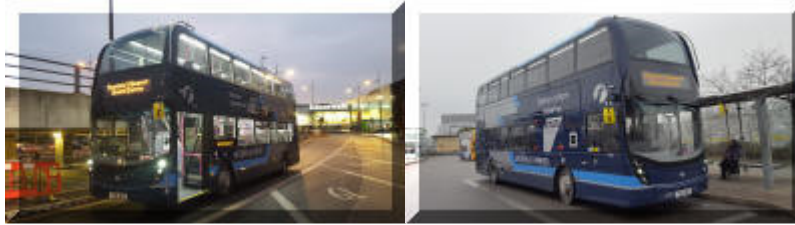


## First West of England January 2017

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The new Severn Express buses are now in service but it looks like they came out of the factory in reverse order as the registrations carried are now 33488-90 YX66WGU/P/O though the chassis/body numbers are in registration order. (Even the official list gives them as WGO/P/U in fleetnumber order.)



33488 (on its first public outing) and 33490 on its 2nd day in service.



All 3 original X7 buses 32685 Front and 32684 rear both going to Yorkshire  
and 32688 middle staying in Bristol  
The ex Devon Enviro,s are now getting their 50 branding applied.



33662 now branded for route 50

### Allocation changes

10035	BH - u
10178	u - BH
32005	LH - w (Sold to Rose Vidney Cornwall)
32333/4	HE - LH
32684/5	MH - w to West Yorkshire
33488-90	New - MH
33659/61	u - HE
33662/5/7	u - HE

32017/8/21/3/4 have all been sold.

### Repaints

69443/ are now in Mendip Explorer livery.

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## First West of England February 2017

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Severn Express Enviro,s 33488 and 33490 are now carrying their correct fleetnumber so YX66WGO is now 33488 and YX66WGU is 33490..

It now looks as though the Bath Bendies have only got a short time left in service 10035 is already withdrawn and 10176 has had its assault screen and other bits removed further use Airside at Cardiff Airport has been mentioned for these buses.

Several more B7Ls are soon heading up to Leeds 66352/3/6 are the first 3 to go north. The next 4 are LH66330/2/7/45.

Some good news this month First are retaining the Airport Flyer route A1 and will be getting new vehicles for this and there will also be a Flyer route run from Weston to the Airport.

Weston depot are starting a new route 5 from Uphill to Worle and will also be getting several routes from Marlborough St at the end of April (X6,X6a to be renumbered X7 and extended from Yatton to Weston, X8 & X9)

Also moving in April are the 70/71 going from Hengrove to Lawrence Hill so LH get their first Streetdecks.

The next routes to be branded are the 6 & 7 using refurbished B7TLs with a green front end.

### Allocation changes

32251 was on loan to Hengrove but is now back in LH.

### Repaints

37772 has now lost its advert for Home Sense..

69441/2 are now in Mendip Explorer livery. 69440 is also now in Mendip Explorer tie leaves just 69437-9 to be painted.

66881 at Bath is now in a new 2 tone blue livery and branded for route 5 if its successful it could be rolled out on the Bath City fleet. 53820 and 66882/3/4 are also now Blue  
66722 and 66884 are also in BLue.



66881 showing the new colour for Bath City buses.  
Iso branded for route 5.

32688 has lost all of its X7/Severn Express branding including the gold Bridges on the back end and is running around in dark blue.

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## First West of England March 2017

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De-branded 32688 now on local routes.

### Allocation changes

10176/9 u - BH  
32001/2 BH - u  
33750 BH - u (After small engine fire)  
41420/3 Training - w  
42962 MH - WM (42963 is also going)

32937/9 Have been sold.

32942/6/50 have all been sold.



Now living by the seaside 42962  
now at Weston.



32016/9/22 have all been repainted into this plain livery  
and have now been sold.

### Repaints

69438/9 are now in Mendip Explorer livery. The last one 69437 has also been repainted.

66721 is the first older style B7RLE into Mendip Explorer livery. 66720 is also in this livery.



66721 now Mendip Explorer.

66727 is the last BH Volvo B7RLE to gain Blue Bath City Livery.



53820 the Only Solo so far in Bath City Livery.



66727 in Blue as well.

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### [First West of England April 2017](#)

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More on the routes changes coming up the X1A to Weston is being renumbered X2 The X8 is being run by Abus apart from some evening trips which First will cover. The X3 & X4 are being reduced and combined in the evenings and running as X3a. The X6A Bristol to Yatton service is being renumbered X7 and extended to/from Weston this should confuse the hell out of joe public who still call the Severn Express the X7.

The Express yourself livery is having a make over with a new image and name its going Orange and will be branded as Excel this will be for X routes in North Somerset.

The next route being branded in Bristol is the 8 Temple Meads circular which will be GWR green on the front.

Route 16 Hanham - Parkway is coming off due to lack of passengers and finance from South Gloucs council.

Also changing later in the year will be the 77 which will be run by Stagecoach West but First have won Wessex route 16 as it will be working more closely with UWE this will be run with new Hi Spec buses and starts in September.

If you look at the cover of the new timetable for the 20 Weston - Bunnham it shows a double decker converted to partial open top and in a blue/orange livery so this is how 32001/2 should look once they return to Bristol after their conversion jobs.

32001 is back repainted and now branded for the 20 route.



32002 ready for its summer season in Weston.

With the 2 B7RLE movements below all vehicles at Wells depot are now in Mendip Explorer livery.

### Allocation changes

32001/2 u - WM  
32014/5 BH - WM  
32278 MH - LH  
32291 LH - MH  
33554/6 HE - WM  
33754 HE - WM  
35103-16/39 HE - LH  
37015-7 MH - WM  
42900 BH - WM  
42901 MH - WM  
42915 BH - WM  
42959/67 HE - WM  
44908/9 WM - BH  
47565/6 MH - WM  
60914 HE - LH  
66301 HE - LH  
66723/4 MH - WMH  
66734 MH - WM

The following have been sold: 30857, 50318, 57000

### Repaints

32253/7 & 32278 now are in Urban 2 with green fronts for routes 6/7.  
32256 is also repainted but not lettered yet. 32258 is also now green and repainted.



Bit of rushed shot of 32253 & 32257  
in green for routes 6 & 7.

Express yourself Streetlite,s 47557/8 have gained a new livery for the Airport Flyer A3 from Weston which starts on the 30th.

37337 has its annual advert for Wild Place on again.

66327 has now lost its Heart advert



66327

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## First West of England May 2017

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47558 shows of the new Airport Flyer for the A3 from Weston - Bristol Airport.



The all new X7 from Weston to Bristol shown here by 33565

### Allocation changes

32355-7 LH - HE  
60914 LH - HE  
66301 LH - HE  
66936 LH - WM

### Repaints

LH 32093 has been repainted into new livery but has a red front so looks like this will be going onto route 90 as First will be upping the frequency of this from next month as Wessex have registered this route as well.

32252 is now green for 6/7.

32277 is now green for 6 & routes.

37338/40 have new adverts for Bristol Zoo.



37338 with Bristol Zoo Advert.

37337/9 have adverts for Wild Place.



37339 with Wild Place advert.

66327 didnt stay barbie for long its now got another Heart advert applied.



66327.

47435-7 are the first Streetlites to appear with dark green front for route 8.



47436 with new GWR styled green front for route 8.

## [First West of England June 2017](#)

As of 2nd June First Somerset & Avon was renamed First West of England LTD. Legal letterings are slowly being changed now.

First Tridents 32701,32809,32855 and 33002 are currently on loan for University open day shuttles and presume will be staying to cover Glastonbury as well.

First West of England have been named as the first operator to start running Metrobus routes the first section will be Ashton Vale - Temple Meads new vehicles are on order for this and will be guide wheel fitted.

### Allocation changes

32084 LH - HE  
 32090/4/8 LH - HE  
 32095 LH - HE  
 32355-7 LH - HE  
 33685 BH - WM

Most of the training fleet that was maintained at Weston has now moved to Hengrove (62198,66162/73/4,66206/7) 62199 & 66171 are at Bath.

All the remaining withdrawn vehicles have now gone for scrap - 41162,41399,41420,41423,42709,42754,66105.

## Repaints

32095 in New livery with Red front for route 90.



32093 in Red for route 90.

47438-41 now have dark green fronts.

All of Hengroves B7/Ar 32084/90/3-5/8 are branded with red fronts for the 90.

32251 is now painted and branded for 6/7 routes.

The 2 Electric Enviro,s 39191/2 have now lost their 72 branding.

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## First West of England July 2017

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Calling all bus enthusiasts First West of England are holding an open day at Lawrence Hill depot on Saturday 19th August from 11.00 to 15.00 for a chance to see behind the scenes you can drive a bus, see old and new buses and even sign up to be a bus driver.

Pictures have emerged of the first Biogas powered Scania N280/UD Enviro 400 City its 2 tone green registered YN170HP and will be allocated to Lawrence Hill for route 1 its due in Bristol very soon.

Wessex are coming of the 90 on July 22 a month earlier than planned.  
The last 2 ex London Tridents have both been repainted ready for sale.



This is 32941 repainted for its next owner  
32931 is also in this colour scheme.



Opentops 32001 & 32002 both happily working on the  
20 in Weston.





Also now in Weston is ex Bath B7L 66354  
presume this is on loan while the 2 Streetlites are in London.

### Allocation changes

37345 LH - HE  
37015 WM - HE  
37351 HE - Manchester  
47567 HE - WM  
66354 BH - WM  
66943 MH - WM

### Repaints

Red fronted B7 32090 now has a purple front and appears to be going on 3 & 4 routes so moving back to LH soon.

32254 & 32255 now green front for 6/7. 32259 has now been repainted completing this batch, 32074 has gone in for repaint but dont know if this will be for 6/7 routes or something else.



32254

33412 is the next bus painted into Orange Excel livery.



33412 in Excel livery with a different front layout compared to 33419.

47555 & 47556 are now all over pink guessing for M-Ticket Adverts. These 2 are going to London for the Athletics first then will come back and carry adverts. 47554 is the 3rd bus to go pink and has gone to London with the other 2 plus Streetdeck 35146 has gone as well.



47555 & 47556 before their trip to London.

## First West of England August 2017

Latest Allocation [sheet](#).

An Announcement has just been made that South Gloucestershire Council has won a Government bid for money that will see upto 110 Bio Gas buses being introduced to North & East Bristol bus routes run from Lawrence Hill the money will help fund the buses and refuelling equipment needed. The new buses could be running by 2019. good news for Scania/ADL or who ever will be building gas buses by then.

Dont forget to visit the open day @ Lawrence Hill on the 19th from 11.00 - 15.00 for a look behind the scenes with old and new buses including the Bio Bus and the Electric one as well theres rides through the bus wash, drive a bus and lots more too.

The BioGas Scania/Enviro has now been delivered and should enter service by the end of this month.

39401	YN170HP	LH	Sca	N280UD CBG	Ar	H42/31F
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Scania Bio gas bus 39401.

Other new vehicles due soon are 24 Scania / Enviro MMC,S (not City,s) for UWE & Metrobus routes. Also on order are 12 Scania/ Enviro Citys for Hengrove (Airport A1) & 3 Enviro 200 MMC,s for Weston (Airport A3)

### Allocation changes

32084 HE - LH  
 32093/5 HE - LH  
 32094 HE - LH  
 32098 HE - LH (Last red front bus to move)  
 47554 WM - BH  
 47555 WM - HE

### Repaints

All 3 pink Streetlites now carry M-Ticket Advertising, the 2 Volvo B7s are still plain pink 32004 still used by LH and 32008 currently working for HE.

32084/90/3-5/8 all now have purple fronts and branded for 3/4 routes previously red for the 90.

32004/8 have appeared in all over pink same style as the Streetlites so maybe another M Ticket advert.



32004 in pink.



32090 with another coloured front.

32073 is the final bus to go green front.

33413, 33508 & 33829 are now Excel Orange. 33414 also now Orange. The first Streetlite into orange is 47552.



33829 latest repaint into Excel livery.

Green fronted Streetlites 47435/6 are now branded for route 8 and carry animal pictures as it goes past Bristol Zoo.

Most if not all the green ones 47435-41 now have the route branding applied.



47435 branded for route 8 and showing the animals as well.

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## [First West of England September 2017](#)

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The first of the 24 New Scania/Enviro,s have turned up but wont be on the road for the start date as they are delays to the rest of the batch. Several are in at Hengrove and 1 has arrived in Lawrence Hill 36817 these are all in the same livery as spare streetdeck 35150 and will be

used on the U1 from Hengrove and UWE from Lawrence Hill they are also 4 inches lower than previous Enviro,s at 13\*10

The next batch are grey and orange and will be for Metrobus route M2 when it starts. 1 is going to Hengrove for guide wheels to be fitted and driver training the rest will go to Bath as a stop gap to be used on UNI routes there once Metrobus starts they will transfer to Bristol.

The Batch for U1 will be used until new stock in a special livery arrives early next year.

The story so far.

36808	YM17FKA	HE	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36809	YM17FKB	HE	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36810	YM17FKE	HE	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36811	YM17FKF	HE	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36812	YM17FKG	HE	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36813	YM17FKH	HE	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36814	YM17FKJ	HE	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36815	YM17FKL	HE	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36816	YM17FKN	HE	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36817	YM17FKO	HE	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D



36810 new for the U1.

And the first Metrobus liveried ones have arrived and gone to Bath for UNI routes until Metrobus opens.

36801	YM17FKP	BH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36802	YT67XJV	BH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36803	YT67XJW	BH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36804	YT67XJX	BH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36805	YT67XJY	BH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36806	YT67XKA	BH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D



36804 in Bath on route U1.



Bi Bus 39401 is now in service  
it certainly stands out in this livery.

To cover for late deliveries of the new Scania,s 3 ex London Metroline B7/Plaxton Presidents have arrived at Lawrence Hill on loan 22111 LR52BMV,22222 LR52BNJ,22333 LR52BNZ these should see use on UWE Express route.



ex London President LR52BNZ carrying temp fleet number 22333

### Allocation changes

32008	LH - HE - BH
32351/2	LH - BH
33666/7	HE - WM
36801/2/4/6	New - BH (Although 36806 carries 36808 in error)
36817	New - HE
37016	WM - HE
37017	WM - HE
39191/2	HE - LH
47559-64	MH - WM
66346	HE - LH
66723/4	WM - HE
66725	WM - BH
66726	WM - WS
66734	WM - HE
66934	MH - BH
66936	WM - BH
66943	WM - HE

Several Bath UNI B7s have been used in Weston recently.

### Repaints

47551 is also now plain orange. Ex Hengrove 50 branded 33667 is now in full Excel livery & branding. 33666 is Orange but not branded yet. Both 47551/2 are now Excel branded. 33560 & 47553 both now plain Orange.

42899 at Bath is now purple for UNI work. 42897 & 42910 are also now n this livery.



42897 in UNI bus livery.



Weston Streetlite 47552 is the first one painted into Orange for Excel routes still minus its branding.



M-Ticket advert 47555

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The ex London Loan B7s have all been renumbered into the correct number series for Double Decks 32113(22111) 32114(22222) 32115(22333) these have now gone back off lease.

A bus swap is happening with First Glasgow sending down B7s and gaining Streetlites. First to arrive are

32545	SF540SG	WM	Vo	B7TL-57	Wt	H45/29F
32547	SF540SK	WM	Vo	B7TL-57	Wt	H45/29F



32545 now at work in Weston.

Another Scania in Bath is YT67XJZ so the Metro bus liveried ones are now

36801	YM17FKP	BH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36802	YT67XJV	BH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36803	YT67XJW	BH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D

36804	YT67XJX	BH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36805	YT67XJY	BH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36806	YT67XJZ	BH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36807	YT67XKA	BH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D

Also here are most of the batch for Lawrence Hill.

36817	YM17FK0	LH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36818	YT67XKB	LH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36819	YT67XKC	LH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36820	YT67XKD	LH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36821	YT67XKE	LH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36822	YT67XKF	LH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36823	YT67XKG	LH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D
36824	YT67XKH	LH	Sca	N250UD	Ar	H49/28D



Just arrived 36820.

### Allocation changes

32006 WM - BH (32003/14 should follow)  
 32015 WM - BH  
 32351/2 BH - WM  
 42897/9 BH - WM(42910 should follow)  
 42948/59 WM - BH  
 47464/5 HE - Glasgow  
 66355 BH - LH  
 66992/3 BH - w (To be converted into Trainers)

### Repaints

33828 is another Enviro now Orange.  
 33506/566/71 are also now in Orange. 33550 also done.  
 33416 & 33827 are now Orange as well.



All 3 orange Streetlites at Weston are now Excel Branded as shown by 47552.

37337-40 have now had their Bristol Zoo/Wild Place ads removed.

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Also due anytime soon are the 2 Enviro 200,s for the Weston Airport route A3 these are in a similar livery to the 2 Streetlites currently used.

Being delivered now are the 9 Enviro,s for Bristol Unibus route U1. These will enter service soon and will replace the current Scania,s on the route 36808-16 these will then go onto the A1 Airport route releasing the B7RLE,s for refurbishment.

33491	YY67HAA		ADL	E40D MMC	Ar	H49/31D
33492	YY67HAE		ADL	E40D MMC	Ar	H49/31D
33493	YY67HAO		ADL	E40D MMC	Ar	H49/31D
33494	YY67HAU		ADL	E40D MMC	Ar	H49/31D
33495	YY67HAX		ADL	E40D MMC	Ar	H49/31D
33496	YY67HBA		ADL	E40D MMC	Ar	H49/31D
33497			ADL	E40D MMC	Ar	H49/31D
33498			ADL	E40D MMC	Ar	H49/31D
33499			ADL	E40D MMC	Ar	H49/31D



1st to arrive 33491 in the new Unibus livery.

2 more B7s from Glasgow have arrived here and 2 more Streetlites have gone the other way.

32544	SF540SE	WM	Vo	B7TL 10.7M	Wt	H45/29F
32546	SF540SJ	WM	Vo	B7TL 10.7M	Wt	H45/29F



66992/3 are now under conversion to Training buses

### Allocation changes

- 32003 WM - BH
- 32014 WM - BH
- 32351/2 WM - BH
- 42895 BH - Essex (first of several due to move)
- 42900 WM - BH
- 42948 Bh - WM
- 42958/60/1 HE - u (not seen these on the road for a while)
- 47459/60 HE - Glasgow
- 47544 BH - HE
- 47554 BH - HE
- 47559/60 WM - HE (Still got Weston college adverts on the backs)
- 47562/5 WM - HE
- 66325/7/35 LH - Leeds



66355 LH - BH

Most if not all the Volvo B7L,s are now withdrawn apart from 66355 now in Bath and maybe 66354 ? still in Weston.

33925 & 66721 both in serious RTC,s recently and both could be scrapped.

### Repaints

Fire damaged Enviro 33750 looks to be almost finished now and its reappeared repainted into Orange so will be off to Weston soon.

33830 now out in Orange.

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### First West of England December 2017

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The 2 new Enviro 200s at Weston have arrived as SN67WYV/W fleetnumbers are thought to be 67107/8 neither are in service yet.

All the new Enviro,s are here now and should be out soon

33491	YY67HAA	HE	ADL	E40D MMC	Ar	H49/31D
33492	YY67HAE	HE	ADL	E40D MMC	Ar	H49/31D
33493	YY67HAO	HE	ADL	E40D MMC	Ar	H49/31D
33494	YY67HAU	HE	ADL	E40D MMC	Ar	H49/31D
33495	YY67HAX	HE	ADL	E40D MMC	Ar	H49/31D
33496	YY67HBA	HE	ADL	E40D MMC	Ar	H49/31D
33497	YY67HBB	HE	ADL	E40D MMC	Ar	H49/31D
33498	YY67HBC	HE	ADL	E40D MMC	Ar	H49/31D
33499	YY67HBD	HE	ADL	E40D MMC	Ar	H49/31D



The first couple of Enviro,s have entered service  
this is 33495 (Thanks Allan)

### Allocation changes

33750 u - WM

42900 BH - Essex

42939 BH - Essex

42948 WM - Glasgow (With more to follow, 42958/60/1 are going soon)

42957 LH - w

42968 BH - Essex

43849 LH - Glasgow

60911 LH - Halifax

60914 HE - Halifax

66326 w - Yorkshire

### Repaints

33411 is now in Excel livery.

33556/65 now both Excel livery

This leaves the following to be repainted in Excel livery -

Express your self - 33415 33417 33418 33825 33826

Urban - 33547 33554 33564 33569 33685 33754

37340 now has a 3/4 wrap around advert for the NHS.

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