 and 8235 have been withdrawn from Deptford, although 8227, 8231 and 8232 are on temporary loan to Stanley.

MPDs 504: X504 WRG, 505: X595 FBB, 514: X514 WRG and 517: NK51 MJX and Volvo Olympian 3812: S812 FVK have been sold to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet.

13 January 2014

New Volvo B9TL/Wright Gemini to enter service on Fab56 are fleet numbers 6084, 6085, 6086, 6087, 6089, 6090, 6091, 6092, 6095 and 6097.

MPD 516: NK51 MJV and SPDs 8222: V822 ERG and 8234: NK51 MKF have been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

DAF SB220GS 4984: R972 FNW, 4986: R979 FNW and 4987: R982 FNW have been sold to Ensign Bus Co.

MPDs 502: X502 WRG and 503: X503 WRG have been sold to Archway Travel, Poulton le Fylde via Ensign Bus Co. 6

January 2014

The first 4 Volvo B9s to enter service on Fab56 are 6093, 6094, 6096 and 6098.

DAF SB220GS 4862 and 4864 have been sold to Ensign Bus Co.

23 December 2013

A further 13 new Volvo B9TL/Wright Gemini for Fab56 and Cobalt Clipper have been delivered, please see the fleet list for details of the fleet numbers and registration marks.

MPDs 502: X502 WRG and 503: X503 WRG have been withdrawn from service at Peterlee.

MPDs 501, 510, 512, 515, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 532, 533 and 534 have been sold to Ensign Bus Co. and Citaro artics 5349, 5351, 5355 and 5356 to Optare Group Ltd.

16 December 2013

A total of 17 out of 34 new Volvo B9TL/Wright Gemini for Fab 56 and Cobalt Clipper have been delivered so far, as follows:

6084 NL63 XBS

6085 NL63 YHN

6089 NL63 YHS

6093 NL63 YHW

6094 NL63 YHX

6095 NL63 YHY

6096	NL63 YHZ
6097	NL63 YJA
6098	NL63 YJB
6101	NL63 YJE
6102	NL63 YJF
6103	NL63 XBT
6104	NL63 YJG
6105	NL63 YJH
6106	NL63 YCJ
6108	NL63 YCM
6109	NL63 YCN

Also new are Volvo B9R/Caetano Levante coaches 7111: BF63 ZRY and 7112: BF63 ZRZ.

The entry into service of the new Solos at Consett has resulted in the transfer of MPDs 545, 546, 560, 565, 618 and 619 to Peterlee and the withdrawal of 512, 515, 518, 521, 532, 533 and 534. In turn, Peterlee has withdrawn 501, 510, 519 and 520, while Washington has withdrawn 523, 524, 526, 530 and 531.

Dennis SPD 8225: X822 FBB has been transferred from Gateshead to Deptford and Volvo B12M 7087: NA52 RMZ has been returned to Driver Training.

Vehicles sold are MPDs 525, 526, 530, 531 and SPD 8215 to Ensign Bus Co., DAF SB220GS 4983: R971 FNW to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade and Mercedes Citaro artic 5350: BX54 UCR to Optare Group Ltd.

Twelve new Optare Solo SR have been delivered for Venture services at Consett:

641 NL63 YBA
642 NL63 XZO
647 NL63 XZU
643 NL63 XZP
644 NL63 XZR
645 NL63 XZS
646 NL63 XZT
648 NL63 XZV
649 NL63 XZW
650 NL63 XZX
651 NL63 XZY
652 NL63 XZZ

Vehicles sold are MPDs 527: NA52 AWM, 528: NA52 AWN, 529: NA52 AWO and DF SB220GS 4865: S865 ONL, 4985: R975 FNW to Ensign Bus Co.

25 November 2013

All of the new Optare Versas for Citylink service 58, 5377 - 5388, are now in service at Gateshead, together with 5389 and 5390 which are in red fleet livery. Also in service at Gateshead are the eight Wright Streetlites for Saltwell Park, 8339 - 8346.

This has resulted in the transfer and withdrawal of a number of vehicles:

Citaro artics 5340, 5342, 5343, 5344, 5346, 5352, 5353 and 5354 have been withdrawn and sold, while 5349, 5359, 5351, 5355 and 5356 are withdrawn and awaiting disposal.

Older Versas 8294 - 8301 have been transferred from Gateshead to Washington which has transferred MPDs 566, 567, 568 & 569 to Percy Main and withdrawn MPD 525. Percy Main has withdrawn older MPDs 504, 505, 514 & 517 as a result. Washington has also received MPD 605 from Deptford.

Chester le Street has withdrawn the last DAF SB220GS 4862, 4864 & 4865 and Winlaton has withdrawn Olympian 3812.

11 November 2013

More new vehicles received are Versas 5381, 5382, 5383, 5384, 5387, 5388, 5389 and 5390 and Streetlite 8346. See the fleet list for details of registration marks.

The new Streetlites for Drifter have entered service at Deptford, which has resulted in the transfer of older Versas 8302, 8303, 8304 and 8305 to Chester le Street for Lambton Worm replacing DAF SB220GS 4863, 4864 and 4865 which are retained temporarily for additional services for Durham's Lumiere event; MPDs 540 to Peterlee and 603, 604, 606 to Washington.

SPD 8216: V216 ERG has returned to Deptford from Chester le Street to replace similar 8222: V822 ERG which is withdrawn. Likewise, East Lancs Trident 3873: W183 SCU has been transferred from Chester le Street to Percy Main to replace a Volvo Olympian.

4 November 2013

Four more short Wright Streetlites for Saltwell Park have been delivered- 8341: NL63 XBK, 8343: NL63 XBN, 8344: NL63 XBO and 8345: NL63 XBP.

Also delivered are six Optare Versas for service 58- 5377: NL63 YAA, 5378: NL63 YAD, 5379: NL63 YAE, 5380: NL63 YAF, 5385: NL63 YAO and 5386: NL63 YAU.

In addition 7 Volvo B9R/Caetano have been received from Yourbus, Hearnor for National Express- 7113: FJ60 EGY, 7114: FJ60 HXW, 7115: FJ60 HYB, 7116: FJ60 KVM, 7117: FJ60 KVO, 7118: FJ60 KVP and 7119: FJ60 KVR.

28 October 2013

The final two Wright Streetlites for Drifter have been delivered and are 5375: NL63 XBF and 5376: NL63 XBG, together with the first short examples for Saltwell Park 8339: NL63 XBH, 8340: NL63 XBJ and 8342: NL63 XBM.

Six new Volvo B9R/Caetano for National Express at Chester le Street are 7105: BF63 ZPV, 7106: BF63 ZPW, 7107: BF63 ZPY, 7108: BF63 ZPZ, 7109: BF63 ZRA and 7110: BF63 ZRC which have displaced the five similar vehicles on temporary loan.

Volvo Olympians transferred to Gateshead are 3811 from Winlaton and 3820 from Percy Main, 3826 being withdrawn from Gateshead together with Dennis SPD 8215.

Also withdrawn are the two MPDs temporarily re-instated at Saltmeadows 506 and 513.

21 October 2013

The first Wright Streetlites for Drifter at Deptford have been received and are 5369: NL63 XAZ, 5370: NL63 XBA, 5371: NL63 XBB, 5372: NL63 XBC, 5373: NL63 XBD and 5374: NL63 XBE.

The 11 new Mercedes Citaros for Connections 4 at Washington have entered service and have displaced Scania L94s 4956, 4957, 4958, 4959 and 4960 to Chester le Street for the Waggonway, 4964 and 4965 to Deptford and 4966 to Gateshead; SPD 8216 to Chester le Street and Volvo B10BLEs 4912 and 4913 to Stanley.

Other transfers are of Volvo B10BLE 4914 from Deptford to Stanley, Volvo B7/Plaxtons 6031 from Stanley to Gateshead and 6015 and 6042 from Stanley to Winlaton.

Chester le Street has swapped Plaxton bodied Tridents 3887, 3888 and 3889 with Stanley Tridents 3874 and 3875 and Volvo B7 6036.

DAF SB220GS 4983,4984,4985,4986 and 4987 have been withdrawn from Chester le Street.

SB220GS 4822, 4824, 4825, 4863, 4867 and SPDs 8158, 8202, 8204, 8208, 8217, 8218, 8230, 8240 have been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

14 October 2013

Five Volvo B9R with Caetano bodies are on loan at Chester le Street for additional National Express work pending the delivery of new vehicles. They are 9125: FJ11 GJO, 9126: FJ11 GJU, 9127: FJ11 GKP, 9128: FJ11 GKU and 9129: FJ11 GLK.

DAF SB220GS/Plaxton 4866: S866 ONL has been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

7 October 2013

Dennis MPDs 506: X506 WRG and 513: X513 WRG have been allocated to Saltmeadows temporarily for use on a special service.

Dennis Tridents 3872: W182 SCU and 3886: NK51 UCO have been swapped between Chester le Street and Stanley and Volvo B10BLE 4844: R844 PRG has been transferred from Stanley to Chester le Street.

30 September 2013

Eleven new Mercedes Citaros have been received for Washington depot with fleet numbers 5358 - 5368, registration marks BX63 BCK, BCO, BCU, BCV, BCY, BCZ, BDE, BDF, BDO, BDU, BDV.

16 September 2013

A small number of vehicle transfers in and out of Stanley have been necessary to alleviate capacity problems on scholars services.

Volvo B7/Plaxton from Stanley: 6030 to Gateshead, 6033 to Winlaton, 6017 to Washington and 6016 to Chester le Street.

Olympians to Stanley: 3833 from Gateshead, 3813 from Winlaton, 3821 from Washington and 3825 from Chester le Street.

MPD 512: X512 WRG remains in service at Consett and 516: NK51 MJV has been withdrawn instead.

9 September 2013

Two further vehicle transfers from last weekend are of Trident 3859: W859 PNL from Chester le Street to Percy Main and Volvo B10BLE 4905: W905 RBB from Chester le Street to Stanley.

MPD 560: NK53 TKZ has been transferred from Hexham to Consett and 561: NK53 TLF from Hexham to Deptford.

MPDs 506, 512 and 513 (X-WRG) are officially withdrawn but may remain in service temporarily.

2 September 2013

As a result of this weekend's service revisions, there have been a small number of vehicle transfers, as follows:

Volvo B7TL 3968 and B10BLE 4845 Gateshead to Winlaton.

Volvo B10BLE 4904: Gateshead to Stanley.

ex-Oxford Volvo B10BLEs 5160, 5161, 5162, 5163 Winlaton to Saltmeadows and 5164 Percy Main to Saltmeadows.

Volvo B10BLEs 4838 and 4839 Winlaton to Chester le Street.

Volvo B7TL 6018 Deptford to Chester le Street.

Plaxton Trident 3885 Chester le Street to Stanley.

East Lancs Trident 3803 Chester le Street to Percy Main.

Volvo Olympian 3821 Stanley to Washington.

Scania Omnicity 5261 Stanley to Percy Main.

ex-Beeston Volvo B10BLE 4993: S590 KJF has been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

26 August 2013

The remaining 4 Scania L94s, 5230 - 5233, have now been transferred to Hexham.

19 August 2013

The 5 Scania L94s previously used on the OK1 Expressway service, 5229 - 5233, are due to be transferred to Hexham depot. 5229: NK55 OLG has already been transferred and is re-painted in red livery.

12 August 2013

SPD 8214: V214 ERG and the Mercedes Citaro artic that was bought for spares, 5357: BX54 UCO, have been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade. 5 August 2013

DAF SB220GS 4894: S894 ONL, 4895: S895 ONL, R983 FNW and SPDs 8201, 8205, 8206, 8207, 8209: V201 ERG etc. have been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

8 July 2013

Dennis Trident 3870: W174 SCU has been returned to service at Percy Main.

1 July 2013

Dennis Dart SPDs 8217: V217 ERG, 8218: V218 ERG, 8230: X823 FBB and 8240: NK51 MKO have been withdrawn from service and 8219: V219 ERG has been sold to Alpha Recovery, Dudley.

10 June 2013

The only change to the fleet this week has been the return of Versa demonstrator 9133 to Optare.

3 June 2013

564 Deptford to Saltmeadows
565 Deptford to Consett
544 Consett to Deptford
540 Peterlee to Deptford 29

April 2013

Volvo B10BLEs 4842, 4843 & 4845 (R-PRG) have been transferred from Winlaton to Gateshead depot.

22 April 2013

Dennis SPD 8214: V214 ERG has been withdrawn from service at Deptford.

The last ex-London Volvo Olympian in stock, 3906: R264 LGH, has been sold to West Kent Buses, West Kingsdown.

3910: R553 LGH has not now been sold to Thurbin, Gravesend and has instead been sold to Alpha Recovery, Weetslade.

15 April 2013

Dennis MPD 512: X512 WRG has been returned to service at Consett and 513: X513 WRG has been transferred from Consett to Hexham.

DAF SB220GS 4894: S894 ONL has been withdrawn from service at Chester le Street.

Ex-London Volvo Olympians 3910: R553 LGH and 3915: R355 LGH have been sold to Thurbin t/a 1st Bus Stop Minibus, Gravesend.

8 April 2013

4993 withdrawn from Chester le Street

1 April 2013

Vehicles withdrawn from service as a result of new deliveries are:

DAF SB220GS 4822, 4824, 4825, 4863 and 4867 from Winlaton together with 4895 and 4988 from Chester le Street.

SPD 8219 from Washington.

MPD 506: X506 WRG has been reinstated at Deptford and 541 and 543 have been transferred from Peterlee to Deptford.

Volvo B10BLEs 4842: R842 PRG and 4845: R845 PRG have been transferred from Gateshead to Winlaton.

25 March 2013

The final Volvo B9TL/Wright Gemini for service 10 has been delivered and is 6083: NK13 EJO.

A number of vehicle transfers have taken place this weekend, although not all may have been completed by the time this appears:-

Volvo B10BLEs 4906 - 4909: W906 - 909 RBB to Peterlee for Wear Tees Express service X7.

Volvo B10BLE 4846: R846 PRG Gateshead to Winlaton.

Volvo B10BLE 4843: R843 PRG Winlaton to Chester le Street.

Volvo B10BLE 5164: T814 CBW and 5165: T815 CBW Winlaton to Percy Main.

Citaros 5312: NK08 MYA and 5313: NK08 MYB Winlaton to Gateshead.

SPDs 8238: NK51 MKM Percy Main to Chester le Street and 8240: NK51 MKO Percy Main to Deptford.

SPD 8216: V216 ERG Deptford to Washington.

Olympians 3821: S821 OFT and 3822: S822 OFT Chester le Street to Stanley.

A number of vehicles are due to be withdrawn as a result of these transfers, details to follow.

Ex-London Volvo Olympians 3919, 3920, 3923 and 3924 have been sold to North East Bus & Coach, Easingwold.

SPDs 8212 and 8213 have been sold to Go Coach Hire, Otford, Kent.

18 February 2013

Volvo Olympian 3922: R281 LGH has been sold to North East Bus & Coach, Stockton

11 February 2013

Two more Volvo B9TL/Wright Gemini to be received are 6079: NK62 FHY and 6080: NK62 FJE.

Volvo Olympian 3921: R559 LGH has been sold to West Kent Buses, West Kingsdown.

4 February 2013

Further Volvo B9TL/Wright Gemini for service 10 to be delivered are:

6071: NK62 FAA

6073: NK62 FCC

6074: NK62 FDM

6075: NK62 FDN

6076: NK62 FEU

6077: NK62 FGJ

6078: NK62 FHE

Another Volvo Olympian returned to service temporarily at Stanley is 3910: R553 LGH.

DAF SB220GS 4825: P325 AFT has been transferred from Washington to Winlaton with SPD 8219: V219 ERG being transferred in the other direction. MPD 513: X513 WRG has been transferred from Hexham to Consett.

Vehicles sold are:

Volvo Olympian 3931: R390 LGH to North East Bus & Coach, Stockton.

DAF SB220GS 4820, 4821 & 4823 and SPD 8173, 8203 & 8211 to Alpha Recovery, Dudley.

SPDs 8159, 8160, 8161 & 8172 and Dart SLFs 8281, 8291 & 8292 to Ripley, Carlton.

21 January 2013

The first Volvo B9TL/Wright Gemini for service 10 has been delivered and is 6072: NK62 FBA.

An Optare Versa 11.7m demonstrator in full Go North East livery has been received. After a period of operation from Stanley, it will transfer to another Go-ahead Group subsidiary for continued demonstration. It is 9133: YJ62 FFB.

DAF SB220GS 4867: S867 ONL has been transferred from Hexham to Winlaton.

Ex-London Olympian 3915: R355 LGH has been returned to service at Stanley.

3925: R284 LGH has been sold to Avro Coaches, Stanford le Hope.

3926: R285 LGH and 3927: R286 LGH have been sold to Stephenson, Easingwold.

14 January 2013

Volvo B7TL/Wright 3942: NK05 GZP has been transferred from Winlaton to Hexham and SPD 8222: V822 ERG from Washington to Deptford.

Ex-London Olympian 3940: R399 LGH has been sold to North East Bus & Coach, Stockton.

7 January 2013

Ex-London Volvo Olympians 3904, 3916, 3917, 3918, 3936, 3937, 3938 and 3939 and Dennis SPD 8210: V210 ERG have been sold to Tees Valley Stage Carriage, Marske.

24 December 2012

The old red and blue Go North East livery has been eliminated from the operational fleet with the repainting of ex-Elcock Dennis Dart 8289: Y558 KUX into the new red livery with Northern fleet names.

17 December 2012

The additional Mercedes Citaro artic, 5357: BX54 UCO, has been withdrawn from service because the internal layout is unsuitable for Go North East use without modification.

SPD 8221: V221 ERG has been transferred from Deptford to Stanley.

3 December 2012

There have been no changes to the vehicle allocation during the week, however, an ADL Enviro 400 demonstrator, registration mark SN61 DFK, is on loan at Washington depot and is being used on service X1. It has been allocated fleet number 9136.

26 November 2012

The additional Mercedes Citaro artic acquired recently (5357: BX54 UCO) has entered service at Gateshead. 19

November 2012

Very little news this week with only SPDs 8219: V219 ERG and 8220: V220 ERG transferring from Gateshead to Winlaton and the sale of ex-London Olympian 3897: R255 LGH to Lord's Coaches, Hull.

12 November 2012

3968 3969 3972 3973 3975 3977 Chester
le Street to Gateshead
3825 Gateshead to Chester le Street
563 Washington to Saltmeadows
4820 4823 withdrawn from Winlaton
8236 8237 8289 Deptford to Chester le
Street
7087 Chester le Street to Driver Training
3904 3916 withdrawn from Chester le
Street
3940 withdrawn from Stanley

5 November 2012

A further Mercedes Citaro artic has been acquired from Go-ahead London which is BX54 UCO. It has been allocated fleet number 5357 although it may not be used in service.

The 15 vehicles used on Metro replacement last week have now been re-deployed, resulting in numerous vehicles being re-allocated to other depots.

6025 6039 Metro replacement to Winlaton
3831 3832 Winlaton to Stanley
3821 3822 Percy Main to Chester le Street
4945 4946 8223 Percy Main to Deptford
3860 3861 Deptford to Percy Main
5243 5244 5245 5246 5247 5248 5249 Stanley to Percy
Main
8206 8212 8213 withdrawn from Percy Main
3978 3980 3981 3982 6018 6020 Metro replacement to
Deptford
3862 3863 Deptford to Stanley
3937 3938 8172 8173 8281 withdrawn from Deptford
6028 Metro replacement to Washington
3830 Washington to Stanley
6008 6033 Chester le Street to Stanley

3917 3918 withdrawn from Chester le Street
6038 Metro replacement to Crook
3925 withdrawn from Crook
6009 6010 6030 6036 6042 Metro replacement to Stanley
3906 3910 3915 3926 3927 3931 3939 withdrawn from Stanley

A number of vehicles shown as withdrawn remain in service temporarily until this coming weekend when there will be further re-allocations due to service changes.

29 October 2012

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Volvo B5/Wright Gemini hybrids to be delivered are 6056: NK62 CBV and 6068: NK62 CYF.

Ex-London Volvo B7/East Lancs 3974: PJ02 PZA from Chester le Street, which has an overall advert, has been swapped with 3981: PJ02 PZH from Deptford.

8 October 2012

The registration mark of the final Red Arrows B9/Gemini to be delivered, 6055, is NK62 EJF.

One more B5 hybrid delivered is 6065: NK62 CME.

The former Red Arrows Mercedes Citaros, fleet numbers 5275 - 5283, have all been transferred to Winlaton depot to upgrade the Blaydon Racers services. This has resulted in former Oxford B10BLEs 5151 - 5159 and 5166 being transferred to Percy Main.

Percy Main has transferred Volvo B10BLEs 4915: X915 WGR and 4917: X917 WGR to Winlaton, Dennis SPDs 8214: V214 ERG and 8216: V216 ERG to Deptford and 8215: V215 ERG to Gateshead.

DAF SB120s to be transferred are 8246: NA52 BVC from Deptford to Saltmeadows and 8266: NK04 ZNE from Gateshead to Saltmeadows.

SPDs 8158, 8205, 8207, 8208, 8209, 8210 and 8211 have been withdrawn.

Ex-London Volvo Olympian 3914: R554 LGH has been sold to Nightingale Coaches, Stanley.

1 October 2012

The final two Volvo B9s for Red Arrows have been delivered and are 6054: NK62 EKD and 6055 (registration mark to be advised).

Also delivered is B5 hybrid 6066: NK62 CYC.

The remaining Scania L94 artic has been returned to service at Gateshead so all of this batch, 4950 to 4953, are now back in service.

Mercedes Citaro 5279: NK07 KPO has been transferred to Winlaton to replace DAF SB220GS 4821: P321 AFT which has been withdrawn due to engine failure. Also withdrawn from Winlaton are ex-London Olympians 3919, 3920, 3921, 3922, 3923 and 3924. Other Olympians withdrawn are 3932 and 3936 from Deptford.

Mercedes Citaros 5275 and 5276 are in service at Stanley.

24 September 2012

The new Volvo B5LH/Wright Geminis for Angel service 21 continue to stream in with the following delivered so far:

6057 NK62 CCV
6058 NK62 CCY
6059 NK62 CEN
6060 NK62 CFN
6061 NK62 CJE
6062 NK62 CJJ
6063 NK62 CKC
6064 NK62 CLZ
6067 NK62 CYE

Scania L94 artics 4950: NK51 OLR and 4952: NK51 OLU have returned to service at Gateshead.

Volvo B10BLEs 4915: X915 WGR and 4917: X917 WGR have been transferred from Gateshead to Percy Main in exchange for Scania L94s 4947: NK51 OLN and 4948: NK51 OLO which have been repainted into Highwayman green livery.

Omnicroties 5248: NK56 KHU and 5249: NK56 KHV have returned to Stanley.

Volvo Olympian 3925: R284 LGH has been transferred temporarily from Stanley to Crook while 3914: R554 LGH is withdrawn.

17 September 2012

The first of a batch of 15 Volvo B5LH hybrids with Wright Gemini has been delivered and is 6057: NK62 CCV. Also new is a hybrid Optare Solo SR numbered 640: NK62 DWY.

Further vehicle movements are:

- ex-London Volvo B7 6027: V327 LGC from Winlaton to Washington.
- Scania Omnicroties 5250: NK56 KHW and 5273: NK56 KKJ from Stanley to Percy Main.
- SPDs 8226: X226 FBB and 8227: X227 FBB from Percy Main to Deptford.
- MPD 506: X506 WRG from Washington to Peterlee.
- SPD 8201: V201 ERG withdrawn from Saltmeadows.

Ex-London Volvo Olympian 3899: R257 LGH has been sold to Ensign Bus Co.

3 September 2012

The remaining new Solos for Nexus contracts have been delivered and are 638: NK12 HCE and 639: NK12 HCF.

A number of vehicle re-allocations have taken place following delivery of new vehicles, service changes and contract changes, as detailed below:

Gateshead to Deptford:- 3862 4914 4920 4924 4925
Gateshead to Percy Main:- 3871
Gateshead to Stanley:- 3814 3872
Gateshead to Washington:- 4912 4913
Gateshead to Winlaton:- 3811 3812 3813 5166
Percy Main to Stanley:- 3823
Percy Main to Winlaton:- 3831
Saltmeadows to Deptford:- 564
Saltmeadows to Washington:- 563
Winlaton to Stanley:- 3874
New vehicles in service at Saltmeadows:- 637 638
639
Withdrawn from Saltmeadows:- 512 8202 8204
Chester le Street to Gateshead:- 3966
Deptford to Chester le Street:- 3886
Deptford to Gateshead:- 3971 3976 4932 4933 5228
Deptford to Saltmeadows:- 8244 8245
Deptford to Winlaton:- 3967 3970
Stanley to Deptford:- 8158
Stanley to Percy Main:- 5248 5249
Washington to Gateshead:- 4938 4940
New vehicles in service at Washington:- 6052 6053

27 August 2012

The first of 3 Optare Solo SR for use on Nexus contracts is 637: NK12 HCD.

Red Arrows B9TLs 6049, 6050 and 6051 have entered service at Washington resulting in Mercedes Citaros 5275, 5276 and 5277 being taken out of service pending re-allocation.

Former X9/X10 B7TLs 3941 and 3942 have been transferred to Winlaton, 3943 to Washington and 3962 and 3965 to Chester le Street.

Volvo B10BLE 4922: X922 WGR has been transferred from Winlaton to Deptford and DAF SB120 8243: NA52 BUV from Deptford to Saltmeadows.

20 August 2012

More new Volvo B9TL/Wright Gemini for Red Arrows are:

6051: NK12 GDF

6052: NK12 GDJ

6053: NK12 GDO

Volvo Olympian 3920: R558 LGH and B10BLE 4844: R844 PRG have returned to service at their respective depots, SPD 8222: V822 ERG has now been transferred from Deptford to Washington and Scania artic 4953: NK51 OLV has been withdrawn.

Ex-London Volvo Olympians 3898, 3900, 3901, 3902 and 3930 have been sold to Ensign Bus Co., while ex-Metrobus Olympians 3991, 3992 and 3994 have been sold to Weardale Motor Services.

13 August 2012

Another four new Volvo B9TL/Wright Gemini have been delivered, including the first two for Red Arrows at Washington.

- 6047: NK12 GCY
- 6048: NK12 GCZ
- 6049: NK12 GDA
- 6050: NK12 GDE

Dennis Trident/Plaxton 3886: NK51 UCO and SPD 8222: V822 ERG have been transferred from Winlaton to Deptford. Scania artics 4950: NK51 OLR and 4952: NK51 OLU have been withdrawn from Gateshead.

Ex-Metrobus Olympians 3986: P826 SGP, 3987: P828 SGP, 3988: P817 SGP and 3989: P818 SGP have been sold to Weardale Motor Services, Stanhope.

6 August 2012

Two more new Volvo B9TL/Wright Gemini have been delivered:

- 6045: NK12 GCV
- 6046: NK12 GCX

Dennis SPDs 8160: S360 ONL and 8161: S361 ONL have been withdrawn from the Driver Training fleet.

Ex-London Olympian 3908: R266 LGH has been sold to Ensign Bus Co.

30 July 2012

The first two new Volvo B9/Wright Gemini for X9/X10 have been delivered:

- 6043: NK12 GCO
- 6044: NK12 GCU

Trident/Plaxton 3887: NK51 UCP has returned to service at Chester le Street.

16 July 2012

Dennis SPDs 8219: V219 ERG and 8220: V220 ERG have been transferred back to Gateshead from Deptford and 8159: S359 ONL has been withdrawn from Driver Training.

Ex-London Olympian 3905: R263 LGH has been sold to Nightingale Coaches via Ensign Bus Co.

25 June 2012

Volvo Olympians 3903: R261LGH and 3935: R394 LGH have been sold to Ensign Bus Co.

18 June 2012

Dennis SPDs 8167: S367 ONL and 8168: S368 ONL have been sold to Ensign Bus Co.

11 June 2012

Following withdrawal of service X90, Volvo coach 7082: Y782 MFT has been transferred to Driver Training together with withdrawn 7087: NA52 RMZ.

Volvo B10BLE 4854: R854 PRG has been returned to service at Chester le Street while 4844: R844 PRG is out of service at Gateshead.

SPD 8203: V203 ERG has been withdrawn from Saltmeadows and Dart SLF/Caetano 8282: T429 LGP has been sold to Ensign Bus Co. 4 June 2012

A further swap of Tridents has taken place with 3865: W865 PNL going from Gateshead to Chester le Street and 3869: W179 SCU from Percy Main to Chester le Street. Chester le Street has transferred 3872: W182 SCU to Gateshead and 3880: W176 SCU to Percy Main.

SPDs 8219: V219 ERG and 8220: V220 ERG have returned to Deptford to act as refurbishment float vehicles.

28 May 2012

DAF SB120s 8247, 8248, 8249, 8250, 8251, 8252, 8253, 8254, 8255 & 8260 have been transferred from Deptford to Washington depot and in return Deptford has received MPD 565, Scania L94 5228 and Citaros 5320, 5321, 5322, 5323 and 5324 from Washington.

DAF SB120 8242 has been transferred from Deptford to Saltmeadows.

East Lancs Trident 3871 has been transferred from Chester le Street to Gateshead and 3864 from Gateshead to Chester le Street. Likewise, 3870 has been transferred from Chester le Street to Percy Main and 3859 from Percy Main to Chester le Street.

MPDs 507: X507 WRG, 508: X508 WRG, 509: X509 WRG and Olympian 3896: R254 LGH have been sold to Ensign Bus Co.

Volvo B12B 7091: NK54 WMM has been disposed of to Caetano UK Ltd.

14 May 2012

SPDs 8172: S372 ONL and 8173: S373 ONL at Gateshead have been swapped with 8219: V219 ERG and 8220: V220 ERG from Deptford and 8222: V822 ERG has been transferred from Deptford to Winlaton.

Dart/Caetano 8282: T429 LGP has been withdrawn from Chester le Street and 8276, 8277, 8278, 8279, 8280, 8284, 8285, 8286 & 8287 have been sold to Ensign Bus Co.

Volvo Olympians 3913: R271 LGH and 3929: R288 LGH have been sold to 1st Bus Stop Coach Co, Gravesend.

30 April 2012

Dennis SPD 8173: S373 ONL has been transferred from Chester le Street to Gateshead and MPD 506: X506 WRG has been returned to service at Washington.

MPDs 486: V186 ERG, 500: V820 ERG, 621: V730 DNL and Dart/Caetano 8283: T430 LGP are sold to Ripley, Carlton.

16 April 2012

Deptford Dennis SPD 8215: V215 ERG has been swapped with Percy Main 8222: V822 ERG.

Ex-London Volvo Olympians 3909: R267 LGH, 3911: R269 LGH and 3928: R287 LGH have been transferred to Oxford Bus Co., apparently for use in the Carousel fleet.

10 April 2012

The following vehicle movements have taken place over the last couple of weeks:

- 6014 6016 6031 Gateshead to Stanley
- 8260 Gateshead to Deptford
- 3862 3864 3865 Deptford to Gateshead
- 8212 8214 Deptford to Percy Main
- 8204 Deptford to Saltmeadows □ 8220 Saltmeadows to Deptford
- 563 564 Percy Main to Saltmeadows
- 4993 Percy Main to Chester le Street
- 3873 Stanley Chester le Street
- 3874 Stanley to Winlaton
- 3886 Chester le Street to Winlaton
- 8172 Chester le Street to Gateshead
- 6012 6017 Winlaton to Stanley
- 8219 8221 Stanley to Deptford

MPDs 505 and 514 have been returned to service at Percy Main and 512 has been returned to service at Saltmeadows.

Darts 8167 8168 8278 8284 and 8287 have been withdrawn.

Ex-Metrobus Olympian 3990 : P819 SGP has been sold to JP Travel, Middleton.

12 March 2012

The final DAF SB120 to be transferred from Gateshead to Deptford is 8242 : NA52 BUU.

Saltmeadows has transferred Dennis SPD 8219 : V219 ERG to Stanley and 8223 : X223 FBB, 8226 : X226 FBB and 8227 : X227 FBB to Percy Main leading to the withdrawal of Dennis Dart SLF/Caetanos 8279 : T426 LGP, 8285 : V435 KGF and 8286 : V436 KGF.

Dennis SPDs 8172 : S372 ONL and 8173 : S373 ONL have been transferred from Deptford to Chester le Street, MPD 510 : X551 FBB is temporarily in service at Peterlee, DAF SB120 8270 : NK54 NKX is back in service at Deptford and Scania artic 4950 : NK51 OLR is out of service at Gateshead.

5 March 2012

Further DAF SB120s transferred from Gateshead to Deptford are 8244: NA52 BUW and 8246: NA52 BVC while Deptford has transferred Dennis SPD 8203: V203 ERG to Saltmeadows.

Volvo coaches 7087: NA52 RMZ and 7091: CU 7661 have been withdrawn from service. 7091 having been re-registered as NK54 WMM.

Dennis Dart MPDs 487: V187 ERG and 490: V190 ERG have been sold to Ensign Bus Co.

27 February 2012

DAF SB120 8255: NK04 FOU has been transferred from Gateshead to Deptford and Deptford has transferred Dennis SPDs 8201: V201 ERG, 8202: V202 ERG and 8205: V205 ERG to Saltmeadows.

Dart SLF 8290: S726 KNV has been sold to Ensign Bus Co.

13 February 2012

The final ex-London Mercedes Citaro artics have entered service at Gateshead and are 5349: BX54 UCP, 5350: BX54 UCR and 5353: BX54 UCW.

Rigid Citaros 5291, 5292, 5293, 5294, 5295 and 5297 have been transferred from Gateshead to Stanley in exchange for Volvo B10BLEs 4840, 4845, 4906, 4907 and 4909.

DAF SB120 8254: NK04 FOT has been transferred from Gateshead to Deptford.

Dennis SPDs 8170: S370 ONL and 8175: S375 ONL have been sold to Geoff Ripley, Carlton.

6 February 2012

The only news to report this week is the transfer of Volvo B10BLE 4908: W908 RBB from Stanley to Gateshead and DAF SB120 8247: NA52 BVD from Gateshead to Deptford.

Dennis MPDs 495, 496, 498 and 499 have been sold to Ensign Bus Co.

30 January 2012

Three more ex-London Mercedes Citaro artics have entered service at Gateshead on service 58. They are 5342: BP57 UYE, 5346: BP57 UYJ and 5356: BX54 UDD.

DAF SB120s 8243, 8248, 8249, 8250, 8251, 8252 and 8253 have been transferred from Gateshead to Deptford, Mercedes Citaro 5296 has been transferred from Gateshead to Stanley and Volvo Olympians 3832 and 3924 have been transferred from Gateshead to Winlaton.

Winlaton depot has transferred DAF SB220GS 4862, 4864, 4865 and 4866 to Chester le Street, while Chester le Street has transferred similar 4820 and 4824 to Winlaton and 4825 to Washington.

Other vehicle movements are of ex-Elcock Dennis Dart SLF/Plaxton 8289 from Chester le Street to Deptford, ex-London Volvo B7/Plaxton President 6031 from Washington to Gateshead and Volvo B10BLE/Wright 4837 and 4846 from Stanley to Gateshead.

Dennis MPDs 511, 512 and 514 have been withdrawn from Percy Main while a further ex-Metrobus Volvo Olympian to be sold to JP Travel, Middleton is 3985: P822 SGP.

23 January 2012

Five Scania L94s have been repainted in the former OK Motor Services livery and branded for The OK Expressway service OK1 from Crook to Darlington. They are 5229: NK55 OLG, 5230: NK55 OLH, 5231: NK55 OLJ, 5232: NK55 OLM and 5233: NK55 OLN. All five have been transferred to the Crook outstation.

Volvo B10BLEs 4839, 4841, 4842, 4843 and 4844 (R839 PRG etc) have been transferred from Stanley to Gateshead and DAF SB120/Wright 8245: NA52 BVB from Gateshead to Deptford.

Ex-Metrobus Volvo Olympian 3993: P825 SGP has been sold to JP Travel, Middleton.

16 January 2012

The ex-London Mercedes Citaro artics are now entering service after refurbishment and branding for Citylink service 58, with the following allocated to Gateshead so far:

5340: BL57 OXK, 5343: BP57 UYK, 5344: BP57 UYG, 5345: BP57 UYH, 5351: BX54 UCU, 5352: BX54 UCV, 5354: BX54 UCZ and 5355: BX54 UDB.

As a result, rigid Citaros 5284, 5285, 5286, 5287, 5288, 5289 and 5290 have been transferred from Gateshead to Stanley and Dennis SPDs 8213: V213 ERG and 8216: V216 ERG from Gateshead to Percy Main.

Stanley has transferred Volvo B10BLE 4838: R838 PRG to Gateshead. Saltmeadows has transferred Dennis MPDs 550: NK53 TKE and 551: NK53 TKF to Percy Main and 513 : X513 WRG to Hexham. Deptford has transferred Dennis MPDs 553: NK53 TKN and 554: NK53 TKO to Saltmeadows.

Vehicle withdrawals as a result of these transfers are Dennis MPDs 505: X595 FBB, 506: X506 WRG, 509: X509 WRG, 510: X551 FBB and Dennis Dart SLF/Caetano 8276: T403 LGP and 8277: T407 LGP.

The two new Volvo B9R/Caetano coaches have been re-registered and are now 7103: JCN 822 and 7104: 574 CPT.

9 January 2012

The remaining two Optare Solo SR have been delivered and are in service at Deptford. They are 635: NK61 FJP and 636: NK61 FMD.

Also new are 7103: FJ61 GZC and 7104: FJ61 GZD, Volvo B9R with Caetano Levante bodies for National Express work. Scania K340EB/Caetano 7101: FJ08 KNV has returned to service following accident repairs and MPDs 571: NK53 TMV and 572: NK53 TMX have entered service at Crook repainted in the former OK Motor Services livery and lettered for 'The OK Way' service 18.

28 December 2011

The four new Optare Solo SRs delivered so far, fleet numbers 631, 632, 633 and 634 have entered service at Saltmeadows depot. As a result, Dennis MPDs 548: NA52 AXO and 549: NK53 TKD have been transferred to Percy Main and 542: NA52 AXG to Deptford.

Dennis MPDs 507: X507 WRG and 508: X508 WRG have been withdrawn from Percy Main, although they may still be used during the Christmas period. 571: NK53 TMV is out of service from Deptford pending transfer elsewhere.

19 December 2011

The three Optare Solo SR detailed last week have been delivered together with 634: NK61 FJO.

Dennis SPD 8173: S373 ONL has been transferred from Gateshead to Deptford.

12 December 2011

A further batch of Optare Solo SRs in red and grey livery for Nexus contracted services are due for imminent delivery. The first three will be 631: NK61 FEU, 632: NK61 FEV and 633: NK61 FEX.

Another two ex-London Mercedes Citaro artics are in service on the Metrocentre X66 service and are 5347: BP57 UYK and 5348: BP57 UYL.

Dennis MPD 513: X513 WRG is now at Saltmeadows and SPD 8172: S372 ONL has been transferred to Deptford.

28 November 2011

The first two ex-London Mercedes Citaro articulated vehicles to enter service are at Gateshead on Metrocentre X66, fleet numbers 5339 and 5341. These have been converted from three to two door layout.

Dennis MPD 513 : X513 WRG has been returned to service at Hexham.

Dennis Dart MPD 497 : V197 ERG has been sold to The Eden, West Auckland and ex-London Volvo Olympian 3934 : R393 LGH to West Kent Buses, West Kingsdown.

21 November 2011

The only piece of news to report this week is the arrival of the second batch of 8 Mercedes Citaro artics from London Central which are :

5349 BX54 UCP

5350 BX54 UCR

5351 BX54 UCU
5352 BX54 UCV
5353 BX54 UCW
5354 BX54 UCZ
5355 BX54 UDB
5356 BX54 UDD

31 October 2011

The following vehicle movements have taken place as a result of this weekend's service changes:

- ex-London B7/Plaxton 6008 and 6010 from Percy Main to Chester le Street; 6009, 6018, 6019, 6022, 6026 and 6042 from Deptford to Chester le Street; 6028, 6030, 6033, 6036 and 6038 from Washington to Chester le Street; 6011, 6013, 6029, 6031 and 6032 from Chester le Street to Washington.
- ex-London B7/East Lancs 3967, 3970, 3971, 3976, 3979 and 3981 from Chester le Street to Deptford.
- Dart/Caetanos 8284 from Percy Main to Deptford; 8280 and 8281 from Chester le Street to Deptford.
- Volvo Olympians 3814 from Percy Main to Gateshead; 3923 from Gateshead to Winlaton.
- Solos 626 and 627 from Deptford to Saltmeadows.
- MPDs 551 from Deptford to Saltmeadows; 543 from Saltmeadows to Peterlee; 618 and 619 from Saltmeadows to Consett; 562 from Hexham to Percy Main.
- Trident/East Lancs 3802 from Chester le Street to Stanley.
- Olympians 3912 and 3928 and MPDs 487, 490, 498, 499 and 513 have been withdrawn.

24 October 2011

The only vehicle movements to mention this week are the withdrawal of MPD 497 from Peterlee and the sale of exMetrobus Volvo Olympian 3984 : P821 SGP to JP Travel, Middleton.

17 October 2011

The two Optare Solo SR Hybrids for Sunderland Connect have been delivered as 629

: NK61 EFY and 630: NK61 EGY.

A further five Mercedes Citaro articulated vehicles have been received from London General and are:

- 5339: BL57 OXJ
- 5340: BL57 OXK
- 5346: BP57 UYJ
- 5347: BP57 UYK
- 5348: BP57 UYL

The final ex-London Volvo B7 to enter service is at Chester le Street - 6029: V329 LGC, which has led to the withdrawal of Olympian 3896.

MPDs 495: V195 ERG and 496: V196 ERG have been withdrawn from Peterlee with similar 488, 489, 491, 493, 494 and SPD 8162 being sold to Ensign Bus Co.

10 October 2011

Five Mercedes Citaro articulated vehicles have been received from London General and are numbered:

- 5341: BL57 OXP
- 5342: BP57 UYE
- 5343: BP57 UYF
- 5344: BP57 UYG
- 5345: BP57 UYH

More ex-London Volvo B7s at Chester le Street are 6020: V220 LGC, 6032: V332 LGC and 6039: V302 LGC.

3 October 2011

The final ex-Oxford Volvo B10BLE, 5169 : W819 FBW, has entered service at Gateshead in Fab 57 livery.

A further ex-London Volvo B7/Plaxton at Chester le Street is 6024 : V324 LGC.

Ex-Nottingham Volvo Olympians 3944, 3945 and 3946 have been sold to Tyrer, Chorley.

25 September 2011

Another ex-Oxford Volvo B10BLE has entered service at Gateshead in Fab 57 livery - 5168: W818 FBW. The final vehicles of the same type to be allocated to Winlaton are 5162: T812 CBW, 5163: T813 CBW and 5164: T814 CBW. This has led to the transfer of MPDs 536, 537, 538 and 539 from Winlaton to Peterlee and the withdrawal of MPDs 491, 492 and 493 from Peterlee.

Three more ex-London Volvo B7/Plaxtons in service at Chester le Street are 6021: V921 KGF, 6034: V334 LGC and 6037: V337 LGC. Volvo Olympian 3911 has been withdrawn from Chester le Street with 3939 and 3940 being transferred to Stanley. Olympians 3929 and 3994 have been withdrawn from Stanley as a result.

MPDs, 492, 620, 622 and 624 have been sold to Ensign Bus Co.

19 September 2011

The three new Optare Solo SRs 626, 627 & 628 have entered service at Deptford on the Sunderland Connect service. 626 and 627 on a temporary basis pending delivery of two hybrid Solos.

Other vehicle movements to report are the entry into service of ex-Oxford B10BLEs 5161 and 5165 at Winlaton and the transfer of B10BLEs 4922 and 4923 from Gateshead to Winlaton. This has led to the transfer of MPDs 535, 540 and 541 to Peterlee and the withdrawal of Olympian 3908.

Ex-London Volvo B7/Plaxtons 6035, 6040 and 6041 are in service at Chester le Street and ex-Nottingham Olympians 3944 and 3945 have been withdrawn.

Olympian 3824 has been transferred from Washington to Stanley.

Darts 8159 and 8160 have been transferred to Driver Training.

5 September 2011

Another Optare Solo SR has been delivered and is in a green livery for the Sunderland Connect service. This and the two other vehicles delivered last week are registered as follows:

626 : NK61 DWX

627 : NK61 DWY 628 : NK61 DWZ

Ex-Oxford Volvo B10BLEs 5166 (W816 FBW) and 5167 (W817 FBW) have entered service at Gateshead depot.

Volvo Olympians 3811 and 3812 have been transferred from Saltmeadows to Gateshead which has been followed up by 3922 being transferred to Winlaton and 3925 to Stanley.

29 August 2011

A further two Optare Solo SRs in Nexus grey and red livery have been delivered, fleet numbers 626 and 628. Received with '11' registration marks they will be re-registered with '61' marks before entering service.

Another Scania L94 has been transferred fro Gateshead to Deptford, fleet number 4991.

Volvo B7/Plaxton 6012, 6017 and 6027 have been transferred from Percy Main to Winlaton and 6030 has been transferred from Percy Main to Washington.

Ex-Nottingham Olympian 3946 and Dennis SPD 8159 have been withdrawn.

Ex-Arriva Dennis MPD 623 : V732 DNL has been sold to Graeme's Motor Services (The Eden) West Auckland.

21 August 2011

There has been a large number of vehicle movements over the last couple of weeks following entry into service of new Optare Versas and further ex-London Volvo B7s and these can be summarised as follows:

- The new Optare Versas in service at Gateshead in Orbit livery are:
 - 8330 NK11 HDO
 - 8331 NK11 HJX
 - 8332 NK11 HJC
 - 8333 NK11 HJV
 - 8334 NK11 HJE
 - 8335 NK11 HJF
 - 8336 NK11 HJG
 - 8337 NK11 HKP
 - 8338 NK11 HKT
- Scania L94s 4944 4945 4946 4947 and 4948 at Gateshead have been transferred to Percy Main following removal of Orbit branding.
- Likewise, Scania L94s 4989 4990 and 4992 have had Orbit branding removed and are transferred to Deptford.
- Olympian 3813 and SPDs 8229 and 8230 Saltmeadows to Gateshead.
- SPDs 8219 8220 Gateshead to Saltmeadows.
- Olympian 3906 Gateshead to Stanley.
- Olympians 3910 3914 and 3915 Winlaton to Stanley. □ Volvo B7 6023 Percy Main to Winlaton.
- Volvo B7s 6014 and 6015 Percy Main to Gateshead.
- Volvo B7s 6022 and 6042 are in service at Deptford
- Volvo B7s 6028 6033 6036 and 6038 are in service at Washington □ Volvo B7s 6018 and 6026 Stanley to Deptford.
- MPDs 543 548 549 550 and 572 Deptford to Saltmeadows.
- MPDs 573 and 574 Deptford to Peterlee.
- Olympians 3838 and 3829 Washington to Stanley.
- Tridents 3801 3873 and 3874 Deptford to Stanley.
- MPDs withdrawn are 486 488 489 500 620 and 623.
- Olympians withdrawn are 3898 3902 3903 3907 3909 3913 3930 3934 and ex-Metrobus vehicles 3984 to 3993.
- SPDs withdrawn are 8160 and 8171.
- ex-Northumbria Coaches MPDs 607 and 608 and SPDs 8166 8169 and 8171 have been sold to Ensign Bus Co.

25 July 2011

Two more Optare Versas to be delivered are 8329 : NK11 HDN and 8330 : NK11 HDO. Of these, 8329 has entered service at Deptford together with previously received 8328.

The new Optare Solo SR has entered service at Saltmeadows. In addition, Dennis MPDs 486, 620, 621 and 623 have returned to service at Saltmeadows together with 500 at Percy Main.

Ex-London Volvo B7s 6011 and 6013 have returned to service at Chester le Street following refurbishment.

Dennis SPD 8231 has been transferred from Chester le Street to Deptford and Dennis Dart SLF/Plaxton 8289 from Deptford to Chester le Street.

Dennis Dart SLFs 8283, 8288 and 8292 have been withdrawn.

18 July 2011

The first of six new Optare Solo SR has been delivered. It is fleet number 625, registered NK11 HBB and is in Nexus grey and red livery. It seats 27 with 21 standing passengers. A further Optare Versa is 8328 : NK11 HBC. The previously delivered Versas 8325, 8326 and 8327 have entered service at Deptford in SimpliCity livery.

Various ex-London Volvo B7/Plaxton Presidents have entered service following refurbishment - 6012 : V312 LGC, 6017 : V317 LGC and 6027 : V327 LGC at Gateshead; 6008 : V308 LGC at Percy Main; 6009 : V209 LGC and 6019 : V319 LGC at Deptford. As a result, 6021, 6034 and 6035 have been withdrawn for refurbishing.

The Volvo B10M/Plaxton 7082 : Y782 MFT which has been used latterly on service X22 has been transferred to Percy Main for use on service X90.

Stop Press: a Wright Streetlite registered CRZ 7495 has been received on demonstration at Chester le Street and is to be used on service 34.

11 July 2011

Three more new Optare Versas have been delivered, as follows:

8325 : NK11 FXH

8326 : NK11 GWX

8327 : NK11 GWY

4 July 2011

A further three new Optare Versas have been delivered and together with the three already received are operating at Deptford depot on the new 'Simplicity' service in Sunderland. The latest three are:

8322 : NK11 FXE

8323 : NK11 FXF

8324 : NK11 FXG

Dennis SPD 8169 has been withdrawn from Stanley.

27 June 2011

The first of a further batch of 20 Optare Versas has been delivered:

8319 : NK11 FXB

8320 : NK11 FXC

8321 : NK11 FXD

Ex-London Volvo B7/Plaxton 6033 : V233 LGC and 6036 : V336 LGC are in service at Deptford as are 6018 : V218 LGC and 6026 : V226 LGC at Stanley. 6014, 6015, 6022 and 6023 have been taken out of service for refurbishment.

Dennis MPD 487 remains at Consett and 542 has been transferred from Consett to Deptford to replace 552.

20 June 2011

Further ex-London Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7s to enter service at Chester le Street are 6016 : V816 KGF and 6025 : V325 LGC.

Dennis MPD 487 has been returned to service at Deptford in lieu of fire damaged 552. 13

June 2011

The first of the ex-London Central Plaxton President bodied Volvo B7TLs to be refurbished and converted to single door has been delivered to Chester le Street. This is 6031 : V331 LGC and has replaced 6013 : V313 LGC which is now undergoing refurbishment.

Dennis SPD 8171 is in service at Chester le Street not Deptford.

Dennis MPDs 607 and 608 have been withdrawn from service together with 552 which has suffered fire damage.

6 June 2011

The 23 ex-London Central Volvo B7TLs used on Metro replacement work have now been acquired, together with a further 12 vehicles. All 35 have been numbered 6008 - 6042 in the main Go North East fleet and will be re-furbished before entering service. Details can be found in the fleet list.

Following service changes, a number of vehicle movements have taken place:

- 5170 5171 in service at Gateshead in Fab 57 livery
- 4931 Gateshead to Chester le Street
- 8212 Gateshead to Deptford
- 563 Saltmeadows to Percy Main
- 502 503 Percy Main to Peterlee
- 5283 Stanley to Deptford
- 522 Deptford to Peterlee
- 542 Deptford to Consett
- 532 Washington to Consett
- 564 Washington to Percy Main

Dennis SPDs 8162, 8166, 8170 and 8175 and MPDs 486, 487, 492, 500, 620, 621, 622 and 624 have been withdrawn.

16 May 2011

Ex-Arriva Dennis MPD 623 : V732 DNL has been withdrawn from Chester le Street.

18 April 2011

The final Volvo B9TL/Wright has been delivered and is 6007 : NK11 BHL. Following entry into service of all seven B9s and various service changes, the following vehicle movements have taken place:

- 542 5325 5326 5327 Washington to Deptford
- 3825 8216 8217 8218 Washington to Gateshead
- 5283 Washington to Stanley for trials on Diamond service 43/44
- 8211 Deptford to Percy Main
- 3930 Percy Main to Gateshead
- 8223 Percy Main to Saltmeadows
- 8212 8213 Deptford to Gateshead
- 501 520 Deptford to Peterlee
- 4926 4927 4928 4929 4930 Gateshead to Chester le Street
- 4849 8221 Chester le Street to Stanley
- 5260 Stanley to Percy Main

Two more ex-Oxford Bus Company Volvo B10BLE/Wright have been received and numbered 5170 : W20 FWL and 5171 : W821 FBW.

11 April 2011

Four more of the new Volvo B9TLs with Wright Eclipse Gemini bodies for Red Arrow service X1 have been delivered, leaving just one outstanding. They are:

6003 : NK11 BHD

6004 : NK11 BHE

6005 : NK11 BHF 6006 : NK11 BHJ

Eleven of the ex-London Volvo B7s have been retained for Metro replacement work and have been allocated as follows:

9110, 9111, 9113 to Chester le Street

9114, 9115 to Stanley

9121 to Percy Main

9122, 9123, 9124 to Deptford

9134, 9135 to Gateshead

The remaining 12 vehicles have been placed in store.

Dennis MPD 501 has been transferred from Percy Main to Deptford and Dennis SPDs 8163, 8164 and 8174 have been sold to JP Travel, Middleton.

4 April 2011

There have been no vehicle movements during the week, however, the first of the new Volvo B9TL/Wright Gemini for Red Arrows service X1 have been delivered and are being prepared for service. They are 6001 : NK11 BGZ and 6002 : NK11 BHA.

28 March 2011

Route 19 branding has been removed from DAF SB120s 8267, 8268, 8269 and 8270 and they have been transferred from Percy Main to Deptford in exchange for SPDs 8238, 8239, 8240 and 8241.

Chester le Street SPDs 8170 and 8175 have been transferred to Percy Main for use on service 1X.

21 March 2011

Ex-Northumbria Coaches MPD 608 has been returned to service at Chester le Street.

The unique Bluebird minibus, 612 : NK53 TJV, also ex-Northumbria Coaches, has been sold to Barnsley dealer Geoff Ripley together with the last ex-Dublin Leyland Olympian, 3949 : H589 EGU.

14 March 2011

There have been no changes to the fleet for a few weeks, however, to cover Metro replacement, a fleet of 23 ex-London Central Volvo B7TL/Plaxton Presidents are on loan. Details of fleet numbers and registration marks are shown at the end of the fleet list.

In addition Dennis SPD 8162 has been transferred from Deptford to Percy Main and will be followed by Chester le Street 8170 and 8175. To cover for these, withdrawn MPD 620 has been re-instated at Deptford, 607 and 623 have been reinstated at Chester le Street and 608 is being prepared for return to service.

The last ex-Dublin Alexander bodied Olympian, 3949, has been withdrawn from Stanley.

Dennis SPD 8165 : S365 ONL has been sold to JP Travel, Middleton.

7 February 2011

A few vehicle movements took place last week end that weren't reported here, all involving Dennis MPDs:

- 519 Deptford to Peterlee
- 521 Deptford to Consett
- 515 and 516 Washington to Consett
- Ex-Northumbria Coaches 607 and 608 and ex-Arriva 620 and 623 have been withdrawn officially but may remain in service on a temporary basis.

31 January 2011

The following vehicle movements took place over the weekend:

- Volvo Olympian 3931 and Dennis SPD 8167 from Deptford to Stanley
- Dennis SPDs 8168 and 8169 from Washington to Stanley
- Dennis SPDs 8226, 8227, 8229 and 8230 from Stanley to Saltmeadows
- Dennis MPDs 564 and 565 from Saltmeadows to Washington
- Dennis MPDs 571 and 572 from Saltmeadows to Deptford
- Dennis SPD 8218 from Winlaton to Washington

DAF SB200 demonstrator 9162 : YJ59 AZN has been returned to Arriva Bus & Coach. A Volvo B5LH hybrid demonstrator with Wright body is on loan at Washington registered BK10 MGV and has been numbered 9147.

10 January 2011

Dennis SPDs 8171 and 8172 have been transferred from Winlaton to Gateshead while similar 8167 is still in service at Deptford. Dennis Trident 3876 has been transferred from Chester le Street to Stanley in exchange for Volvo B10BLE 4905.

3 January 2011

There have been no vehicle movements since the last edition of the allocation, however, Volvo coaches 7085, 7086, 7088 and 7089 have been transferred to Go South Coast.

20 December 2010

Dennis SPDs 8159, 8160 and 8162 have returned to service temporarily and are allocated to Hexham, Winlaton and Gateshead respectively.

Volvo coaches 7085, 7086, 7088 and 7089 have been withdrawn from service prior to being transferred to Go South Coast.

13 December 2010

No vehicle movements have taken place, however, former Northumbria Coaches MPDs 609, 610 and 611 have been returned to their lessor. 6 December 2010

No vehicle movements to record, however, DAF SB120s 8256 and 8257 have been transferred to Go South Coast.

A number of coaches have been re-registered as follows:

- 7086 : JCN 822 is now NA52 RNE
- 7087 : FCU 190 is now NA52 RMZ
- 7088 : 524 FUP is now NJ53 AAF
- 7089 574 CPT is now NJ53 AAE

22 November 2010

Only a few vehicle changes to record this week. Dennis SPD 8171 has returned to service at Winlaton and together with 8172 transferred from Gateshead provides additional vehicles for service 10/11.

Dennis SPDs 8165 and 8174 have been withdrawn from Chester le Street and Washington respectively.

The all over red livery which has appeared on a number of vehicles recently has been adopted as a new fleet livery complete with 'Northern' fleet names and will be shown on the Fleet Allocation as such.

15 November 2010

Further vehicle movements have taken place as a result of service changes in North Tyneside.

- Ex-Southern Vectis Citaros 5337 and 5338 are in service at Percy Main.
- Dennis MPDs 515 and 516 have moved from Percy Main to Washington.
- MPD 533 has moved from Washington to Consett.
- Percy Main has withdrawn SPDs 8159 and 8160.
- Also withdrawn from Percy Main are DAF SB120s 8256 and 8257 which are due to be transferred to Go South Coast.
- Washington has withdrawn the unique Bluebird 612. □ Consett has withdrawn MPD 609.

8 November 2010

As a result of Tyne Valley service revisions, the following vehicles have been re-allocated:

- 4910 Gateshead to Winlaton
- 4912 and 8260 Percy Main to Gateshead
- 8225 Stanley to Gateshead
- 8222 and 8223 Winlaton to Percy Main
- 534 Winlaton to Consett
- 618 Consett to Saltmeadows
- 555 Saltmeadows to Hexham
- 8224 Stanley to Deptford

Dennis MPDs and SPDs 610, 611, 8167 and 8171 have been withdrawn from service.

Two used vehicles to join the fleet are Mercedes Citaros 5337 : HF06FUA and 5338 : HF06FUB from fellow Go-ahead Group subsidiary Southern Vectis. Following re-paint and internal re-trim they are due to be allocated to Percy Main depot.

1 November 2010

A number of vehicle movements have taken place to facilitate the transfer of DAF SB120s 8274 and 8275 to Go South Coast. SB120s 8258 and 8259 have been transferred from Percy Main to Deptford. Dennis SPDs 8216 and 8217 have been transferred from Winlaton to Washington and 8228 from Stanley to Hexham.

Leyland Olympians 3950, 3951, 3952, 3953, 3955, 3957 and 3958 have been sold to Geoff Ripley, Carlton and ex-OK Olympian 3806 has been sold for preservation to the County Durham Bus Preservation Group, Hetton le Hole. 25

October 2010

The only vehicle news to report this week is that Volvo B7RLEs 4979, 4981 and 4982 have returned to service at Winlaton after refurbishment.

18 October 2010

An Enviro 400 Hybrid demonstrator, registration mark SN59 AWW, has been in use at Chester le Street for one week on service 22 and was allocated fleet number 9148.

There have been no other vehicle movements during the week.

11 October 2010

DAF SB200 demonstrator 9162 has been transferred from Gateshead to Winlaton.

Volvo B7RLEs 4978 and 4980 have been returned to service at Winlaton re-painted purple in preparation for route branding while similar vehicles 4981 and 4982 have been taken out of service for re-painting.

4 October 2010

A new outstation at Consett has commenced operation from 3 October and has received an allocation of 12 MPDs from Stanley depot. The remaining MPD at Stanley, 619, has been transferred to Saltmeadows for service 68.

Other vehicle transfers which have taken place over the weekend are of ex-Nottingham Volvo Olympians 3944, 3945 and 3946, together with Caetano bodied Dart 8280 from Deptford to Chester le Street. In turn Volvo B10BLEs 4897, 4898 and 4899 and Olympian 3909 have been transferred from Chester le Street to Stanley allowing the withdrawal of ex-Dublin Olympian 3952.

27 September 2010

Ex-Arriva Volvo B10BLE 5145 has returned to service at Winlaton completing the refurbishment of these vehicles and in turn Volvo B7RLE 4980 has been taken out of service for refurbishment.

Dennis SPDs 8159 and 8160 are in use at Percy Main to cover for other vehicles being repainted.

20 September 2010

Ex-Arriva Volvo B10BLEs 5144 and 5148 have returned to service at Winlaton allowing Volvo B7RLEs 4978 and 4979 to be taken out of service for refurbishment.

Dennis SPDs 8224 8225 and 8227 are in use at Stanley while 8161 and 8162 are being used by Driver Training.

6 September 2010

There have been a large number of vehicle re-allocations following the delivery of new and used vehicles, as follows:

8219 8220 Driver Training to Gateshead
3906 Winlaton to Gateshead

8170 Gateshead to Chester le Street
4824 8221 8231 Winlaton to Chester le Street
8229 Winlaton to Stanley
4867 Winlaton to Hexham
5149 returned to service at Winlaton
4979 Hexham to Winlaton
8175 8282 8283 Percy Main to Chester le Street
8226 8228 8230 in service at Stanley
3930 Stanley to Percy Main
3931 Stanley to Deptford
3938 Chester le Street to Deptford
8159 withdrawn from Deptford
8281 Deptford to Chester le Street
8158 8160 8161 8162 8163 8164 8165 withdrawn from Chester le Street

30 August 2010

Ex-Arriva Volvo B10BLE 5146 has been returned to service at Winlaton while 5144 5145 and 5148 have been taken out of service from Hexham for refurbishment.

Citaros 5318 and 5319 have been transferred from Winlaton to Hexham.

23 August 2010

5147 returned to service at Winlaton depot not Hexham and in addition 5150 has returned to service at Winlaton in purple livery.

Volvo B7 4978 has returned to Winlaton from Hexham and SPDs 8224 8225 8226 8227 8228 and 8230 have been temporarily delicensed from Winlaton.

16 August 2010

The new Optare Versas for Quaylink have entered service following a launch on Tuesday 10 August. The Dennis Dart/Caetano vehicles that were operating this service on a temporary basis have been returned to the hirer.

Also in service are Mercedes Citaros 5331 5333 5334 5335 and 5336 at Percy Main and ex-Oxford Volvo B10BLEs 5151 5159 and 5160 at Winlaton.

Ex-Arriva Volvo B10BLE 5147 has returned to service at Hexham in a purple livery following refurbishment.

SPDs 8219 and 8220 are on temporary loan to Driver Training.

9 August 2010

The last of the batch of nine new Mercedes Citaros have been delivered and are:

5335 : BJ10 VUV

5336 : BJ10 VUW

In addition, the last of the Optare Versas for Quaylink have been delivered and are:

8317 : NK10 GOP

8318 : NK10 GOU

Ex-Oxford Volvo B10BLEs 5153 and 5156 are in service at Winlaton.

Ex-Arriva Volvo B10BLEs 5146 and 5149 have been taken out of service from Hexham for refurbishment 2

August 2010

Further new Mercedes Citaros that have been delivered are:

5329 : BJ10 VUO

5330 : BJ10 VUP

5331 : BJ10 VUR

5333 : BJ10 VUT

5334 : BJ10 VUU

Of these and those delivered previously, 5328, 5329, 5330 and 5332 are in service at Hexham depot.

The first Optare Versas for the Quaylink service have been delivered and are:

8310 : NK10 GNY

8311 : NK10 GNZ

8312 : NK10 GOA

8313 : NK10 GOC

8314 : NK10 GOE

8315 : NK10 GOH

8316 : NK10 GOJ

Ex-Oxford Volvo B10BLE 5157 is in service at Winlaton.

Olympians 3806, 3950, 3951 and 3955 have been withdrawn from Stanley, 3806 being the last former OK Motor Services vehicle in the fleet. 26 July 2010

The first vehicles in a batch of nine new Mercedes Citaros have been delivered and are 5328 : BJ10 VUN and 5332 : BJ10 VUS.

Ex-Oxford Volvo B10BLEs 5152 and 5154 are in service at Winlaton.

Olympians 3953 and 3958 have been withdrawn from Stanley.

19 July 2010

Nine hired Dennis Darts with Caetano bodies have entered service from Saltmeadows depot on the Quaylink service pending delivery of new Optare Versas. They have been allocated fleet numbers 9152 - 9161, excluding 9158 which was returned to the hirer without entering service.

Volvo B7RLEs 4978 and 4979 are on loan from Winlaton to Hexham to allow for the refurbishment of ex-Arriva Volvo B10BLEs 5147 and 5150.

Ex-Metrobus Volvo Olympians 3988 and 3991 are in service at Stanley.

MPD 534 has been transferred from Washington to Winlaton for use on service 74 12

July 2010

Ex-Oxford Volvo B10BLEs 5155 and 5158 are in service at Winlaton re-painted yellow ready for the application of Blaydon Racers graphics. Also in service, at Stanley, are ex-Metrobus Olympians 3992 and 3994.

DAF demonstrator 9162 has been moved from Deptford to Gateshead.
5 July 2010

Further Volvo B10BLE/Wright to arrive from Oxford are:

5153 : T803 CBW

5155 : T805 CBW

5156 : T806 CBW

5157 : T807 CBW

5158 : T808 CBW

Other vehicles movements are:

- 490 Saltmeadows to Stanley
- 486 487 518 Peterlee to Stanley
- 620 621 622 624 Stanley to Peterlee

28 June 2010

The first of a batch of used Volvo B10BLEs with Wright bodies have arrived from Oxford Bus Co. They are:

5151 : T801 CBW

5152 : T802 CBW

5154 : T804 CBW

5159 : T809 CBW

5160 : T810 CBW

Ex-Metrobus Olympians 3989 3990 and 3993 have entered service at Stanley leading to the withdrawal of ex-Arriva Olympian 3957, with others to follows.

21 June 2010

Following service changes, a number of vehicle re-allocations have taken place, as follows:

- 573 574 8201 8202 8203 8204 8205 Gateshead to Deptford
- 555 563 571 572 Gateshead to Saltmeadows
- 5228 Gateshead to Washington
- 620 624 Gateshead to Stanley
- 3911 Winlaton to Chester le Street
- 8242 8252 8253 8254 8255 Percy Main to Gateshead
- 8174 Percy Main to Washington

- 8207 8208 8209 8210 Deptford to Percy Main
- 518 Deptford to Peterlee
- 521 Washington to Deptford
- 8282 8283 Chester le Street
- 4896 4897 4898 4899 Stanley to Chester le Street
- 4910 Stanley to Gateshead

11 June 2010

A further seven Northern Counties bodied Volvo Olympians have been acquired from Metrobus, as follows:

3988 : P817 SGP
 3989 : P818 SGP
 3990 : P819 SGP
 3991 : P823 SGP
 3992 : P824 SGP
 3993 : P825 SGP
 3994 : P829 SGP

No other vehicle movements have taken place. Re-allocations following service changes this weekend will be detailed next time.

4 June 2010

The only allocation changes to report this week are that ex-Arriva MPDs 620 and 624 are operating at Gateshead not Stanley.

1 June 2010

A number of vehicle movements have taken place following entry into service of the ex-Metrobus Olympians and commencement of new contracts. A new operating centre utilising part of the workshop site at Saltmeadows Road has also started operation.

- Ex-Metrobus Olympians 3984 3985 3986 and 3987 to Stanley
- 3922 3923 3924 3925 Stanley to Gateshead
- 3811 3812 3813 3833 Gateshead to Saltmeadows
- Ex-Arriva MPDs 620 621 622 623 624 to Stanley
- 486 and 487 Stanley to Peterlee
- 490 Stanley to Saltmeadows
- 8167 Chester le Street to Deptford
- 8168 Chester le Street to Washington
- 3831 Washington to Saltmeadows
- 4895 has returned to service at Chester le Street
- 4769 4770 4771 4772 and 4773 have been sold to Eurobus, Middleton

21 May 2010

There have been no vehicle movements this week, however, DAF SB200 demonstrator 9162 has now been included in the allocation at Deptford and Volvo B7RLE demonstrator, 9163, has moved to Go South Coast.

17 May 2010

Four 1996 Volvo Olympians with Northern Counties bodies have been acquired from fellow Go-ahead Group subsidiary Metrobus. They are currently undergoing refurbishment prior to entering service at Stanley depot and this will see the transfer of other vehicles elsewhere. The acquisitions are:

- 3984 : P821 SGP

- 3985 : P822 SGP
- 3986 : P826 SGP
- 3987 : P828 SGP

Other vehicle movements that have taken place are:

- 542 Percy Main to Washington
- 612 returned to service at Washington
- 564 and 565 from Washington to be repainted and transferred elsewhere.

30 April 2010

There have been no vehicle movements during the week, however, ex-OK Motor Services Leyland Olympian 3808 : K108 YVN has been sold to Stafford Bus Centre.

23 April 2010

Vehicle movements during the week have resulted in newer, yellow liveried Mini Pointer Darts being allocated to Hexham and the former Arriva examples being taken off the road for the time being, as detailed below:

- 518 and 520 Percy Main to Deptford
- 571 572 573 and 574 Deptford to Gateshead
- 534 Percy Main to Washington
- 563 Washington to Gateshead
- 556 557 558 559 and 560 Gateshead to Hexham
- DAF SB220GS 4895 has been re-painted all over red and returned to Chester le Street following repairs and will return to service once the vehicle has been PSV tested.

1 April 2010

The vehicles acquired from Arriva North East with the swap of Ashington /Hexham services are:

Mini Pointer Darts 620 621 622 623 and 624

Volvo B10BLE 5144 5145 5146 5147 5148 5149 and 5150 Vehicles transferred to Arriva are:

Leyland Olympians 3947 3948 3956 3960 and 3961

Volvo B10Bs 4809 4810 4811 4812 and 4875

DAF SB220GS 4868 4869 4870 4890 4891 4892 and 4893

Other vehicle transfers that have taken place as a result are:

618 619 Winlaton to Stanley

534 542 Winlaton to Percy Main

8207 Winlaton to Deptford

4825 Winlaton to Chester le Street

561 562 Stanley to Hexham

8293 Deptford to Hexham

8284 Chester le Street to Percy

Main

4772 withdrawn from Percy Main

612 withdrawn from Ashington

26 March 2010

Allocation changes

8279 Percy Main to Deptford

8288 Deptford to Percy Main

19 March 2010

Allocation changes
8167 8168 Washington to Chester-le-Street
8169 on loan to Deptford

Details of buses being acquired from, and transferred to, Arriva will be shown here next week.

12 March 2010

4849 Stanley to Chester-le-Street

26 February 2010

3811, 3812 & 3813 Ashington to Gateshead
3896 & 3897 Gateshead to Chester le Street
3909 Winlaton to Chester le Street
3919 Gateshead to Winlaton
3956, 3960 & 3961 Chester le Street to Ashington

19 February 2010

Withdrawn Optare Solo 481 & 482 have been sold

5 February 2010

The unique Bluebird with Plaxton Mini Pointer body, 612, has been re-instated for further service at Ashington Depot, replacing Optare Solo 482 which has been withdrawn.

Previously withdrawn Solo's 599, 614 & 616 have been sold.

29 January 2010

Optare Solo 613 has been withdrawn from Ashington and sold along with previously withdrawn 480, 600-602, 615 & 617

22 January 2010

Withdrawn coaches 7081, 7083 & 7084 have been sold to Go South Coast

24 December 2009

487, 544, 545 & 546 Deptford to Stanley

4849 Chester le Street to Stanley

8159, 8214, 8215, 8289, 8290, 8291 & 8292 Chester le Street to Deptford

8276, 8277 & 8278 Deptford to Percy Main

7083 & 7084 to Driver Training

Optare Solo 480, 481, 599, 616 & 617 have been withdrawn

Dennis Lance 4769, 4771 & 4773 have been withdrawn

18 December 2009

Coach 7082 allocated to Chester-le-Street for new service X23

11 December 2009

Volvo B7/Wright 3962 to 3965 have been transferred to Gateshead Depot to operate service X9.

Coaches 7078, 7080 to 7082 have been withdrawn.

4 December

486 Winlaton to Stanley

Further Volvo B7 in service at Chester-le-Street are 3969, 3972, 3975 & 3976

DAF 4895 is temporarily out of service at Chester le Street

27 November

Allocation changes:

534 Washington to Winlaton

Ex London Volvo B7 3970 & 3977 in service at Chester le Street

8167, 8168 & 8169 Deptford to Washington

Volvo B6BLE 8293 has returned to service at Deptford

Leyland Olympian 3808 has been withdrawn from Chester le Street

20 November

3971, 3973 & 3978 are further Volvo B7 in service at Chester le Street

Dennis Lane 4770 has been withdrawn

13 November

7082 in service at Gateshead as a spare coach for the X9

3968, 3974, 3979 & 3982 are further Volvo B7 in service at Chester le Street

6 November

With the cessation of the X41 service, coaches 7082, 7083 & 7084 have been withdrawn from Ashington

30 October allocation

changes: 518 Deptford to

Percy Main

520 Washington to Percy Main

521 Deptford to Washington

555 to 560 Deptford to Gateshead

561 & 562 Deptford to Stanley

3862 to 3865 Chester le Street to Deptford

3938 Deptford to Chester le Street

3981 in service at Chester le Street

4932 to 4936 Gateshead to Deptford

4955, 4973 to 4976 Percy Main to Deptford

8167, 8168 & 8169 Gateshead to Deptford

8174 Gateshead to Percy Main

8201 to 8205 Percy Main to Gateshead

8267 & 8268 Gateshead to Percy Main

8269 & 8270 Deptford to Percy Main

Optare Solo 614 & 615 and Volvo B6BLE 8293 have been withdrawn

16 October

Ex London Volvo B7 3980 in service at Chester le Street

9 October

Ex London Volvo B7 3983 in service at Chester le Street

4971 & 4972 to Deptford

8232 & 8233 Chester le Street to Deptford

Optare Solo 600, 601 & 602 withdrawn from Winlaton

2 October

A tri-axle, 13.7 metre, Scania Omnilink is on demonstration for 2 weeks, and is being trialled on services M1 and X66.

Allocation changes:

4954 Gateshead to Deptford

18 September

The balance of the 18 Volvo B7 from London General have now arrived for refurbishment (the complete batch is 39663983)

11 September

Allocation changes:

3860 & 3861 Chester le Street to Deptford

4971 & 4972 Percy Main to undergoing refurbishment

Withdrawn vehicles 578, 581, 582, 586-588 & 591 returned to lessor

4 September

Allocation changes:

3833 Percy Main to Gateshead

4820 Winlaton to Chester le Street

4923 4954 Percy Main to Gateshead

4971 Percy Main to Deptford

8211 Gateshead to Deptford

Withdrawn vehicles 580, 583-5, 589, 590 & 593 returned to lessor

28 August

Vehicles now disposed of are:

Dennis Dart 592, 594-598 returned to lessor

Former Training School coaches 7062 & 7075 sold

5 ex-Stanley Taxis Mercedes minibuses sold

3974, 3975, 3976 & 3977 are further Volvo B7 received from London General

21 August

3978 & 3979 are further Volvo B7 received from London General

14 August

3980 used vehicle received but not yet in service

4774 4784 4785 4789 4793 sold

7 August

Further Volvo B7 received from London General are 3981 & 3982

Withdrawn Optare Delta 4792 has been sold

31 July

Optare Versa 8302 to 8309 have entered service at Deptford on service 60

Ex London Volvo B7 3966 has entered service at Chester le Street

Dennis Dart 584-591 & 593 have been withdrawn

Withdrawn Optare Metrorider 417 has been sold

24 July

Withdrawn Optare Metrorider 484 has been sold

17 July

A further Volvo B7 acquired from London General is 3983 (previously EVL 52)

The last of the Optare Versa delivered are 8307 & 8309

Allocation changes:

8175 Gateshead to Percy Main

8269 Gateshead to Deptford

8294 8295 8296 8297 8298 8299 8300 8301 new vehicles in service at Gateshead

Dennis Dart 596, 597 & 598 have been withdrawn

10 July

Further Optare Versa delivered are 8305, 8306 and 8308.

8294 to 8301 enter service on Gateshead routes 53 & 54 on 13th July, with the official launch on

3 July

Further Optare Versa delivered are 8298 to 8304

26 June

The first Optare Versa have been delivered, numbered 8294 to 8297. These are expected to be launched on the 53/54 services on 9th July.

The first two Volvo B7/East Lancs acquired from London General have been numbered 3966 & 3967, formerly EVL 20 & 27.

Volvo B10BLE 4850 & 4851 have been transferred from Stanley to Chester le Street

Dennis Dart 592, 594 & 595 have been withdrawn, and are being prepared for return to the leasing company.

5 June 2009

484 withdrawn from Crew Shuttle work at Deptford

29 May 2009

The 16 Optare Versa for services 53/54 at Gateshead and service 60 at Deptford are due for delivery during June.

Dennis Dart 578 and 583 have been withdrawn from Deptford.

22 May 2009

487 Winlaton to Deptford

573 574 Winlaton to Deptford

607 608 609 Ashington to Stanley

610 611 Ashington to Winlaton

613 Stanley to Ashington

618 619 Stanley to Winlaton

Optare Metrorider 417 has been withdrawn from Crew Shuttle work at Deptford with Dennis Dart 582 withdrawn from Deptford

Withdrawn coach 7059 has been sold

15 May 2009

Movements during the week: 459, 485, 3807, 4759, 4768, 4779, 4782, 4790, 4791 sold

8 May 2009

No movements

1 May

485 withdrawn from Stanley

24 April 2009

5271 Chester le Street to Percy Main
3870 Percy Main to Chester le Street
573 574 Deptford to Winlaton
519 Winlaton to Deptford
582 returned to service at Deptford

17 April 2009

Dennis Trident 3871 is being painted in angel pink livery and transferred from Percy Main to Chester-le-Street.

Scania OmniCity 5270 is being painted in coaster livery and transferred from Chester-le-Street to Percy Main.

9 April 2009

Trident 3860 & 3862 have been repainted in angel livery and transferred from Percy Main to Chester le Street

Volvo B10BLE 4911 & 4912 have been transferred from Stanley to Percy Main

Scania OmniCity 5273 & 5274 have been repainted red and transferred from Chester le Street to Stanley

3 April 2009

MPD 486, 487 & 519 have been transferred from Deptford to Winlaton for services X23 and X25

SPD 8208 has been transferred from Ashington to Deptford

Coaches 7078, 7080 & 7081 have been returned to service at Gateshead for new service X9

27 March

No movements

20 March

Movements during the week: 453 460 463 sold

6 March

Withdrawn vehicles 575, 576 & 577 have been returned to their lessor

27 February

Changes to the Drifter services, requiring larger vehicles

486 487 Washington to Deptford

592 594 595 596 597 598 Deptford to Gateshead

8270 8271 8272 8273 8274 8275 Gateshead to Deptford

Coaches 7062 7075 7076 returned to Driver Training

20 February

Twenty Volvo B10BLE are being refurbished resulting in the following allocation changes:

4850 4851 Chester le Street to Stanley

8232 8233 Deptford to Chester le Street

Withdrawn vehicles 579 & 3843 have been sold

Go North East is introducing their new Kingfisher bus by showing off the range of activities within easy reach for local people who use the service.

Fleetnews for 13 February

No movements

Fleetnews for 6 February

7082 7083 7084 Gateshead to Ashington

8282 Deptford to Chester-le-Street

488 Chester le Street to Deptford

3939 returned to service at Chester-le-Street

3843 withdrawn from Chester-le-Street

3807 has not been sold and remains available for disposal

Fleetnews for 23 January
5272 Chester-le-Street to Percy Main
8207 Percy Main to Winlaton

3907 Winlaton to Deptford

3802 Deptford to Chester-le-Street

4792 4793 withdrawn from Gateshead

7062 7075 7076 withdrawn from Driver Training

Fleetnews for 23 January
No movements

Fleetnews for 16 January
4812 returned to service at Ashington
489 Chester-le-Street to Deptford

Fleetnews for 9 January
4792 and 4793 returned to service at Gateshead

Fleetnews for 19 December
8212 Chester le Street to Deptford
8215 Deptford to Chester-le-Street
461 462 3807 3809 3810 sold
463 has not been sold and remains available for disposal

Fleetnews for 12 December
8213 Chester-le-Street to Deptford

Fleetnews for 5 December No
vehicle movements this week.

Fleetnews for 28 November
4938 Gateshead to Washington
4941 Washington to Gateshead
8214 Deptford to Chester le Street
8282 Chester le Street to Deptford
Optare Solo 453 & 460, Leyland Olympian 3807 & 3810, Dennis Lance
4774, Optare Delta 4792 & 4793 and Volvo B10B 4812 have been withdrawn

Fleetnews for 21 November
7082 7084 returned to service at Gateshead
7075 returned to Driver Training

Fleetnews for 14 November

Allocation changes:

3865, 3868 Percy Main to Chester-le-Street 5268,
5269 Chester-le-Street to Percy Main
7062 returned to Driver Training
3809 withdrawn from Chester le Street

Fleetnews for 7 November Allocation changes:

3861, 3863 & 3864 Percy Main to Chester-le-Street

4870, 4890, 4891, 4892 & 4893 Chester-le-Street to Ashington

5265, 5266 & 5267 Chester-le-Street to Percy Main

Fleetnews for 31 October 2008

New Mercedes Citaro 5320 5321 5322 5323 5324 are now in service at Washington

487 Stanley to Washington

488 489 Stanley to Chester le Street

491 496 498 3932 Stanley to Deptford

497 499 500 Winlaton to Deptford

613 615 617 Gateshead to Stanley

3803 3804 Percy Main to Chester le Street

3811 3812 3813 Washington to Ashington

3824 3825 4941 Gateshead to Washington

3831 Deptford to Washington

3896 3897 Stanley to Gateshead

3952 3953 3955 Ashington to Stanley

3956 Ashington to Chester le Street

4823 4824 4825 Washington to Winlaton

4867 4868 4869 Stanley to Ashington

4896 4897 4898 Chester le Street to Stanley

4911 4912 Winlaton to Stanley

4922 Winlaton to Gateshead

4923 Gateshead to Percy Main

5263 5264 Chester le Street to Percy Main

8214 8215 Chester le Street to Deptford

8216 8217 Gateshead to Winlaton

8282 Deptford to Chester le Street

8283 8284 8289 8290 8291 8292 Washington to Chester le Street

Dennis Dart 575-577, 579-582, Optare Delta 4759, 4789-4791 and Dennis Lance 4779 have been withdrawn

24 October 2008

3872 Percy Main to Chester le Street

3960 3961 Ashington to Chester le Street

4865 Chester le Street to Ashington

5262 Chester le Street to Percy Main

5325 5326 5327 new vehicles in service at Washington

Withdrawn vehicles 449 452 463 465 have been sold

17 October 2008

4863 4864 Chester le Street to Ashington

4866 Deptford to Ashington

7075 is now withdrawn from Driver training

7083 returned to service at Gateshead

8212 8213 Gateshead to Chester le Street

10 October 2008

4862 Chester le Street to Ashington

7060 returned to Driver Training

7075 7076 remain in Driver Training

Withdrawn vehicles 4752 4994 4995 have been sold

26 September 2008:

Movements during the week:

Movements during the week: 5320 - 5327 new vehicles not yet in service
4996 4997 4998 4999 7061 sold

18 September 2008:

Movements during the week:

5310 5311 5312 5313 5314 5316 5317 5318 5319 new vehicles in service at Winlaton
8213 8216 8217 Winlaton to Gateshead

4912 4922 Gateshead to Winlaton

8158 8159 8214 8215 Winlaton to Chester le Street

8232 Winlaton to Deptford

486 Stanley to Washington

461 462 4784 withdrawn from Winlaton

612 withdrawn from Ashington

7082 Chester le Street to Driver Training

7077 7078 7080 7083 7084 to Driver Training

4752 7059 7060 7061 7062 7075 7076 withdrawn from Driver Training

5 September 2008:

Movements during the week:

3915 Gateshead to Winlaton

4779 Winlaton to Percy Main

3824 Percy Main to Gateshead

7058 withdrawn from Driver Training and sold

29 August 2008:

Movements during the week:

5313, 5314, 5319 new vehicles received but not yet in service

8186 - 8200 re-numbered 486 - 500

22 August 2008:

Further new Mercedes Citaro delivered are 5311, 5312, 5317 & 5318

Citaro 5315 in use for driver familiarisation.

15 August 2008:

The first of the next batch of Mercedes Citaro delivered are 5310, 5315 & 5316

Volvo B10BLE 4911 has been transferred from Gateshead to Winlaton

Withdrawn vehicles 416, 3954, 4736, 4753, 4754, 4786 & 4787 have been sold

8 August 2008:

Movements during the week: 7084 withdrawn from Chester-le-Street

7079, 7081 to Driver Training

4790, 4793 Driver training to Ashington

4996, 4997 withdrawn from Ashington

448, 454, 457, 469, 3959 and ex-Redby E221 WBG sold

1 August 2008:

Movements during the week: 7097, 7101 new vehicles in service at Chester-le-Street

7079, 7081 withdrawn from Chester-le-Street

4989, 4990, 4991 Winlaton to Gateshead

4789 Driver Training to Ashington

25 July 2008:

Further new coaches for National Express diagrams are 7097 and 7101.

Similar 7095, 7096, 7098 and 7102 are now in use at Chester-le-Street, with older coaches 7077, 7078, 7080 and 7083 now withdrawn from National Express duties.

Withdrawn vehicles now sold are 455, 464, 466, 468 and ex-Redby Leyland Titan NUW 668Y.

18 July 2008:

Further new coaches for National Express diagrams are 7095, 7096 and 7098.

Similar 7094, 7099 and 7100 are now in use at Chester-le-Street whilst Metrorider shuttle bus 416 has been withdrawn

11 July 2008:

The first of nine new coaches delivered for National Express operations are 7094 7099, 7100

Allocation changes:

4937 Gateshead to Deptford

4944, 4945 Deptford to Gateshead

4947, 4948, 4992 Winlaton to Gateshead 4970

Percy Main to Deptford

498,0 4981, 4982 Gateshead to Winlaton

8258 Gateshead to Percy Main

Withdrawn vehicles 456 470 have been sold

20 June 2008:

Allocation changes:

4978, 4979 Gateshead to Winlaton

8211 Percy Main to Gateshead

8212 Winlaton to Gateshead

Optare Solo 458 has been withdrawn from Stanley and sold

Withdrawn Optare Spectra 3847 has been sold

13 June 2008:

3801 Percy Main to Deptford

4994 withdrawn from Ashington

456 459 withdrawn from Stanley

3847 withdrawn from Chester-le-Street

454 465 withdrawn from Deptford

30 May 2008:

618 619 Deptford to Stanley

3802 Chester le Street to Deptford 3831
Washington to Deptford
3940 Deptford to Chester le Street
8186 8190 8191 Deptford to Stanley
8260 Deptford to Percy Main
Optare Solo 452 455 468 have been withdrawn from Stanley
Optare Solo 454 and 465 in use at Deptford for route learning

23 May 2008:

Allocation changes:
5300, 5301, 5304, 5305, 5308, 5309 further Mercedes Citaro running at Deptford on service 35

3801 Chester le Street to Percy Main

Optare Solo 467 has been withdrawn

16 May 2008:

5304 and 5305 are further Mercedes Citaro delivered for service 35
5298 5299 5302 5303 5306 5307 new vehicles in service at Deptford
536 Washington to Winlaton
579 Chester le Street to Deptford
4779 Driver Training to Winlaton
4784 Deptford to Winlaton
4798 4790 Winlaton to Driver Training
4792 Deptford to Ashington
4793 Deptford to Driver Training
8162 Percy Main to Chester le Street
8283 Deptford to Washington
8285 Deptford to Percy Main

Dennis Lance 4782 & 4787 have been withdrawn

9 May 2008:

571, 572, 577, 578 Chester-le-Street to Deptford
575, 576 Chester-le-Street to Washington
8187, 8188, 8189 Deptford to Stanley
501, 502, 503, 517 Deptford to Percy Main
521 Washington to Deptford
535 Washington to Winlaton
8198 Winlaton to Stanley
448, 449, 457, 463 withdrawn from Percy Main
450, 451, 466, 469 withdrawn from Stanley
2 May 2008:

Movements during the week:
5303 5306 5307 new vehicle received but not yet in service

8166 Gateshead to Chester le Street
483 sold

25 April 2008:

Further Mercedes Citaro delivered are 5298, 5299 and 5302.

Allocation changes:

4875 Percy Main-Ashington
4993 Gateshead-Percy Main
5297 new-Gateshead
8257 Deptford-Percy Main
8285 Percy Main-Deptford

Leyland Lynx 4998 has been withdrawn

18 April 2008:

5297 new vehicle received but not yet in service
5286, 5294, 5296 new vehicles in service at Gateshead
8160, 8161, 8165 Gateshead to Chester le Street
484 in use on crew shuttle at Deptford
7074 sold

11 April 2008:

Further Mercedes Citaro delivered for Citylink service 58 are 5286 5294 5296

Allocation changes:

4942, 4944 Gateshead to Deptford
5290, 5292, 5293, 5295 new vehicles in service at Gateshead
8163 8164 Gateshead to Chester le Street

Optare Delta 4736 is withdrawn from Driver Training

4 April 2008:

5290, 5292, 5293, 5295 new vehicles received but not yet in service
5284, 5285, 5287, 5288, 5289, 5291 new vehicles in service at Gateshead
3930 Gateshead to Stanley
3874, 4945 Gateshead to Deptford
4954, 4970, 8256 Gateshead to Percy Main
8196 Winlaton to Stanley
3873, 8209, 8210 Percy Main to Deptford
8208 Percy Main to Ashington
8212 Percy Main to Winlaton
464 withdrawn from Percy Main
453, 3952 Stanley to Ashington
4759 Deptford to Ashington
4823, 4824, 4825 Deptford to Washington
509, 510, 8285 Deptford to Percy Main
3824 Washington to Percy Main
3825 Washington to Gateshead
4791 Washington to Ashington
470, 483, 484 withdrawn from Ashington
28 March 2008:

The first of the new Mercedes Citaro for Citylink service 58 have now been delivered in Gold livery

Allocation changes:

8257 Gateshead to Deptford
8258 Deptford to Gateshead

14 March 2008:

8242, 8252, 8253, 8255, 8259 Deptford to Percy Main
8233, 8234, 8235, 8236, 8237 Percy Main to Deptford
4993 Stanley to Gateshead
9902 Stanley to Chester-le-Street

29 February 2008:

3879, 3880 Gateshead to Chester-le-Street
8274, 8275 Deptford to Gateshead
4911 Stanley to Gateshead
8238, 8239, 8240 Percy Main to Deptford
8254 Deptford to Percy Main
453 Deptford to Stanley
9902 Scania on loan at Stanley
Four vehicles for disposal returned to Redby

22 February 2008:

7074 delicensed from Chester le Street

8, 15 February 2008:

No movements for this week.

1 February 2008:

8243 8244 8245 8246 8247 8248 8249 8250 8251 Deptford to Gateshead
8258 Gateshead to Deptford
4820 4821 4822 Deptford to Winlaton
543 4792 4793 Winlaton to Deptford
8241 Percy Main to Deptford
5259 Stanley to Percy Main
8284 Deptford to Washington
518 Washington to Deptford
4759 Chester le Street to Deptford
618 619 4782 taken over from Redby at Deptford

11 January 2008:

453 Washington to Deptford
7076 Chester le Street to Driver Training

21 December 2007:

Allocation changes:

4789, 4790 Ashington to Winlaton

4810, 4811 Winlaton to Ashington

14 December 2007:

Allocation changes:

4759 Ashington to Chester le Street

4809 Chester le Street to Ashington

4774 Ashington to Deptford

4875 Deptford to Percy Main

4812 Percy Main to Ashington

4779 to driver training

23, 30 November and 7 December 2007:

No movements for these weeks.

16 November 2007:

Scania 4943 has been transferred from Gateshead to Deptford as a spare vehicle for Fab56.

9 November 2007:

An Optare Versa demonstrator is arriving on 12th November for use on services 53 and 54 at Gateshead for up to 2 weeks.

Withdrawn Dennis Dart 8096, 8105, 8108, 8119 and 8123 have been sold.

2 November 2007:

Allocation changes:

613 Stanley to Gateshead

615 Stanley to Gateshead

617 Stanley to Gateshead

3811 Gateshead to Washington

3930 Chester-le-Street to Gateshead

Withdrawn Dennis Dart 8095, 8097, 8102 and 8122 have been sold

19 October 2007:

Five Optare Solo have been acquired with the local bus services of Stanley Taxis and numbered 613-617. These are allocated to Stanley Depot.

Also re-acquired is Dennis Lance 4774 and a Mercedes mini-bus for use as staff transport at Stanley Depot.

12 October 2007:

Optare Solo 450, 451, 452, 465-469 have been returned to service at Stanley to operate services being taken over from Stanley Taxis.

Leyland Lynx 4995 has been withdrawn.

5 October 2007:

Optare Solo 480, 481 and 599 have been painted in Venture livery.

Allocation changes:

453 Washington

480 Stanley

481 Stanley
599 Stanley

21 September:

The former Northumbria Coaches vehicles have now been allocated Go North East fleetnumbers, see fleetlist for full details.

Allocation changes:

3827 Washington to Gateshead
3874 Percy Main to Gateshead
3876 3877 3878 Gateshead to Chester le Street
3929 Gateshead to Stanley
3955 Stanley to Ashington
4791 Ashington to Washington
4869 Chester le Street to Stanley
4954 4970 Percy Main to Gateshead
5251 5252 5253 Stanley to Percy Main
5260 5261 Chester le Street to Stanley

Withdrawn Dennis Lance 4776 4780 4783 and Dennis Dart 8118 8121 have been sold

7th September

The Northumbria Buses fleet of 5 Leyland Lynx, 1 Leyland Tiger/East Lancs, 1 Volvo B6BLE, 1 Optare Solo, 1 Optare MetroRider, 5 Dennis MPD, 1 Marshall Minibus, 1 Bluebird and 1 Mercedes Sprinter are now shown on the allocation list

Allocation changes:

460 Winlaton to Ashington
508 Winlaton to Percy Main
3801 Percy Main to Chester le Street
3812 3813 Percy Main to Washington
3827 3828 Gateshead to Washington
3898 Deptford to Gateshead
3899 3900 3901 3902 returned to service at Gateshead
3904 3905 returned to service at Chester le Street
3906 returned to service at Winlaton
3907 3908 3909 Washington to Winlaton
3920 3921 Deptford to Winlaton
3926 Deptford to Stanley
3933 3934 3939 3940 Gateshead to Deptford
3935 3936 3937 3938 Chester le Street to Deptford
3947 Percy Main to Ashington
4759 4789 4790 4791 Winlaton to Ashington
4810 Chester le Street to Winlaton
4811 Stanley to Winlaton
4923 Stanley to Gateshead
4948 4949 Gateshead to Winlaton
4967 Deptford to Gateshead
8286 Deptford to Percy Main

Optare Solo 468, 480 & 481 have been placed in reserve

Previously withdrawn Dennis Dart 8094 8099 8109 8110 have been sold

31st August

Withdrawn Dennis Lance 4778, 4781 & 4788 and Dennis Dart 8117 have been sold.

24th August

Withdrawn Dennis Lance 4775 & 4777 have been sold

10th August

Withdrawn Dennis Dart 8124 has been sold

3rd August 2007

Allocation changes:

460 461 462 Gateshead to Winlaton
502 503 Winlaton to Deptford
504 505 506 507 Winlaton to Percy Main
590 returned to Deptford
3812 3813 Stanley to Percy Main
3843 Percy Main to Chester le Street
3931 3932 Chester le Street to Stanley
3869 3870 3871 3872 3873 Winlaton to Percy Main
4759 Gateshead to Winlaton
4867 4868 Deptford to Stanley
4924 4925 Stanley to Gateshead
4989 4990 4991 4992 Washington to Winlaton
4993 Gateshead to Stanley
8163 8164 8165 Percy Main to Gateshead
8289 8290 8291 8292 Winlaton to Washington

Volvo Olympian 3899-3902 & 3904-3906 have been transferred to Northumbria Coaches at Ashington

Optare Solo 450-453, 465-467 and 469 have been withdrawn from service along with Dennis Dart 8095, 8110 & 8117.

Withdrawn Optare Delta 4756 4757 4758 4760 4761 have been sold

27th July 2007

Allocation changes:

3847 Percy Main to Chester-le-Street
4875 Percy Main to Deptford

Dennis Darts 590 and 8099 have been on loan to Northumbria Coaches at Ashington, although 8099 has subsequently been withdrawn.

13th June 2007

Allocation changes:

3876-3880 Chester-le-Street to Gateshead
3885, 3889 Gateshead to Chester-le-Street 4954,
4970 Gateshead to Percy Main
5227, 5228 Chester-le-Street to Gateshead

Dennis Trident 3881, 3882, 3892-3895 have been transferred to Oxford Bus Company

29th June 2007

The outstanding Mercedes Citaro 5276-5283 have now been delivered and are entering service at Washington Depot, allowing the pink liveried Scania to move to Chester-le-Street for the re-launch of Service 21 at the end of July. Withdrawn Dennis Lance 4774 has been sold.

22nd June 2007

Dennis Trident 3887 has been repainted in pink for service 21 and returned to service at Chester-le-Street.

Volvo B10BLE 4925 is temporarily on loan from Gateshead to Stanley.

15th June 2007

Dennis Trident 3884 has been transferred to sister Go Ahead company Oxford Bus Company.

8th June 2007

Two Optare Solo have been purchased from Jayline for additional contract work in the Peterlee area – 480 (VU52 UEF) and 481 (MX03 YDD).

Allocation changes:

480, 481 acquired-Deptford

Dennis Dart 8095 has been withdrawn from service at Winlaton, whilst Dennis Lance 4782 has been sold.

1st June 2007

Allocation changes-

452 reserve to Deptford

453 Stanley to Deptford

5262 Washington to Chester-le-Street

Dennis Lance 4783 has been withdrawn.

25th May 2007

Mercedes Citaro 5275 has entered service at Washington.

Dennis Dart 8110 has been transferred from Deptford to Gateshead, whilst 8120 has been sold.

18th May 2007

The first Mercedes Citaro, 5275, has been delivered.

Withdrawn Optare Spectra 3835 and 3857 have been sold.

4th May 2007

Withdrawn Optare Spectra 3834 and 3856 have been sold.

A Volvo B7RLE and an Optare Tempo demonstrator will be on loan from 8th May for a couple of weeks.

27th April 2007

Red Arrows Coach 7074 has been allocated to Chester-le-Street for revised service X23.

Optare Spectra 3835 has been withdrawn.

13th April 2007

Withdrawn Optare spectra 3851 – 3854 have been sold.

5th April 2007

Allocation changes:

453 reserve to Stanley
8095 Percy Main to Winlaton
8287 Deptford to Percy Main

4777, 8108 and 8124 have been withdrawn, with previously withdrawn 3836, 3837, 3840 and 3855 sold.

23rd March 2007

Allocation changes:

3823 Washington to Percy Main
3909 Chester le Street to Washington

Withdrawn Optare Spectra 3839 3845 3849 have been sold

16th March 2007

Allocation changes:

5254 Chester le Street to Percy Main
5255 Washington to Percy Main
5261 Washington to Chester le Street
5268 new vehicle in service at Washington

7075 to Driver Training

Optare Delta 4753 & 4754 have been withdrawn from Driver Training

Withdrawn vehicles 3838 3841 3842 3844 3848 3850 have been sold

9th March 2007

Allocation changes:

454 remains in service at Stanley
8099 8110 8117 remain in service at Deptford
4756 4757 withdrawn from Driver Training

2nd March 2007

Delivery of Scania OmniCity 5268 is still outstanding, whilst OmniCity 5256, 5257 and 5258 are currently held in reserve.

Vehicles now withdrawn are:

Optare Spectra – all except 3835, 3843, 3847
Dennis Lance step entrance – all except 4777, 4783, 4784, 4787

Optare Delta – 4758

Dennis Dart – 8094, 8096, 8099, 8102, 8105, 8109, 8110, 8117, 8118, 8120, 8122 Volvo
B10B – 4813 to 4816, sold to Go West Midlands

Due to service changes and new vehicle deliveries many allocation changes have been made, details shown on the fleet allocation section of the website.

23rd February 2007

As a result of the delivery of the 41 new Scania OmniCity and service changes there will be many allocation changes during this week - details will follow next week once all the moves have been completed.

16th February

Further new Scania OmniCity delivered are 5253, 5260, 5263 and 5264.

Allocation changes:

586, 595 Stanley to Deptford
4759 Chester-le-Street to Gateshead
4844 Gateshead to Stanley
4849 Stanley to Chester-le-Street
5246, 5248-5252 new to Stanley
8268, 8269, 8270, 8271, 8272, 8273 Deptford to Gateshead

Dennis Lance 4768 and 4786 and Dennis Dart 8097 have been withdrawn

9th February

Further new Scania OmniCity delivered are 5241/5244/5246/5248-5252/5254/5256

Allocation changes:

4789 Chester-le-Street to Winlaton 4809
Winlaton to Chester-le-Street
4811 Washington to Stanley
4812 Washington to Percy Main
4820-4825 Chester-le-Street to Deptford
4850-4855 Stanley to Chester-le-Street
4896-4898 Stanley to Chester-le-Street
4989, 4990 Chester-le-Street to Washington
5234-5243 new to Stanley
8099 Chester-le-Street to Deptford
8288 Stanley to Percy Main

Dennis Lance 4782 and Dennis Dart 8119 have been withdrawn.

2nd February

New Scania OmniCity 5234-5240/5242-5243 have been delivered, in all red livery pending application of route branding

26th January

Optare Solo 456, 458 and 459 are in reserve whilst being prepared for service at Stanley Depot

12th January 2007:

Dennis Dart 8099 has been transferred from Stanley to Deptford

Dennis Dart 8117 has been transferred from Stanley to Chester le Street

Optare Solo 458, 459 have been transferred from Percy Main to Chester le Street

Optare Solo 460 has been transferred from Percy Main to Washington

The Pink Panther Solo (448, 449, 457, 463, 464) are being allocated to Percy Main for services 321 and 322.

5th January 2007:

Dennis Dart 8118 has been transferred from Stanley to Chester le Street

Optare Solo 448, 449, 457, 463, 464 have been transferred to the reserve fleet

22nd December:

Dennis Dart 8094, 8097 have been transferred from Stanley Depot to Chester le Street Depot

15th December 2006

Withdrawn Olympians 3676-3678 have been sold

24th November 2006

Volvo B10B 4814 has been returned to service at Deptford, whilst Trident 3887 has been temporarily withdrawn.

Optare Delta 4756 and 4757 have been returned to use as Driver Training vehicles

17th November 2006

Allocation changes:

4937 Gateshead to Deptford

4941 Deptford to Gateshead

8242-8248 Winlaton to Deptford

8213-8218, 8222 Deptford to Winlaton

10th November 2006

Allocation change:

8108 Deptford to Gateshead

Withdrawn Dart 8124 has been re-instated at Gateshead to cover vehicles being repainted

3rd November 2006

Allocation changes:

4780 Gateshead to Winlaton 4810 Winlaton to Deptford

4937, 4938 Deptford to Gateshead

4978-4982 Deptford to Gateshead

8095 Stanley to Gateshead 8099 Deptford to Stanley

8102, 8105, 8109 Stanley to Chester le Street

8118 Deptford to Stanley

8162-8165 Gateshead to Percy Main

8267-8269 Gateshead to Deptford

8270-8273 Percy Main to Deptford

Withdrawn Dennis Dart 8094, 8097 and 8117 have been returned to service at Stanley

MPD 511-513, SPD 8162-8165/8233-8241 and Dennis Lance 4770-4773 have received Centurion branding

Fleetnews for 27th October

Allocation changes:

511, 512, 513 Deptford to Percy Main
8095, 8102, 8105, 8109 Gateshead to Stanley

Withdrawn vehicles 4805 and 8103 have been sold

Fleetnews for 20th October :

Allocation changes:
4775 Deptford to Winlton
4812 Winlton to Washington
8119 Washington to Deptford

Fleetnews for 13th October:

8096, 8122 Chester-le-Street to Deptford
Dennis Dart 8117 has been withdrawn

Fleetnews for 6th October:

Optare Solo 448, 449, 457, 463, and 464 have been painted in a special pink livery and allocated to Chester le Street depot for new service D4 (Arnison Centre-Durham City Centre)

Other allocation changes:

3855, 3856 Percy Main to Chester-le-Street
4768, 4779 Winlton to Percy Main
4791, 4792 Chester-le-Street to Winlton

Now withdrawn are Optare Delta 4756, 4757, 4760, 4761, 4805 and Dennis Dart 8097, 8103

Fleetnews for 29th September:

Leyland Olympian 3947, 3948, 3953, 3956, 3960 and 3961 have been painted in a special yellow fleet livery, branded as "Bargain Bus" for new services X42 and X43, and allocated to Percy Main.

Dennis Dart 8094 has been withdrawn, whilst Dennis Trident 3883 has been sold to sister Go Ahead operator Oxford Bus Company.

22nd September 2006:

Dennis Dart 8118 has been re-allocated from Washington to Deptford

15th September:

Dennis Dart 8122 has been re-instated for further service at Chester-le-Street, whilst similar 8123 and 8124 have been withdrawn.

4th September

515, 516 Deptford to Percy Main
3854 Percy Main to Chester le Street
3907 Chester le Street to Washington
3915 Winlaton to Gateshead
4778, 4779 Gateshead to Winlaton
4782 Washington to Percy Main
4792 Winlaton to Chester le Street
4811 Winlaton to Washington
4866, 4867 Chester le Street to Stanley
4910, 4911 Stanley to Gateshead
4991, 4992 Deptford to Chester le Street
8094, 8096, 8097, 8113 Reserve to Chester le Street
8099, 8108, 8110, 8120 Reserve to Deptford
8158 - 8161 Gateshead to Winlaton
8191, 8195 Winlaton to Deptford
8214, 8215 Gateshead to Deptford
Trident 3883 is on loan to Oxford Bus Company

11th August

Allocation changes:

3949 Deptford to Stanley
4777 Deptford to Winlaton
4814 Deptford to delicensed
Dennis Dart's 8094, 8096, 8097, 8103 and 8122 have been withdrawn.

Withdrawn Leyland National 4710 has been sold.

4th August

Many re-allocations have already taken place, and more are currently in progress - see fleet allocation for full details.

The following vehicles have been withdrawn from service:

Leyland Olympians:

3676, 3677, 3947, 3948, 3953, 3954, 3956, 3959, 3960, 3961 Dennis

Darts:

8099, 8108, 8110, 8120, 8121

Previously withdrawn vehicles now sold are MetroRiders 401, 411; Nationals 4711, 4718; Optare Delta 4750, 4751; Leyland Tiger 5102, 5103, 5104, 5118, 5128 and Volvo B6 8417.

28th July 2006

Due to service changes from 30th July, many allocation changes will be taking place - full details to follow

7th July 2006

Withdrawn Optare Delta 4807 has been sold

30th June 2006

The last of the pre-owned vehicles, 8276 & 8277, have now entered service at Deptford.

Due to vehicles being away for re-furbishment, a number of vehicles are currently loaned between depots on a temporary basis.

Withdrawn Dennis Dart 8090-8093, 8111, 8112 and 8115 have been sold.

2nd June 2006

Allocation changes: 520 521 Deptford to Washington 561 562 Washington to Deptford

Withdrawn vehicles 421, 425, 428, 3673, 4741, 8426 & 8428 have been sold.

26th May 2006

Allocation changes:

8118, 8119, 8120 Stanley to Deptford 8280 Acquired to Deptford

Dennis Darts 8090, 8091, 8092, 8111 and 8112 have been withdrawn.

Withdrawn vehicles now sold are MetroRiders 415, 429; National 4681 (for preservation); Optare Delta 4743, 4746, 4747; Volvo B6 8419, 8420, 8421, 8424, 8430, 8434, 8435.

19th May 2006

Allocation changes: 8121 Stanley to Deptford

Dennis Dart 8093 has been withdrawn from Deptford, along with Leyland Nationals 4711/4718 from Driver Training. Optare Delta 4734 & 4739 have been sold.

12th May 2006

Allocation changes:

520 Chester le Street to Deptford 8102 Re-instated to Deptford 8221 Deptford to Winlaton 8290, 8292 Acquired to Stanley

Leyland National 4681 has been withdrawn from Driver Training.

Withdrawn vehicles 419, 420, 4802, 4803, 4804 and 8422 have been sold.

5th May 2006

Recently acquired Dart 8291 has entered service at Stanley, whilst MetroRiders 416 & 417 have replaced 401 and 411 and crew shuttle work at Deptford.

13 April 2006

With the closure of Bishop Auckland depot and service changes, many allocation changes have been made and vehicles have been withdrawn:

4753 4754 Gateshead to Driver training
3921 Winlaton to Deptford
571 572 4759 4760 4761 4789 Winlaton to Chester le Street
3676 Percy Main to Deptford
4774 Percy Main to Gateshead
4785 Percy Main to Washington
3962 3963 3964 3965 new vehicles in service at Chester le Street
4991 4992 used vehicles in service at Chester le Street
3939 Chester le Street to Gateshead
3849 3854 3855 3856 Chester le Street to Percy Main
3874 Chester le Street to Winlaton

4869 4870 Chester le Street to Stanley
581 582 3904 3905 Stanley to Chester le Street
592 595 3926 Stanley to Deptford
8281 8282 used vehicles in service at Deptford
561 562 4782 4783 4784 Deptford to Washington
8219 8220 Deptford to Winlaton
4756 Washington to Chester le Street
542 543 Washington to Winlaton
8290 8291 8292 used vehicles received but not yet in service
3806 3896 3897 3952 3959 3961 Bishop Auckland to Stanley
3807 3808 3809 3810 3888 3892 3893 3894 3895 Bishop
Auckland to Chester le Street
3813 3814 3815 3816 Bishop Auckland to Gateshead
3945 3946 3947 3948 3949 8123 Bishop Auckland to Deptford
4809 4810 4811 4812 Bishop Auckland to Winlaton
461 462 Bishop Auckland to Stanley
3665 3672 4740 4741 8419 8420 8421 8424 8426 8428 413
421 425 426 429 withdrawn from Bishop Auckland
3751 9180 9182 sold
8430 withdrawn from Gateshead
4768 withdrawn from Percy Main
418 422 423 424 428 4738 4743 4746 4747 4801 8101 8115
withdrawn from Chester le Street
3633 3765 3768 3777 8098 8100 withdrawn from Stanley
416 417 3678 4806 4807 8102 8104 8106 8107 withdrawn from
Deptford
4802 4803 4804 withdrawn from Washington
4710 withdrawn from Driver Training

Vehicles sold are 413, 418, 422-424, 426, 3633, 3751, 3765, 3768, 3777, 4738, 4740, 4801, 4806, 8098, 8100, 8101, 8104, 8106, 8107, 8113.

7th April 2006

3963-3965 are the final three Volvo B7/Wright double deck for service 724, and all four entered service on Saturday 8th April.

Allocation changes:

454, 456 Winlaton to Stanley
3811, 3812 Washington to Gateshead
3829, 3831 Gateshead to Washington
3944 Bishop Auckland to Deptford
4808 Bishop Auckland to Winlaton
8248 Deptford to Winlaton

Optare Delta 4736 has been transferred to the driver training fleet.

31st March 2006

The first of the four Volvo B7/Wright double-deck for service 724, 3962, has now been delivered - the batch will be 3962-3965 with 06 registrations.

Allocation changes:

539-541 Washington to Winlaton
568-570 Winlaton to Washington

MetroRider 420 has been withdrawn

24th March 2006

4993 (S590 KJF) is a Volvo B10BLE with Alexander body, acquired from Beestons of Hadleigh.

Allocation changes:

452 Winlaton to Stanley
537 538 Washington to Winlaton 566
567 Winlaton to Washington
3950 3951 into service at Stanley
3952 into service at Bishop Auckland
8289 into service at Stanley

Leyland Olympian 3673 has been withdrawn

17th March 2006

Two further second-hand acquisitions are 4991/4992 (YR02 ZYK and YR02 ZYM), Scania L94 with Wright Solar bodywork, previously with Anglian Coaches, Beccles. The last of the Caetano bodies Darts, 8282, has been delivered.

Allocation changes:

4752 Gateshead to Driver Training
8246 Deptford to Winlaton
8275 Acquired to Deptford

MetroRider 419 has been withdrawn, along with Driver Training Tigers 5102-5104, 5118 and 5128.

10th March 2006

The five new Scania L94 5229 to 5233 have now entered service at Deptford on routes X20 and X50 - 5229 to 5232 are route branded.

A further Caetano bodied Dart to enter service at Deptford is 8284, which has displaced 8242 to Winlaton.

Optare Delta 4736 was transferred from Gateshead to Bishop Auckland for a few days but has now been withdrawn.

3rd March 2006

Allocation changes:

453 Winlaton to Stanley
3854 Gateshead to Chester le Street
3940 Chester le Street to Gateshead

Volvo B6 8417 has been withdrawn, and Leyland Nationals 4681 & 4711 have been returned to Driver Training.

24th February 2006

457 Winlaton to Percy Main
4801 Deptford to Chester le Street
8244, 8245 Deptford to Winlaton
8283, 8287 in service at Deptford

Optare Delta 4734 has been withdrawn

17th February 2006

The final four Caetano bodied Dart SLF have been delivered, 8277/8280/8281/8287.

Dennis Dart 8095 has been allocated to Deptford.

Volvo B6 8422 has been withdrawn, with previously withdrawn 8401, 8413, 8414, 8416, 8418 and 8433 now sold.

3rd February 2006

Allocation changes:

4867, 4868 Chester to Stanley

4989, 4990 Acquired to Chester

8123 Stanley to Bishop Auckland

Optare Delta 4739 has been withdrawn

Withdrawn Volvo B6 8404 & 8411 have been sold

27th January 2006

The first of the five Scania L94 with Wright Solar B43F bodies for services X20/X50 have been delivered - 5229-5231 (NK55 OLG/H/J), whilst the final two Leyland Olympian from Dublin Bus has been received, still being their Irish registrations 91-D-1065/1085.

Allocation changes:

520 Deptford to Chester le Street

4734 Percy Main to Chester le Street

4738 Gateshead to Chester le Street

8247 Deptford to Winlaton

8274, 8278, 8285,

8286 Acquired to Deptford

8288 Acquired to Stanley

Withdrawn Volvo B6 8402, 8412, 8427 & 8431 have been sold.

20th January 2006

Further vehicles acquired are 8283 (T430 LGP), another Caetano bodied Dennis Dart and 8289 (Y558 KUX), a Plaxton bodied Dennis Dart previously with Elcock, Telford.

Allocation changes are

448 Winlaton to Percy Main

8243 Deptford to Winlaton

8279 acquired vehicle allocated to Deptford

13th January 2006

Allocation changes:

4740, 4741 Deptford to Bishop Auckland

7092, 7093 new to Chester le Street (National Express)

Optare MetroRider 415 has been withdrawn from Deptford

6th January 2006

A number of previously expected movements have been delayed: 3854 remains at Gateshead 3904, 3905 remain at Stanley
3940 remains at Chester le Street

3rd January 2006

National Express coaches 7092/7093 are Volvo B12B with Plaxton bodies and have been allocated cherished registration marks K2/3 VOY.

Further second hand arrivals are 3950 (G183 WGX), an Alexander bodied Olympian from Dublin Bus; 4989/4990 (YN51 MKV/X) Scania L94 UB with Wright bodies previously with Ludlow's of Halesowen and 8276/8284 (T403 LGP and V434 KGF) further Dart SLF/Caetano new to Limebourne.

The last of the Olympians hired from Ensign have been returned (9006, 9056, 9150 and 9247)

15th December 2005

Two new coaches for National Express work are 7092 & 7093 - details to follow

9th December 2005

Scania 4971 has been repainted in Route 19 livery and is re-allocated from Gateshead to Percy Main

2nd December 2005

Further second-hand low floor single deck vehicles acquired are 8274/8275 (Y291/292 HUA), DAF SB120/Wright Cadet previously with K-Line, and 8278/8279/8285/8286 (T413/426 LGP, V435/436 KGF), Dennis Dart SLF with Caetano Compass bodies new to Limebourne.

25th November 2005

Further former Arriva London Leyland Olympian acquired are 3957 (G548 VBB) and 3958 (G549 VBB).

Allocation changes:

3852, 3854 Gateshead to Chester le Street

3904 Stanley to Gateshead

3905 Stanley to Chester le Street

3940 Chester le Street to Gateshead

3957, 3958 in service at Stanley

4983 - 4988 in service at Stanley

The six Optare Delta displaced by the DAF SB220GS at Stanley have been temporarily re-allocated as follows: 4734 Percy Main

4736, 4738 Gateshead

4740, 4741 Deptford

4743 Chester le Street

Hired Olympian 9285 has been returned to Ensign whilst withdrawn 410 & 8114 have been sold.

18th November 2005

DAF SB220GS 4983 - 4988 will be entering service from Stanley depot in the next few days, and will be used on services X30/X31 and 709/728.

Withdrawn vehicles now sold are 427, 8116 and 8407.

11th November 2005

The last of the six DAF/Plaxton, 4983 (R971 FNW) has now arrived.

Allocation changes as a result of new service 148 starting:

418—Deptford to Chester-le-Street
428—Stanley to Chester-le-Street
455—Winlaton to Stanley

Allocation changes as a result of secondhand vehicle arrivals:

3851—Gateshead to Chester-le-Street
3933—Stanley to Gateshead
3953—Stanley 9046 has been returned to Ensign

4th November 2005

Further DAF SB220GS/Plaxton acquired are 4985/8 (R975/83 FNW) - the last one, due shortly, will be 4983 (R971 FNW).

A further Olympian acquired from Ensign Bus is 3953, (G522 VBB).

Allocation changes are: 515 Winlaton to Percy Main
3853 3855 Gateshead to Chester-le-Street
3903 3907 3909 Stanley to Chester-le-Street
3929 3934 Chester-le-Street to Gateshead
3949 3961 into service at Bishop Auckland
3954 3956 into service at Stanley
3960 Chester-le-Street to Stanley

9024 9065 9079 9258 returned to Ensign Bus Co

28th October 2005

Further second-hand Olympian double deck vehicles acquired are 3949 (H589 EGU), formerly Isle of Man 19, and 3954/3956/3961 (G527/529/545 VBB), formerly Arriva London L527/529/545.

Loaned Olympian 9049 has been returned to EnsignBus.

21st October 2005

The first of six DAF SB220GS/Plaxton Prestige, previously used on airport work, acquired from Arriva Bus & Coach are 4984/4986/4987 (R972/979/982 FNW).

14th October 2005

Two further Olympians acquired from Arriva London are 3959 (G544 VBB) and 3960 (G546 VBB), allocated to Bishop Auckland and Chester-le-Street depots respectively.

Hired Olympian 9230 has been returned to Ensign Bus.

30th September 2005

The Enviro vehicle 4977 has been returned to Alexander Dennis.

23rd September 2005

Dennis Dart 8115 and Volvo B6 8417 have been re-instated, with similar 8116 and 8427 withdrawn.

16th September 2005

Optare Delta 4751 has been withdrawn in place of 4746 which has been re-instated.

Volvo Coach 7062 has been transferred to Driver Training.

5th September 2005

A requirement for additional double deck buses has resulted in the acquisition of several second-hand examples from Nottingham City Transport, Isle of Man Transport and Arriva London, whilst several are on temporary loan from EnsignBus.

Significant allocation changes have taken place as follows:

413 re-instated at Bishop Auckland
457 Bishop Auckland to Winlaton
3672; 3673 re-instated at Bishop Auckland
3676 re-instated at Percy Main
3765 Chester le Street to Stanley
3811; 3812 Bishop Auckland to Washington
3828; 3829 Bishop Auckland to Gateshead
3851; 3852; 3853; 3854; 3855 Chester le Street to Gateshead
3889 Bishop Auckland to Percy Main
3910 Deptford to Winlaton
3911; 3912; 3913 Bishop Auckland to Winlaton
3914 Stanley to Winlaton
3916; 3936; 3937; 3938 Bishop Auckland to Chester le Street
3917; 3918 Stanley to Chester le Street
3944; 3945; 3946; 3947; 3948 in service at Bishop Auckland
3955 in service at Stanley
4783; 4784 Percy Main to Deptford
4812 Deptford to Bishop Auckland
4849 Gateshead to Stanley
4970 Chester le Street to Gateshead
8101 Stanley to Chester le Street
8111; 8112; 8113 Chester le Street to Stanley
8158; 8159; 8160; 8161 Percy Main to Gateshead 8233
Winlaton to Percy Main
8270; 8271; 8272; 8273 Gateshead to Percy Main
8430 Winlaton to Gateshead
9006; 9024; 9065; 9258 on loan at Bishop Auckland
9046; 9049; 9056; 9079; 9230; 9285 on loan at Chester le Street 9150;
9247 on loan at Stanley

Optare Delta 4746; 4750 withdrawn

Volvo B6 8402; 8404; 8407; 8410; 8411; 8412; 8413; 8414; 8416; 8417; 8418; 8431; 8433; 8434; 8435 withdrawn

Dennis Dart 8114; 8115 withdrawn

Previously withdrawn 4735; 4737; 4744; 4745 have been sold

29th July 2005

Allocation changes:

418 Bishop Auckland to Deptford
449 Winlaton to Percy Main
457 Winlaton to Bishop Auckland
4757 Winlaton to Chester le Street
4758 Winlaton to Stanley
4970 Gateshead to Chester le Street
3837 Chester le Street to Percy Main
3869 Percy Main to Winlaton
3872 3873 Chester le Street to Winlaton

3915 Stanley to Winlaton
3930 Bishop Auckland to Stanley
3935 Bishop Auckland to Chester le Street
8424 Winlaton to Bishop Auckland
8433 8434 8435 Winlaton to Gateshead

MetroRiders 410, 413 and 427 and Volvo B6 8401 and 8403 have been withdrawn

22nd July 2005

Volvo B6 8416 has been transferred from Bishop Auckland to Stanley

Optare Delta 4744 has been withdrawn

1st July 2005

The new Volvo B7/Wright double deck 3941-3943 are now in service on X10 (Newcastle-Middlesbrough) - all three buses are required on Monday to Saturday but only 2 on Sunday.

Allocation changes:

3828, 3829 Gateshead to Bishop Auckland
3830 Gateshead to Washington
3899 Washington to Deptford
3848 Deptford to Percy Main
8413, 8414 Bishop Auckland to Stanley

Olympians 3672, 3673 and 3676 have been withdrawn.

6th June 2005

The 3 new Volvo/Wright double deck (3941-3943) for service X10 have been delivered and are expected to enter service on 13th June.

8222 Washington to Deptford

20th May 2005

8114, 8115 Chester-le-Street to Washington

Previously withdrawn Olympian 3737 has been sold.

13th May 2005

Due to transfer of service 638 from Washington to Winlaton

4759, 4760, 4761 Washington to Winlaton

6th May 2005

4977 Washington to Deptford
8222 Deptford to Washington

15th April 2005

Withdrawn vehicles now sold are Olympian 3660 and Volvo B6 8408.

31st March 2005

Withdrawn Metroriders 390, 404 and 407 have been sold.

24th March 2005

Withdrawn vehicles now sold are Volvo B6 8406, 8409, 8415, 8423

3660 withdrawn from Bishop Auckland
7074 Chester le Street to Driver Training
Withdrawn Metroriders 405 409 412 sold

11th March 2005

Withdrawn vehicles 414, 8405 and 8425 have been sold.

4th March 2005

Volvo B6 8413 and 8416 have been re-instated at Bishop Auckland to allow vehicles to be fitted with AVL equipment.

The last Optare Excel have been sold.

11th February 2005

Volvo B6 8414 has been re-instated at Bishop Auckland to allow vehicles to be fitted with AVL equipment.

Buses sold are 3628, 3630, 3651, 3657, 8146, 8176, 8178, 8182.

4th February 2005

With the closure of South Shields depot many allocations changes have taken place:

416, 417 Stanley to Deptford
418 Stanley to Bishop Auckland
555 – 562 South Shields to Deptford
563 – 565 South Shields to Washington
566 – 572 South Shields to Winlaton
581 Chester le Street to Stanley
3677, 3678 South Shields to Deptford
3855 Deptford to Chester le Street
3870, 3871 Chester le Street to Winlaton
3888, 3889 Chester le Street to Bishop Auckland
3910 South Shields to Deptford
3914 South Shields to Stanley
3927 Chester le Street to Stanley
4756 Gateshead to Washington
4775, 4776 South Shields to Deptford
4785 Gateshead to Percy Main
4841, 4842 Stanley to Gateshead
4924, 4925 Winlaton to Gateshead
4967 – 4969 South Shields to Washington
4970, 4971 South Shields to Gateshead
4978 – 4982 New to Deptford
5207 - 5217 South Shields to Deptford
5220, 5221 New to Gateshead
5222 – 5228 New to Chester le Street

8117 Stanley to Chester le Street
8162, 8163, 8164 Percy Main to Gateshead
8201 – 8207 South Shields to Percy Main
8242 - 8245, 8253 – 8255 South Shields to Deptford
8414 Reserve to Bishop
8418 Winlaton to Gateshead

The final Scania have been delivered as 5224-5228

Now withdrawn are the last Optare Excel's 8144/46/76/78/82; Metrorider's 409, 412, 414; Volvo B6 8405/6/8/9/13/15/16/23/25; Metrobuses 3628, 3630; Olympian 3651 and Optare Delta 4735/45.

21st January 2005

Allocation changes:

5218, 5219
New - Gateshead (branded for increased services 93/94 under Kickstart) 8211,
8212 Deptford - Percy Main

Optare Excel 8131, 8143, 8177 have been withdrawn.

South Shields depot closes after operation on Saturday 29th January 2005 - significant allocation changes to follow.

14th January 2005

Further Volvo B7RLE delivered are 4979, 4981 and 4982.

Allocation changes:

5209, 5212-5217 New to South Shields

Optare Excel 8150 to 8157 have been withdrawn.

7th January 2005

Further Scania delivered are 5212 to 5223, whilst the first of the Volvo B7RLE is 4978.

5210, 5211 New to South Shields
8208, 8209, 8210 Deptford to Percy Main

Optare Excel 8145, 8147-8149, 8179, 8183 and 8185 have been withdrawn with the last 3 sold.

31st December 2004

5205, 5206 New to Deptford
5207, 5208 New to South Shields
8163 Gateshead to Percy Main

24th December 2004

515 Gateshead to Winlaton
514, 516-518 Deptford to Percy Main
Optare Excel 8125-8128 have been withdrawn and sold along with 8129 and 8130.

17th December 2004

Further new vehicles delivered as Scania/Solar 5211 & 5213.

Allocation changes:

5204 New to Deptford

8162, 8164 Gateshead to Percy Main

Optare Excel 8129 & 8130 have been withdrawn, with 8180, 8181 & 8184 sold.

10th December 2004

Further new vehicles delivered are Scania/Wright Solar 5203/5205-5210 and VDLSB120/Wright Cadet 8272/8273.

5201-5203 have entered service at Deptford, along with MPD 603-606.

8271-8273 have entered service at Gateshead.

4923 Winlaton to Gateshead

8158, 8159, 8160, 8161 Gateshead to Percy Main

8233 Percy Main to Winlaton

Optare Excel's 8139 and 8140 have been withdrawn and sold, with 8180, 8181 and 8184 withdrawn and being prepared for sale.

3rd December 2004

New vehicles delivered are Mini Pointer Dart 603-606; VDL SB120/Cadet 8271 and Scania/Wright 5201/5202/5204, starting a new number series for full size low floor single decks.

Cadet 8267-8270 have entered service at Gateshead and the new Volvo B12B coaches 7090/7091 have entered service on National Express duties.

26th November 2004

The first of the new Cadet vehicles delivered are 8267-8270.

8202 and 8209 have been transferred from South Shields to Deptford.

Optare Excel 8136 and 8138 have been withdrawn and sold.

19th November 2004

Volvo B6 8417 has been re-instated at Bishop Auckland as a temporary measure.

12th November 2004

Two new Volvo/Plaxton coaches delivered for National Express work are 7090 and 7091.

Coach 7058 is now available for use by the Driving School again.

Optare Excel 8137 and 8141 have been withdrawn and sold - previously withdrawn Olympian 3654 has also been sold.

5th November 2004

Optare Delta 4735 and 4745 have been returned to service at Deptford as temporary replacements for Optare Excel.

Volvo B6 8417 is being prepared for return to service.

29th October 2004

Optare Delta 4735 & 4745 are to be returned to service temporarily to replace Optare Excel.

3869 has been transferred from Chester to Percy Main

4707 has been withdrawn from driver training

Optare Excel 8134, 8135 and 8142 have been withdrawn and sold.

22nd October 2004

Metroriders 398 & 399 have been sold.

15th October 2004

New vehicles ordered for delivery by May 2005 are:

28 Scania/Wright Solar (including the 4 for services 93/94)

7 VDL SB120/Wright Cadet

5 Volvo B7RLE/Wright

3 Volvo B7/Wright double deck

4 Alexander Dennis MPD

2 Volvo/Plaxton National Express coaches

Optare Excel 8132 and 8133 have been withdrawn and sold.

8233 has been re-allocated from Gateshead to Percy Main.

Withdrawn vehicles 3740, 4665, 4685 have been sold.

8th October 2004

New Optare Solo 599-602 have been allocated to Winlaton and are used on the new S1 service (Metrocentre circular) - 599-601 have Mercedes engines, 602 has a Cummins engine. Each is in a different livery for the Metrocentre: 599 is yellow, 600 is Orange, 601 is Green and 602 is Blue.

Withdrawn vehicles 4675 and 5140 have been sold.

1st October 2004

A further Optare Solo for the new Metrocentre shuttle is 601 - this and 599, 600, 602 will enter service on 6th October at 1200 when the new service starts.

Coach 7058 has been returned to service at Chester le Street.

24th September 2004

No movements this week, but withdrawn vehicles 3641, 3649, 3650, 3734 and 3746 have been sold.

17th September 2004

New Optare Solo 599, 600 & 602 have been delivered, ready for the Metrocentre shuttle starting on 6th October.

4757, 4758 Gateshead to Winlaton

7058 Chester (National Express) to Driver Training

8407, 8408 Winlaton to Gateshead

National 4675 has been withdrawn from Driver Training, whilst withdrawn vehicles 3619, 3620, 3655, 3675, 3679, 3743, 3747, 3748, 3756 and 4742 have been sold.

10th September 2004

A further Olympian withdrawn is 3734 - the last of the B registration vehicles.

Metrobus 3502 has been sold.

4th September 2004

4977 is a Transbus Enviro 300 demonstration vehicle, on 6 months extended loan and in fleet livery. It is allocated to Washington, for comparison with Scania L94 vehicles.

Following on from the 6 Volvo/Merit acquired from stock, 4 Optare Solo to be numbered 599-602 have been acquired for the new Metrocentre shuttle starting on 1st October. These vehicles will be painted in individual liveries specified for the Metrocentre.

Volvo/Merit 8261/8265 & 8266 have entered service at Gateshead, 8265 & 8266 in white livery.

Other changes, expected to take place over the weekend of 4th/5th September, or soon thereafter are as follows: 3677,

3678 Gateshead to South Shields
3751 Gateshead to Stanley
3811-3816 South Shields to Bishop
3817 South Shields to Washington
3838, 3839, 3844 Chester to Percy Main
3907 Washington to Stanley
3909 South Shields to Stanley
3915 Winlaton to Stanley
3932, 3933 Percy Main to Stanley
3940 Bishop to Chester
4741, 4744 Washington to Stanley
4743 Deptford to Stanley
4746 Washington to Chester
4760 Deptford to Washington
4761 Winlaton to Washington
4777 South Shields to Deptford
4781, 4782 Percy Main to Deptford
4785 Percy Main to Gateshead
4802 Deptford to Washington
4955 Gateshead to Percy Main
4972 -4976 Gateshead to Percy Main
8099 Chester to Deptford
8102 Stanley to Deptford
8409 Winlaton to Gateshead
8410 Deptford to Gateshead
8419 Deptford to Bishop

Metrobuses 3502, 3619, 3620, 3641, 3756; Olympians 3649, 3650, 3655, 3657, 3675, 3679, 3740, 3743, 3746, 3748; Deltas 4735, 4737, 4742, 4745 are now withdrawn.

27th August 2004

New Volvo/Merit 8262-8264 have entered service at Gateshead

523 Deptford to Washington

Metrobus 3645 and Volvo B6 8414 & 8417 have been withdrawn

21st August 2004

6 new Volvo B120LE/Wright Merit have been obtained from stock as a result of the award of a new Nexus contract from 4th September. These vehicles, numbered 8261 to 8266, will be allocated to Gateshead depot for services 1 and 27, allowing the 6 newest Scania/Solar to be fitted with guidewheels and repainted into a dedicated livery before transfer to Percy Main for service R19 (North Shields Ferry to Palmersville).

Service and contract changes affecting most depots will result in the following allocation changes, which should be implemented over the weekend of the 21st/22nd or shortly thereafter:

409 Winlaton to Bishop Auckland
414, 415 Stanley to Deptford
504 to 508 Deptford to Winlaton
523 Washington to Deptford
554 South Shields to Deptford
580, 581 allocated to Chester
583, 584, 585 allocated to Stanley
587, 592 Chester to Stanley
3868 Winlaton to Percy Main
3869 to 3880 Winlaton to Chester
4759, 4803, 4804 Winlaton to Washington
4840 Stanley to Gateshead
8090, 8091 Washington to Deptford
8093 Stanley to Deptford
8214, 8215 Chester to Gateshead
8223 to 8232 Chester to Winlaton
8233 Percy Main to Gateshead
8406, 8407, 8408, 8409, 8413, 8423 Gateshead to Winlaton
8418 Deptford to Winlaton

Metroriders 394, 397, 399, 404, 405, 407, and Olympians 3737 and 3747 are withdrawn

6th August 2004

2 further ex London Darts now received are 582 & 583.

The six that have not yet entered service are expected to do so with the forthcoming service revisions on 21st August.

30th July 2004

Further Low Floor Darts received from London are 581 & 585.

587 has entered service at Chester le Street, allowing Metrorider 386 to be withdrawn.

Metroriders sold are 366, 367, 375, 383, 386, 387, 389, 391 & 402.

23rd July 2004

584 & 597 are further ex London Darts now received.

Metrorider 403 has been withdrawn and sold.

16th July 2004

8090, 8091 South Shields to Washington
8092, 8210 South Shields to Deptford

The following withdrawn vehicles have been sold:

360, 361, 365, 372, 377, 384, 388, 392, 393, 395, 396, 400 & 406

9th July 2004

421 Chester to Bishop
451 Chester to Percy Main
577 Deptford to Chester
592 In service at Chester ex London
Metrorider 402 has been withdrawn.

2nd July 2004

Further ex London Dart now in service are 591 and 594 at Deptford, although 591 will eventually be allocated to Stanley.

Similar vehicles 587 & 592 have been received but have not entered service.

Now withdrawn is Metrorider 406.

25th June 2004

Allocation changes are:
463, 465 Winlaton to Percy Main
3904 Winlaton to Stanley
3921 Stanley to Winlaton

Now withdrawn are 387, 391 and 393.

18th June 2004

Allocation changes are:
390 Deptford to staff shuttle bus at Deptford
413 Percy Main to Deptford
3660 Stanley to Bishop Auckland
8191, 8197 Deptford to Winlaton
Now withdrawn are Metroriders 361, 384, 385, 388 and Olympian 3654.

11th June 2004

Allocation changes are:
409 Percy Main to Winlaton
458, 459 Chester to Percy Main
464 Winlaton to Percy Main
588, 589, 590, 593 London Dart in service at Deptford
3898 Washington to Deptford
3903, 3905 South Shields to Stanley
3910, 3914 Stanley to South Shields
4742 Deptford to Washington
7059 Chester to driver training
8195, 8196, 8198 Deptford to Winlaton
8199 Winlaton to Deptford

Now withdrawn are Metroriders 372, 392, 395 and driver training vehicle 5140.

Vehicles sold are 3653, 3738, 3741, 3742 and 4700.

14th May 2004

Two further ex London Darts delivered are 590 & 593.

Allocation changes are:

410 Percy Main to Winlaton
575 unallocated to Chester
3915 Bishop to Winlaton
3919, 3920 Stanley to Winlaton
3925, 3926 Winlaton to Stanley
3940 Winlaton to Bishop

MetroRider 365 has been withdrawn.

Withdrawn vehicles 4672, 4683, 4715 & 4721 have been sold.
7th May 2004

Further London Darts received are 575 and 578.

466 has been transferred from Winlaton to Percy Main 578
has been allocated to Chester.
8199 has been transferred from Deptford to Winlaton

Metroriders 396 and 400 have been withdrawn, and National 4719 has been sold.

30th April 2004

A further London Dart in service is 576 at Chester.

As a result of the entry into service of new vehicles and service changes, many allocation changes have taken place as follows:

395 Stanley to Deptford
401 Percy Main to Deptford (staff shuttle)
411, 412 Percy Main to Deptford
450, 460 Chester to Percy Main
469 Winlaton to Percy Main
3649, 3654 Percy Main to Bishop
3821, 3822, 3823 South Shields to Washington
3843, 3845, 3847 Washington to Percy Main
3915 Percy Main to Bishop
3918, 3924 Chester to Stanley
4741 Stanley to Washington
4742 Stanley to Deptford
4744, 4745 Deptford to Washington
4747, 4750, 4751 Stanley to Chester
4756 Deptford to Gateshead
4781 Deptford to Percy Main
4801, 4802 Bishop to Deptford
4810, 4811 Washington to Bishop
8100, 8101, 8102, 8103 Deptford to Stanley
8116 South Shields to Chester
8120 Chester to Stanley
8142, 8144 Percy Main to Bishop
8145 Percy Main to South Shields
8200 Deptford to Winlaton
8214, 8215 Deptford to Chester
8418, 8419 Bishop to Deptford

Now withdrawn are:

Nationals 4672, 4683, 4700, 4715, 4719, 4721
Metrobus 3648
Olympian 3653, 3738, 3741, 3742

MetroRider 360, 367

23rd April 2004

New Cadet 8253-8255 have now entered at South Shields, with 8256-8260 at Deptford.

Further ex-London Dart in service at Deptford are 577 & 596.

MetroRider 375 has been withdrawn.

16th April 2004

The balance of the order for 8 VDL SB120/Cadet, 8255 - 8260, have now been delivered but have yet to enter service. Former London Dennis Dart's received are 576, 579, 595 and 598 - the first to be allocated are 579 to Chester, 586 and 595 to Stanley and 598 to Deptford.

MetroRider 377 and shuttle bus 383 have been withdrawn.

2nd April 2004

The first of the new VDL SB120/Cadet have been delivered, 8253 & 8254.

Olympian 3743 and National 4700 have been returned to service at Percy Main.

MetroRiders 366 & 389 have been withdrawn.

26th March 2004

Olympian 3650 has been transferred from Percy Main to Stanley.

Withdrawn vehicles 3635, 3646, 3656, 3735, 3744 have been sold.

19th March 2004

3818 has been transferred from South Shields to Washington

3840 has been transferred from Washington to Percy Main

5th March 2004

New Scania 4972-4976 have entered service at Gateshead, and can normally be found on services 1 & 27.

Allocation changes are:

3826, 3827 South Shields to Gateshead
3904, 3940 Gateshead to Winlaton
3677, 3678, 4922 Winlaton to Gateshead
4940, 4941 Gateshead to Washington
4808, 4809 Washington to Bishop Auckland
4803, 4804 Bishop Auckland to Winlaton
4786, 4787, 4788 Percy Main to Gateshead
3743 Percy Main to Bishop Auckland

Now withdrawn are Olympian 3735, Metrobuses 3635 & 3646 and Leyland Nationals 4674, 4700 & 4704.

Withdrawn vehicles 358 & 4819 have been sold.

27th February 2004

New Scania 4967 - 4971 have entered service at South Shields and can normally be found on service 527 (South Shields - Newcastle).

Allocation changes:

3819, 3820 South Shields to Washington

3841, 3842 Washington to Percy Main

3656, 3744 and 4703 have been withdrawn.

Withdrawn vehicles now sold are: 340, 364, 447, 4677, 4694, 4701, 4703 and 4818.

20th February 2004

4719 continues in service, whilst 4713 has been withdrawn and sold.

Further new Scania received are 4968, 4970, 4971, 4972 and 4973.

Withdrawn vehicles 362, 394 and 3736 have been sold.

13th February 2004

The first 2 of the next batch of 10 Scania/Wright have been delivered, 4967 and 4969.

MPD 543 has been transferred from Deptford to Washington.

Withdrawn vehicles now sold are 3658, 3664, 4667, 4671, 4699, 4706 and 4720..

6th February 2004

4670 has been sold.

30th January 2004

Correction to last week: 4846 should have read 4686.

Vehicle movements:

8096 Chester-le-Street to Stanley

4744 Stanley to Deptford

4746 Stanley to Washington

4699, 4719, 4720, 394 Withdrawn

Now sold are Nationals 4660, 4661, 4664, 4705, 4709, 4712 and 4714

16th January 2004

With the influx in new vehicles the following allocation changes have taken place:

3824, 3825 South Shields to Washington

3834, 3852 Washington to Chester-le-Street

3925, 3926 Chester-le-Street to Winlaton

3675, 3676 Winlaton to Percy Main

4782 – 4786 South Shields to Percy Main

4778 – 4780 South Shields - to Deptford

8111 – 8115 South Shields to Chester-le-Street

4811 Deptford to Washington

Now withdrawn are Metrobuses 3634, 3640; Olympians 3658, 3664; Metrorider 362; Lynx 4818; Nationals 4660, 4661, 4664, 4667, 4671 and 4706 from Driver Training.

12th January 2004

The balance of the order for 26 MPDs have now been delivered (566 - 574), with 554 - 572 allocated to South Shields and 573 / 574 to Chester-le-Street.

Fleet number 586 has been allocated to former Go-Ahead London DML 7 (T407 AGP), the first of 24 Marshall bodied Dennis Dart SLF being acquired.

Now withdrawn are Leyland Nationals 4668 - 4670, 4691, 4702, 4705; Olympian 3736 and Lynx 4819.

Dennis Lance 4774 has moved from South Shields to Percy Main; 4781 has moved to Deptford; Metrorider 406 has moved from Bishop Auckland to Deptford.

29th December 2003

Further new MPD vehicles delivered are 558 - 565.

Leyland Nationals now withdrawn are: 4686, 4697, 4709, 4712 and 4714.

19th December 2003

The first of the 26 Transbus MPD vehicles have been delivered, with 549-553 due to enter service from Deptford depot tomorrow - details on fleet list.

Coaches 7060 and 7061 have been transferred to the Driver Training fleet.

5th December 2003

Coach 7060 has been de-licensed, and National 4685 has been withdrawn.

28th November 2003

The new National Express coaches 7088 and 7089 have now entered service.

7061 has been de-licensed.

21st November 2003

The new coaches have taken cherished registration marks; 524 FUP (7088) and 574 CPT (7089).

14th November 2003

Two new Volvo B12M/Plaxton coaches for National Express diagrams are 7088 and 7089 - details next week.

Bedford Driver Training vehicle 9914 has been sold.

7th November 2003

Withdrawn vehicles now sold are Metrobus 3629, Olympians 3661, 3666, 3745 and Nationals 4678, 4679, 4680, 4684, 4688 and 4708.

31st October 2003

Dennis SPD 8205 - 8210 have been transferred from Deptford to South Shields to operate additional service 35 buses transferred between depots.

Leyland Nationals 4671, 4683 and 4685 have been transferred from Deptford to Washington, with Nationals 4678, 4679, 4680, 4684, 46588 and 4708 withdrawn.

24th October 2003

3906, 3907 and 3908 have been transferred from Bishop Auckland to Washington; 3836, 3837 and 3838 have been transferred from Washington to Chester-le-Street; 3740 has been transferred from Chester-le-Street to Bishop Auckland; 3653 has been transferred from Chester-le-Street to Stanley; 3661, 3666 and 3745 have been withdrawn.

Metrorider 386 has been transferred from Washington to Chester-le-Street; Metrorider 388 and Optare Delta 4806 have been transferred from Bishop Auckland to Deptford and Metroriders 360 and 362 have been re-instated at Deptford.

Withdrawn Darts 8082, 8083 and 8088 have been sold.

10th October 2003

Metroriders 360 and 362 are being prepared for return to service.

Withdrawn Darts 8084, 8086 and 8089 have been sold to Ensign.

3rd October 2003

Further surplus vehicles sold to Ensign are 3758, 4662, 8081, 8085 and 8432.

26th September 2003

Metrorider 362 has been withdrawn from Percy Main and returned to the reserve fleet.

Surplus vehicles sold, mainly to Ensign, are 3516, 3647, 3662, 3671, 3739, 4663, 8087 and 8429.

19th September 2003

Metrorider 362 has been withdrawn from Percy Main and returned to the reserve fleet.

12th September 2003

Many vehicles have been re-allocated as a result of contract changes over the last two weeks.

Now withdrawn are Nationals 4663, 4694; Metrobuses 3629, 3647, 3758; Olympians 3662, 3671, 3739 and Darts 8081, 8084 - 8089.

1st August 2003

Dennis Lance 4780 has been transferred from Percy Main to South Shields, replacing Dart 8083 which has been withdrawn.

Withdrawn Metroriders 363, 373 and 374 have been sold.

25th July 2003

A new 14 seat Optare Alero owned by Durham County Council and allocated to Bishop Auckland for operation on service 83 (9180 - YN03 UXW)

As a result of contract changes, Solo's 461 and 462 have been transferred to Bishop Auckland, with Metrorider 407 transferring from Bishop Auckland to Winlaton in exchange.

Dennis Dart 8124 has been transferred from Chester-le-Street to Deptford.

11th July 2003

Dennis Dart 8082 has been withdrawn, as has Olympian 3612.

Metrorider 364 has been withdrawn at Chester-le-Street at Chester-le-Street by 372.

3612 and Metroriders 376, 378 and 382 have been sold.

27th June 2003

Metrobus 3762 has been withdrawn and sold.

Leyland National 4679 has been transferred from Deptford to Washington and 4677 has been withdrawn from Washington.

30th May 2003

Withdrawn Olympians 3520 and 3668 have been sold.

23rd May 2003

Volvo B6 8429 and 8432 have been withdrawn from Gateshead.

16th May 2003

The final three London Olympians have now entered service, 3915 at Percy Main, 3917 at Stanley and 3926 at Chesterle-Street.

3520 and 3668 have now been withdrawn, whilst Dart 8081 has been re-instated at Deptford.

9th May 2003

Leyland National 4679 has been returned to service at Deptford, replacing 4701 which has been withdrawn.

Metrorider 385 has been transferred from Washington to Deptford, replacing 361 which has been withdrawn.

Metrorider 360, which had been prepared for re-instatement has been withdrawn.

2nd May 2003

Volvo B6 8429 and 8432 are remaining in service at Gateshead temporarily.

Transfer of Nexus contract work has resulted in 3640 and 4703 moving from Gateshead to Chester-le-Street and 8094 and 8095 moving from Chester-le-Street to Stanley.

Withdrawn vehicles 3767, 8072 and 8073 have been sold.

25th April 2003

3917 has entered service at Stanley, replacing 3521 which has been withdrawn. 3921 has been received, but is not yet licensed.

Previously withdrawn 3517 has been sold, whilst 4679 and 8081 are being prepared for re-instatement.

17th April 2003

Service changes at South Shields have resulted in the withdrawal of Dart 8081, and the transfer of London Olympians 3928 and 3931 from South Shields to Stanley.

Delta 4752 and 4753 have been transferred from Stanley to Gateshead, with Volvo B6 8429 and 8432 withdrawn.

11th April 2003

New Nexus contracts for services to Doxford International has resulted in re-instatement of Metroriders 361, 367, 375 and 377 at Deptford.

Further ex-London Olympians in service at Stanley are 3914, 3919, 3922 and 3923 - now withdrawn are 3516, 3517, 3522 and 3767.

4th April 2003

With the transfer of 4 car workings on services 35/35A to South Shields, SPD 8201 - 8204 have been transferred from Deptford to South Shields.

Ex London Olympian 3920 has entered service at Stanley, whilst 3625, 3670 and 3759 have been withdrawn and sold.

28th March 2003

With the transfer of Nexus contracts, 3634, 3762, 3765 and 4699 have been transferred from Gateshead to Chester-le-Street. 3924 has entered service at Chester-le-Street, whilst 3523 has been withdrawn.

3506, 3621, 3786, 4666, 4673, 4687, 4698 and 4717 have been sold.

21st March 2003

With re-allocation of work, 4922 has been transferred from Gateshead to Winlaton.

MPD 9183 has returned to Dawson Rentals, being replaced on service 70 at Bishop Auckland by 9182 (YM52 TOU) an Optare Solo owned by Durham County Council.

364 and 3925 have entered service at Chester-le-Street with 3910 moving from Chester-le-Street to Stanley. 385 and 386 have re-entered service at Washington.

14th March 2003

Further ex-London Volvo Olympians delivered are 3923 and 3924.

Withdrawn Lynx 4817 has been sold.

7th March 2003

Metroriders 385 and 386 are held in reserve.

Withdrawn vehicles 3659, 3755, 7052 and 8080 have been sold.

28th February 2003

Metroriders 385 and 386 have been transferred from Winlaton to Deptford, whilst 360, 361, 364, 367, 375, 377 are being prepared for re-instatement.

Olympian 3901 has been transferred from Washington to Deptford, and 3659 and 3755 have been withdrawn.

Leyland National 4695 has been sold.

14th February 2003

Volvo B6 8429 and 8432 have been transferred from Deptford to Gateshead.

7th February 2003

4704 has been transferred from Gateshead to Winlaton, and 3900 from Washington to Deptford.

Withdrawn vehicles 379, 380, 381, 3518 and 3519 have been sold.

31st January 2003

Metrobus 3762 has returned to Gateshead from Deptford, and 3630 has been transferred from Gateshead to Stanley.

24th January 2003

All 11 SB120/Cadet have now entered service at South Shields and Deptford.

Dennis Dart 8072 and 8073 have been withdrawn with 8101 and 8102 transferring from South Shields to Deptford.

Leyland Nationals 4681, 4706 and 4707 have been added to the driver training fleet.

Volvo B10BLE 4839 has been transferred from Deptford to Gateshead, whilst Metrobuses 3518 and 3519 have been withdrawn.

Metrobus 3508 and Olympian 3663 have been sold.

17th January 2003

A further 3 DAF SB120/Wright Cadet delivered are 8246 - 8248 for Deptford depot. The 4 at South Shields are due to enter service shortly following completion of driver familiarisation.

Former London Olympians 3913 and 3936 have returned to service at Bishop Auckland, with 3929 and 3934 moving to Chester-le-Street, 3902 has entered service for the first time at Deptford.

Now withdrawn are Olympians 3663, 3667, Metrobus 3757 and Lynx 4817. Further vehicles sold to Ensign are 3510, 3511, 3624, 3667, 3669 and 3757.

12th January 2003

The first DAF SB120 are 8242 - 8245 due to enter service at South Shields - details on fleet list.

London Olympian 3908 has returned to service at Bishop Auckland, from where Metrobuses 3511 and 3513 have been withdrawn.

Metrobus 3510 has been withdrawn from Chester-le-Street.

Vehicles sold are Metrobuses 3513, 3515 and 3534.

6th January 2003

The final MPD vehicles are now in service at Washington (539 - 542) and Deptford (543 - 548). The first of the DAF SB120/Wright Cadet vehicles have been delivered for operation for South Shields Depot.

Many re-allocations have taken place, including Metroriders 383 and 384 which have moved from Winlaton to Deptford for use on staff shuttle bus duties.

Further Metroriders now withdrawn are 340 (staff shuttle), 360, 364, 366, 367, 375, 377, 378, 380 - 382, 447 (staff shuttle), whilst Metrobus 3512 has been sold.