

# Tridents hang-on in Stagecoach Manchester Fleet



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**Highlands Enviro 400s go on loan to East Scotland**

**Remaining Olympians sold from Stagecoach West fleet**

**Stagecoach 'Specialist' livery for 3 East Midlands Enviro 300s**

## On the Cover



Stagecoach Manchester continues to use Tridents to boost its Socially Distanced operation.

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## Stagecoach East

We understand that Dart SLF 34534 remains here and is being used for component recovery prior to disposal.

Just six operational Dart SLFs remain here, 34535/36 in the main fleet at Bedford with 34827/30 in the Reserve Fleet at Fenstanton and 34828/34 in the Reserve Fleet at Peterborough.

## Stagecoach Yorkshire

Following a check by our Matlock contributor we can confirm that the MatlockBus branding has been removed from Optare Solo 47325.

Scania/Enviro 400s 15695 and 15711 have returned to Ecclesfield after a period on loan to Holbrook.

## Stagecoach Manchester

The Reserve Fleet Tridents here have now been allocated with 18357/58 at Sharston, 18360/85 and 18441 at Hyde Road. Stockport has 18361 and 18440.

Other Reserve Fleet vehicles now back on main fleet allocations here are Enviro 400s 19168/77, 19226/27/50/56 bat Hyde Road; 19185 and 19240 at Wigan; 19190/91 at Middleton and 19192/99 at Sharston.

Optare Solo SR 47824 has returned to service at Ashton and Enviro 200s back on main fleet allocations are 36102/03 at Middleton and 36781/82/83 at Stockport.

## Stagecoach West

Back in service at Swindon is Optare Solo 47387 whilst similar 47596 is back in service at North Bristol.

Trident 18422 is now in the Reserve Fleet for seat belt fitment with 18420 returning to the main fleet at North Bristol as a replacement.

The remaining three Volvo Olympians here acquired with the **South Gloucestershire Bus & Coach** business, 16255/56/58 have been disposed of and are no longer part of the fleet here.

Now out of use and for disposal is MAN/ALX300 training bus 22378 from Stroud.

## Stagecoach Oxfordshire

The stay of Optare Solo 47735 at Witney was short and after a few days it returned to Banbury. We understand it may be seeing use as a staff rest facility at Banbury Bus Station.

An early edition of Fleet Digest 3 referred to Dart SLF 34771 being at Banbury. This should have read 34471 and was corrected in the online document as soon as we became aware of the error.

We have received reports that new training bus, MAN/ALX300 22417, has been seen out and about in the Banbury area.

## Stagecoach East Midlands

The remains of Tridents 17713/15 were sold to A H Hardwick.

The three ADL Enviro 300s at Hull which are nominally dedicated to the Hull Park & Ride service, 27880-82, have all now received the Stagecoach 'Specialist' livery.

## Stagecoach West Scotland

Returned to service at Ayr are Optare Solo SR 48022, Scania/Enviro 300 28707, Enviro 200 36738 and Volvo B13R 54108 whilst vehicles recently scheduled to be delicensed at Ayr are Volvo B13R 54107, Enviro 300 27883 and Optare Solo SRs 47838 and 47843.

Optare Solo SR 47829 has been delicensed at Stranraer and replaced with Optare Solo 47462, which has been relicensed and transferred from Dumfries.

## Stagecoach East Scotland

On loan here for the Amazon contract and allocated to the Rennies fleet are Enviro 400s 19038/40/43 along with 19214 from **Stagecoach North Scotland [Highlands]**. The four Van Hool Astromega coaches transferred here from **Stagecoach Oxfordshire**, 50244-47, will also be allocated to the Amazon contract operating from Cowdenbeath (Rennies).

Also transferred here from the **Stagecoach North Scotland [Bluebird]** fleet are MAN/Enviro 300s 22867 and 22871.

Reserve Fleet Optare Solos 47367 and 47392 are now allocated to Arbroath with 47608 moving from Arbroath to the Reserve Fleet.

Mercedes-Benz Sprinter 44016 has been taken off the main allocation at Arbroath and is now in use as a staff shuttle vehicle there.

## Stagecoach North Scotland [Bluebird]

MAN/Enviro 300 22866, which had been for disposal here, has been transferred to **Stagecoach Merseyside & South Lancashire**. Similar 22867 and 22871, which had also been for disposal here have transferred to **Stagecoach East Scotland**.

Optare Solo 47167 and Volvo B9R 53607 are currently allocated to Peterhead as 'paint float' vehicles. Training vehicles withdrawn are MAN/ALX300 22312 and Volvo B10M 52297.

## Stagecoach North Scotland [Highlands]

A clear out of withdrawn vehicles is taking place here and we understand that Volvo B7Rs 53271/79/80/85; Volvo B12Bs 53111 and 54074 along with Optare Solos 47180 and 47567 have been used for component recovery and scrapped. Enviro 300 27587 which had been listed for disposal is now back in the main fleet and undergoing Long Term Repairs at Ferrymill Motors. We also understand that Enviro 200s 36954 and 37075 have been formally scrapped.

MAN/Enviro 300s 22784 and 22787 are being donated to charities.

Vehicles sold are the remaining Dart SLF in the fleet - 35195 along with Volvo B12Bs 53105/06; Volvo B7Rs 53281, 53306/33; Scania/Levante 59217 and DAF 39882.

Five of the electric Optare Solo SRs here, 48900/01/03/04/06 are undergoing repairs.

Volvo B12Bs 54038/39 are being prepared for transfer to **Stagecoach East Scotland**.

Enviro 200MMC 26128 at Inverness is currently undergoing repairs as are Volvo B7Rs 53295 and 53331 from Kirkwall. Meanwhile following completion of repairs Volvo B7R 53317 is now on the main allocation at Kirkwall.

## Stagecoach East Midlands livery variations at Hull



Stagecoach East Midlands continues to put buses through its paint shops for repaints into the new Stagecoach UK schemes. ADL Enviro 400MMC 10740 is the latest of the type to receive the standard Stagecoach 'Local' livery, which is becoming a common sight nationwide. © Ian Knott

Less common is the Stagecoach 'Specialist' livery which so far has only been applied to vehicles operated by Stagecoach East Midlands and Stagecoach West. Stagecoach East Midlands ADL Enviro 300s 27880-82 carry the livery as they are generally used on the Hull Park & Ride route. © Ian Knott



## Stagecoach North East

Transferred from Walkergate to Slatyford as spare vehicles for duplicates are Dart SLF 34605 and MAN/Enviro 200s 39672/74 and 39710.

MAN/ALX300s now in the Reserve Fleet are 22024 from Walkergate and 22067 from Slatyford.

## Stagecoach South West

The first ADL Enviro 400MMC here to receive Stagecoach 'Local' livery is 10460. It previously carried Plymouth Park & Ride livery.

## Stagecoach South Wales

Just three vehicles remain in the delicensed Reserve Fleet here - Optare Solos 47531

(at Aberdare) and 47639 (at Merthyr) along with 11.8m ADL Enviro 200MMC 26111 at Porth.

Vehicles back in service following long term repairs are 11.8m Enviro 200MMC 26110 at Porth; Optare Solos 47906 at Blackwood, 47643 at Cwmbarn and 47524 at Merthyr. Optare Solo SR 47974 has returned to the main fleet at Cwmbarn after repairs but similar 47972 is currently out of use undergoing repairs. Dart SLFs 35198 and 35200 are now both part of the main allocation at Aberdare.

Reported transfers from Merthyr to Caerphilly are Optare Solo 47345 and Enviro 200 37167.

Optare Solo 47344 has been relicensed and allocated to Aberdare.

## From our archives... Nuneaton Nationals

Specially posed for Steven Knight Media at the rear of Nuneaton garage on December 18th 2001 were three Stagecoach Midland Red Leyland Nationals. The line up includes 702 (NOC602R), 705 (NOC605R) and 727 (PUK627R). © Steven Knight Media

