



Enthusiast Update

This update is designed to keep enthusiasts informed of changes to our bus and coach fleet. Information will be added when significant changes or developments take place.

14th March 2008

New Vehicles

(1/08): 860-870	AF-HF, JF-LF 57 OXF	Mercedes Citaro	B40F
(3/08): 91-99	AA-HH, JJ 08 OXF	Volvo B12B Plaxton Panther	C48Ft

Vehicles Withdrawn:

(1/08): 67/8
(2/08): 613/5/6/7/20/9-33

Disposals:

(9/07): 14/5, Ventura (dealer)
(1/08): 67/8, Alliance & Leicester (dealer)
(1/08): 619, Fleetlink (dealer) for scrap
(2/08): 17, Brown's Executive Travel, Birmingham
(2/08): 12, 71, Llew Jones, Llanwrst

Liveries: the delivery of new Citaros has resulted in a rebrand of many of the older models. Check the full fleetlist for details.

The delivery of the Volvo coaches will start a cascade of older models from airline to express. These will be published when complete.

1st August 2007

Vehicles Acquired (ex Go North East):

Dennis Trident2	Plaxton H47/28F	new 2001
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902	R2 OXF	(ex NK51 UCH)
903	R3 OXF	(ex NK51 UCJ)
905	R5 OXF	(ex NK51 UCM)
906	R6 OXF	(ex NK51 UCV)
907	R7 OXF	(ex NK51 UCW)

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908 R8 OXF (ex NK51 UCX)
909 R9 OXF (ex NK51 UCY)

905 entered service 7/07, the others in 8/07. Note that there is NO 901.

Vehicles Withdrawn:

10 to Go South Coast, 7/07.

601/5/7-11/3 to Go West Midlands, same fleet numbers: 601/5 in 7/07, remainder 8/07.

Vehicles Reregistered (7/07):

7/07: 81-90: AB, BB, CB, DB, EB, FB, GB, HB, JB, KB07 OXS to AB, BB, CF, DB, EB, FB, GB, HB, JB, KB07 OXF

904: NK51 UCL to R4 OXF

8/07: 402: R2 OXF to R402 FFC

This means that 83 has worn three registrations since new (CB07 OXF, CB07 OXS, CF07 OXF) and it is only three months old: is this a record?

The enthusiast fleetlist has been updated on our website to reflect these changes.

13th June 2007

Vehicle Withdrawn: 825 (MD52 OXF) written off following fire damage

New Service Vehicles: 986/7 (GP07 SXB/K) Vauxhall Combi
Service Vehicles Withdrawn: 984/5 (RIL 4910/1) to Go West Midlands Ltd.

Note that the Volvo B10M to be converted to a driver training vehicle as 961 will now be former 16 (V284 SBW) and not 17.

The mix-up involving the DVLA over registrations for coaches 81-90 has been resolved, and the 'OXF' marks will be restored shortly (although 83 will not be able to resume CB07 OXF).

8th May 2007

Vehicles Reregistered (5/07):

8 – R401 DWL; 11 – R402 DWL; 14 – V283 SBW; 15 – V282 SBW; 16 – V284 SBW; 961(ex 17) – V281 SBW.

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New Vehicles (4/07):

81-90 AB, BB, CB, DB, EB, FB, GB, HB, JB, KB07 OXF
Volvo B12B Plaxton Panther C48Ft

Note: These vehicles have been issued with the incorrect documentation and they are required to run with "OXS" rather than "OXF" registrations until this is corrected.

Vehicles reliveried and renumbered (4/07):

51-56 to 29-34 and to oxford espress livery

Vehicles withdrawn:

619 (1/07)

8, 11, 14-17, 69-71 (4/07)

Disposals:

8, 11, 69, 70: Wilts & Dorset, Poole

9, 12: Go West Midlands, Birmingham (ex store at GWM)

17: OBC training vehicle 961

619: written off

971: Woottens Coaches, Chesham, 2/07 (corrected disposal)

Note: 17 has become a training vehicle in advance of new legislation on PCV driving tests.

1st December 2006

New Vehicles:

849-859 LF, MF, OF, PF, RF, SF, TF, UF, VF, WF, YF56 OXF Mercedes
Citaro B42F

Acquired Vehicle (ex Go North East):

904 NK51 UCL Dennis Trident Plaxton H47/28F new 2001
(on loan from 7/06, did not enter service until 11/06)

This is the first of a batch of eight similar buses which will come from Go North East for use on service 35 and miscellaneous duties. They will be all fitted with a GPS based warning system for the low bridge at Oxford Rail Station. The whole batch will be converted to H47/30F in due course.

Vehicles Out:

898-899 to Wilts & Dorset (ex long term loan)

403-7/9-11 to Go West Midlands

604 to Go West Midlands

70 awaiting sale

Allocation:

With the intake of these vehicles, Dennis Tridents 101-105 are generally now used as spare float vehicles, with the exception of one on service 4.

24th August 2006

Vehicles sold: 603, 612 to Go West Midlands (new name for Birmingham Coach Co.).
612 is still at Oxford for MoT and 603 is in repaint after being on loan to Go North-East.

971 to Robin Bennett for preservation. Awaiting collection at Oxford

26th July 2006

Vehicle sold: 412 to Birmingham Coach Company

Vehicle withdrawn: 971, awaiting disposal

Vehicle converted: 646 to driver training vehicle, renumbered 963

22nd June 2006

Livery: 620 is now wearing a promotional livery for Oxford Inspires, which OBC is sponsoring in 2006/7.

8th June 2006

Vehicle on loan: YJ55 BLX Optare Tempo on loan from Optare from 5th to 9th June inclusive, for inspection only, not used on service.

Vehicles withdrawn: 412, 612 – both awaiting disposal

Allocation: Following a dramatic rise in the number of passengers using service X3, two additional journeys are being introduced in the am peak, which may be operated by 600 series Volvos, until the next round of vehicle investment. 603-605 and 607 were due to be withdrawn, but are retained on fleet temporarily to cover this work and for the summer language schools duplicates.

Note: The vehicle withdrawals are the result of loss of contracted work on services 14 and 16.

1st May 2006

Vehicles returning from loan (ex Solent Blueline): 70, 71. These vehicles are required to operate the enhanced summer timetable on X70/X80.

612 is being rebuilt after minor fire damage.

24th March 2006

Vehicles on loan: 9, 10 and 12 to Birmingham Coach Company, a sister company within the Go-Ahead Group.

These coaches will be repainted into National Express livery for use by Birmingham Coach Company.

20th March 2006

Vehicles on loan:

898/9 HF06 FTO/Y Mercedes 0530 B39F new 3/06

These vehicles are on loan from Wilts & Dorset to cover additional activity on the Oxford-Abingdon direct service. They were delivered to Oxford direct from Mercedes and will enter service on 27th March.

Vehicles withdrawn:

612: 3/06, following a minor fire in the engine compartment. Awaiting a decision on its future.

9, 10 and 12: not used since service changes on 29.01.06. They remain licensed but are considered withdrawn.

29th January 2006

Following service changes, Tridents 103-5 have been repainted from P&R livery to OBC red. The 'ideal' allocation of vehicles is:

Service 2	Mercedes
Service 4	1 Trident, plus 600 series Volvo
Service 5	800 series Volvo
Service 6	Dart
Service 8	600 series Volvo
Service 13	2 Trident, plus Dart
Service 14	600 series Volvo
Service 15	800 series Volvo
Service 16	Dart
Service 35	600 series Volvo
Service X3	Mercedes
P&R 300	Trident
P&R 400	Trident
P&R 500	Mercedes
espress	espress livery Scania and Volvo coaches
airline	airline livery Scania and Volvo coaches

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Typically, one bus will be 'cross allocated' each day to cover for engineering and other requirements.

13th January 2006

Volvo 801 has been refurbished and repainted into "City 5" livery, in the same style as the latest Mercedes Citaros for "City 2". The whole batch of 801-821 will be treated similarly, and branded either "City 5", "City 15" or a generic "City" livery. 821 is the next to be so treated; individual buses will not be reported in this update but will appear on the official fleetlist available from our website.

5th December 2005

Reinstated: 9, to counter traffic congestion on service X90.

2nd December 2005

New Vehicles: 839-848 AF-H/J/K 55 OXF Mercedes 0530 B37D
Withdrawn: 646-655

The new Citaros (branded for city 2) entered service today following a launch by Lord Mayor Bob Price on 1st December. For full details of chassis numbers etc. refer to the official fleet list.

Disposals:

646 to be retained for conversion to driver training vehicle
647-655 to Solent Blueline. 647-50 are awaiting conversion to single door, 651-5 should be dispatched to SBL during the coming week.

Reinstated: 10, to put more resource into the X90 Oxford express service, to maintain timetable in the face of ever-worsening congestion.

11th November 2005

Reinstated:

655 has been returned to service, to ensure that the programme of converting batch 651-4 to single door configuration is accelerated.

12 (after reregistration, see below) has been returned to service, as an additional X90 coach to cope with severe congestion in the afternoon peak.

Reregistered:

9 to R257 DWL; 10 to R259 DWL; 12 to R258 DWL; 409 to R9 OXF; 410 to R10 OXF; 983 to R12 OXF

7th November 2005

Withdrawn: 655/6 (K129/30 BUD) Volvo B10B/NCME B43F; 959 (G781 WFC).

Disposals: 655/6 Solent Blueline; 959 Wilts & Dorset (for spares)

Note: 655/6 were converted from B43D to B43F at Oxford and both worked for OBC to this configuration, with no additional seats fitted in the space created by the removal of the centre exit. The seats will be fitted at Solent Blueline and be recertified as B47F.

These withdrawals are the result of the completion of the final set of major roadworks in Oxford, in Abingdon Road. These works resulted in additional vehicles being required for service to maintain the registered timetable.

30th October 2005

Mercedes Citaro 837 (X7 OXF) was loaned to sister company Solent Blueline for one day to check for clearances at their depot, pending the arrival of similar new SBL vehicles. It was not used in service.

25th October 2005

Coaches withdrawn as a result of the introduction of winter timetables on express services are as follows:

9, 10, 12 (R9, 10, 12 OXF), 70, 71 (R809/8 NUD)

70 and 71 are on loan to Solent Blueline.

16th October 2005

With the virtual completion of roadworks on Cowley Road, we have been able to revert to our normal timetable, thus reducing our vehicle requirement. Accordingly, the following disposals have been made:

606 (N606 NJO) and 628 (N416 NRG) to Wilts and Dorset.

In addition, 656 (K130 BUD) is being converted to single-door configuration in anticipation of its transfer to Solent Blueline.

Training bus 972 (C66 HOM) has been sold to Woottens, Chesham.

Coach services have switched to their winter timetables which has resulted in a number of coaches being withdrawn and stored. Fleet numbers will be given shortly.

8th August 2005

Vehicle on loan from Evobus (UK) whilst Evobus engineers conduct modifications to Mercedes Citaro buses:

800 BX05UWG Mercedes 0530 WEB62804023107054 B42F

Loan began: 30/6/05, ended 5/7/05. Left Cowley House 7/7/05.

We currently have no vehicles on loan.

8th July 2005

Following service changes, two buses have been withdrawn and sold:

602 (N602 FJO) to Wilts and Dorset. Last day of use 2nd July; left Oxford 6th July
644 (K118 BUD) to Bicester Youth Bus Project. Last day of use 8th July. Still on premises.

Wilts & Dorset are a sister company within the Go-Ahead Group. OBC are sponsoring the Bicester Youth Bus Project by helping to convert 644 to a specification appropriate to the needs of the project.