

## The Latest News *September 2009*



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While **Arriva North East** were expected to move Optare Vectas 1524/36/56/7 (L524/36FHN, UOI772, L102MEH) from Redcar to Stockton for service 64A (now disconnected from service 64), 1553 (M502AJC) has moved in place 1556. Sister 1515 (K515BHN) is now being cannibalised at Stockton (as reported by Andy Raz). Volvo Olympian / East Lancs 7423 (M687HPF) has moved to its former home of Ashington, displacing Northern Counties bodied 7375 (M375FTY) to Alnwick, where it is expected to displace DAF SB3000 / Plaxton 1213 (V213DJR) to Bishop Auckland for new service X12. MPD 1755 (W757SBR) is now resplendent in interurban livery (now adopted as company standard) as illustrated by Dan Annis. Gary Mitchelhill reports that former fleet member, Bristol VR / ECW 780 (SGR780V) is now with Prosolve Consulting, London (presumably for promotional purposes) ex Heddingham.



Further new Alexander Dennis Enviro 200s delivered to **Stagecoach North East** are 36083-7 (NK59BNB/D-F/J), joining 36081/2 (NK59NMZ/NA). Stuart Martin confirms that the remainder of the 14 for the 4 in Sunderland will be 36088-94 (NK59BNL/O/U/V/Z/Y). Richard Smiles confirms that all of Stockton's new MANs are now in service, with 24101-6 being branded for the 36, 24107-12 carrying similar branding for Megariders and 24113-5 being in normal fleet livery. [Danny Howard](#) and Lee Johnson note that Volvo B10M / Alexander 20124/839 (P124XCN, P839GND) have moved from Hartlepool to Stockton and are expected to be joined by 20121 (P121XCN). In turn, Plaxton bodied sister 20254 (R654RPY) is now at Walkergate. Withdrawn Volvo Olympian / Alexander 16730 (N730LTN) remains stored at Walkergate, while

sister 16729 (N729LTN) and Leyland Olympian / Northern Counties 14676 (H676BNL) are stored at Hartlepool. 14672 (H672BNL) is under cannibalisation at Sunderland. Danny's eagle eyes also note that MAN 18.220 / Alexander 22659 (T659OEF) has been off the road at Stockton since at least May. Paul fuller notes that Mercedes 709 / Alexander 40473 (N473RVK) is currently available at the Stafford Bus Centre and reports that ex Busways Dennis Dart / ALEXander K715PCN has entered preservation with Derek Thompson. Gary Mitchelhill reports that Volvo B10B / Plaxton 21038 (M38PVN) is now with Coastal Liner, Wolverhampton.



Steven Hodgson, Lee Wardle, Gazza and Dan Annis report a host of repaints and movements at **Go North East**. Dennis Trident / East Lancs 3860 (W806PNL) is at Deptford ex Chester-le-Street, Volvo B10BLE / Wright 4923 (X923WGR) is at Gateshead, SPD 8211 (V211ERG) is at Deptford and DAF SB220GS / Northern Counties 4820 (P320AFT) is at Chester-le-Street. Scania L94 / Wright 4932 (Y932ERG) is now white, 4973/4 (NK53UNZ/OA) are black and 4935 (Y435ERG) is orange. MPD 555 (NK53TKT) is yellow. Volvo B10BLE / Wright 4852/3 (R852/3PRG) are both now back in use in freshly re-applied green for Lime services, with 4854/5 (R854/5PRG) away for similar treatment. Gary Mitchelhill reports that former OK Leyland Tiger / Plaxton XEF11Y is now with Amber, Rayleigh ex Fowlers, Holbeach Drove and [Daniel Stazicker](#) has tracked down Renault S56 / Alexander E269BRG in use as a mobile home. Paul Fuller notes former Northern AEC Routemaster RCN701 with Stafford bus centre.



Lee Wardle reports that **Classic, Annfield Plain** have reunited former OK DAF SB3000 / Van Hool 685XHY with it's original registration of J804TAJ. Classic are to take over the Metrocentre circular S1 and S2 from October.



Gary Mitchelhill notes that **Travelsure, Seahouses** have Alexander Dennis MPD EU06KOW ex Stanstead Transit. It is illustrated by Lee Wardle.

Gary Mitchelhill notes that **Stanley Travel, Oxhill** have a further ex Dublin Volvo Olympian / Alexander in the shape of R114LHX, ex 98-D-20397.



Gary Mitchelhill reports that **Garnetts, Tindale Crescent** have ex London Dennis Trident / Alexander T688/93KPU. As Steven Hodgson illustrates, they have been refurbished well. Steven also reports that MAN / Jonkheree T54BBW is expected here.

Steven Hodgson notes that **JSB, Coundon** have sold Optare Solo MX06BSV. It is now with Stotts, Oldham, but has previously worked for Sheffield Community Transport.



Steven Hodgson pictures **Scarlet Band, West Cornforth** Optare Delta M792HCU now in fleet livery.



Added to stock at **Nightingale, Stanley** is Mercedes Vario / Plaxton P702LCF as noted by Steven Hodgson.



Gary Hunter reports that **Snowdons, Easington** have DAF SB2305 / Plaxton F659DHD undergoing work at Gardiners, Spennymoor.



Lee Wardle notes Setra RJ14525 added to the fleet of **NMC, Ashington**.



Andy Raz reports that **Tees Valley, Eaglescliffe** have added Volvo B10M / Van Hool G866RNC, Volvo B10M / Johnkheree T62LEC to stock and have Volvo Citybus / Northern Counties E151BTO on loan.

Andy Raz reports that **Skelton Coaches, Charltons** have added Volvo B10M / Plaxton P14SHB, T10TGM and N451XVA to stock, along with ex K&J, Newton Aycliffe, Leyland Tiger / Plaxton KJ1681.

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**Arriva North East** have now had their Alexander Dennis Enviro 400s in service for couple of weeks (as illustrated by Daryl Mitchelhill), but from today one is being used on new service 46A Durham - Stanhope, taking ANE into hitherto rarely served (by them) rural areas. Optare Metrorider 2723 (R723MHN) is reinstated at Redcar in place of 2633 (P633FHN).



Danny Howard and Steven Hodgson report the delivery of new Alexander Dennis Enviro 200 (Darts) NK59BMZ/NA to **Stagecoach North East**. Danny's photos can be seen [here](#). The new MAN A69 / ADL E300s are in service up to at least 24111. It remains to be seen whether the later ones get reregistered with "59" plates.



Steven Hodgson notes **Go North East** Volvo B7TL / East Lancs 3967 (PN02XCL) now in service in pink without branding. He and Lee Wardle report that Scania L94UB / Wright 4934 (Y934ERG) is white, while sister 4954 (NL02ZRX) is black and currently in use with Gateshead on the 58. Lee also illustrates Dennis Lance SLF / Wright 4769 (L469YVK) back on the road

spruced up. Percy Main Volvo Olympian / Northern Counties 3833 (S833OFT) is on loan to Gateshead for the X9 owing to poor coach availability.



Dan Annis illustrates **Stanley Travel** Volvo Olympian / Alexander R6/7STX in finished condition ready for service.

**Perry's, Slingsby** have AEC Routemaster JJD569D in stock.