

First Bristol News January 2012



recent arrivals in Bristol are 42561 and 43811 both for use on the 18.

After a break for a few years Route branding is making a small return to the streets in Weston at least with vehicles on the 7 reappearing lettered for this route. 66723/4/56 are carrying it so far.



66956 branded for the 7.

It looks as though there will be plenty to report later this year as First Group have unveiled their revised group livery and carrying local fleetnames as well.

Allocation changes

37351 LH - WM

41129 WM - TN

42703/6 LH - HE (Not 42702/3 have moved)

42561 (SN05DZX) Plymouth - LH

43811 (WK52WTV) Cambourne - LH

44921 BR - HE

46616/7 HE - LH

46630 LH - w

53001 BH - TN

Repaints

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4 Excels from Glasgow have just arrived in Bristol. These are believed to be acting as paint spares.

62935/6/49 are currently in LH while 62952 is at HE.

These are still dumped in Bristol but are expected to head South West once some work has been done to get them going again.

62935	T735JGB	Oe	L1070	Oe	B39F
62936	T736JGB	Oe	L1070	Oe	B39F
62949	W 49WDS	Oe	L1070	Oe	B39F
62952	W 52WDS	Oe	L1070	Oe	B39F



just arrived from Glasgow
are Excels 62935/6



Now moved from Taunton - Bristol is 66960.

Also now branded for the 7 in Weston are 66725, 66936 & 66958

37317 has now lost its Blue front Dome and X1 Lettering.

According to the Metro recently the X1 from Bristol to Weston is getting some changes soon there will be an increase in frequency and new buses with free wifi.

37605 is the first Gemini to be repainted dark red ready for the forthcoming contract to run the 903 Park & Ride which starts in April.

37771 now has an offside advert for the new animated film The Pirates

Allocation changes

32286 BH - WM

41129 went from WM - BR (Not Taunton as given last month)

42845 TN - Swansea

46327 N327ECR from Hoeford - TN

46902 MH - w

51742/7 TN - BH (51742 now noted in WM his is running a shuttle between Weston & Banwell while the road is closed for road works)

66100 u - BH (back out after its fire damage repairs from last year)

66960/1 TN - LH

Repaints

32291 repainted (Barbie not New)



repaint 32291

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37612 has gained the same advert as 37771 mentioned last month for the film The Pirates.

All of 37315-7 have had their X1 branding removed.

April 1st will see major service changes around the area with cuts from government funding because of this a large number of vehicles will be moving around the S/Wales, S/West area on this date.

I went past Muller Road and found the following still parked there. 42433, 42772,46630,46908,47302 and 60599, there were no Lances left so it looks as though all of 60987,60990,60991,60992 & 61011 have now gone for scrap.

The 1st of the vehicles due to transfer here have started to arrive. The Newer vehicles for the revised X1 have been seen parked in Weston they are the Park & Ride Enviro,s from Plymouth.

33411	WA56FUB	ADL	Trident	ADL	DPH39/32F
33412	WA56FUD	ADL	Trident	ADL	DPH39/32F
33413	WA56FUE	ADL	Trident	ADL	DPH39/32F
33414	WA56FTK	ADL	Trident	ADL	DPH39/32F
33415	WA56FTN	ADL	Trident	ADL	DPH39/32F
33416	WA56FTO	ADL	Trident	ADL	DPH39/32F
33417	WA56FTP	ADL	Trident	ADL	DPH39/32F
33418	WA56FTT	ADL	Trident	ADL	DPH39/32F
33419	WA56FTU	ADL	Trident	ADL	DPH39/32F

33415 is white the others still carry the Blue sky livery used in Plymouth.



33414 seen operating in Plymouth soon to be on X1.

8 of the 9 arrived a couple of weeks before the end of the month and most started in service on X1 and 352s in blue with the lettering removed. 33415 has had all of its vinyls removed and is running in an off white base colour. All should be branded for the X1/352 service soon.



33411 & 33415

Allocation changes

- 32286 WM - LH
- 32705 HEu - First Hampshire Southampton
- 33411-7/9 Plymouth - WM
- 34172 BR - TN
- 37315-8/51 WM - HE
- 42221 WM - TN
- 42961 HE - BH
- 44920 (YX09AHG) Cymru - HE
- 46327 TN - BR
- 46902 w - MH (also has a Hanover display fitted replacing the single track route number blind from its Beeline days)
- 47302 (N602EBP) Hampshire - BHu- w (Not used after all)
- 51682 TN - u
- 51742 has now gone back to BH after its short use at WM
- 53804 BH - Cymru
- 60988/993 w - scrap
- 61014 w - scrap
- 61254 dt - scrap
- 66351 TN - BR

Repaints

37605/6/8/10 are running in full Park & Ride Livery.
 37609 is now red.



37605 has been repainted all red ready for its Park & Ride vinyl's to be applied next month



a week before the end of the month 4 buses were lettered for the Park & Ride service and ran on normal services this is 37608 & 37610

First Bristol News April 2012

A Big surprise is the return to Weston of an Open Top Volvo 38005 D705GHY from North Devon has reappeared on service 1 joining 39920. At last this route now has 2 opentop buses being used.



2 Opentops run in Weston This year
 38005 has joined long term resident 39920

More acquired vehicles are Enviro Darts from Cymru

44914	YX09AGZ	HE	AD Dt	8.9MPD	Ar	B28F
44915	YX09AHA	HE	AD Dt	8.9MPD	Ar	B28F
44916	YX09AHC	HE	AD Dt	8.9MPD	Ar	B28F

44917	YX09AHD	HE	AD Dt	8.9MPD	Ar	B28F
44918	YX09AHE	HE	AD Dt	8.9MPD	Ar	B28F
44919	YX09AHF	HE	AD Dt	8.9MPD	Ar	B28F



44917 from Cymru



Acquired some time ago ive only just caught up 46327 @ rest in Bridgwater



still working in Bath is 51742



a recent transfer to MH is 46610

First Groups spare Volvo B9 37562 (FJ08FYN) is back in town again this time @ LH



Back in town again 37562

The 4 Excels 62935/6/49/52 have all moved on to Devon & Cornwall and appear to be for Plymouth.

LH B7RLE 69457 has gone on short term loan to First Hampshire to cover for a transfer down there to a B7 to act as a spare bus for their new BRT scheme which has just started between Gosport & Fareham.

On a recent visit to Taunton i noted that 60916 has been converted to B36F (Extra Luggage racks fitted)

Allocation changes

32636-8 WM - HE

33418 Plymouth - WM (has all vinyls removed same as 33415)

38005 North Devon - WM

42221 is now back @ WM (must have been on loan to TN)

42719-22/4/5 HE - Devon & Cornwall

46232 MH - Devon & Cornwall

46257 MH - w for scrap

46647 HE - Devon & Cornwall

46610 HE - MH

51747 BH - w

52564 BH - w - Cymru

66106 BH - Devon & Cornwall

66206/7 BH - WM

66960/1 LH - WM

32291 is still @ WM (due to move to HE)

42719 went to Devon instead of 42723.

Repaints

37609 is now in full Park & Ride livery.



[First Bristol News May 2012](#)

69457 returned from loan to Hampshire after a short spell down there and 37562 appears to have left LH. The DAF Hybrid 39000 has gone back off loan and funding has been received from the Governments Green Bus Fund for 8 new Hybrid Enviro,s which are going to Bath to replace older B7s on the Park & Ride services. They are due about October.

Two recent additions @ BH are Step Dart 46318 from Hampshire and Volvo B7RLE 69253 from Devon & Cornwall.



46318 & 69253 in Bath



47304 now @ MH

[Allocation changes](#)

32279/80 BH - HE

32707/8 HE - Hampshire (Should be going to Weymouth)

46237 BH - w (for scrap)

46318 (M318YOT) Hoeford - BH

46320 (M320YOT) Hoeford - LH (only lasted a couple of days has now moved onto Cymru)

46626 LH - w (for Scrap)

46902 MH - LH (not actually gone yet)

47304 (N604EBP) First Hampshire - MH

66106 Plymouth - BH (didnt stay away long)

66172 WM - w (Engine Fire looks like it may go for scrap)

69253 (YJ07WfV) Plymouth - BH

[Repaints](#)

37612 & 37771 now have new adverts this time for the new Men in Black film



37771

33414/5/8 are now in the new X1 livery.



latest version of the X1 livery
1st out is 33414, next out is 33418

[First Bristol News June 2012](#)

First Devon Trainer 20416 WSV408 has been acquired and is being prepared for use here at Hengrove.

37562 is back again @ LH. and heard a rumour 46320 may be back here this time @ HE.

recent observations are -

MH 32027 (V124LGC) looks like it may become a permanent opentop bus.

MH 34183 is off with accident damage this looks like it might be terminal as it minus its destination unit and ticket machine base has gone.

LH 37346 is back working after having its roof rebuilt since it hit a low bridge near to LH depot.
HE 37596 off with accident damage
BH 40160 is off with accident damage.
TN 60918 is still of the road awaiting parts after accident damage sustained while working a 28 along time ago.
First West Yorkshire Solo 50293 (W324DWX) has appeared in LH reason unknown ?

Allocation changes

10177 BH - Cornwall (Must be a short term loan as by 15th its back in Bristol)

42824 TN - BH

46257,46626/30 MRw - scrap (This now clears out Muller Road)

51682 w - scrap

60941 dt - w scrap

66173 TN - WM

Repaints

10175/6 have both been repainted into plain White.

37612 & 37771 now advertises the new Spider Man film.

33411 now carries X1 Branding. 33416 is next in being done leaving 33412/3/7/9 still in blue.

First Bristol News July 2012

First has started a new limited stop service from Taunton Station to Minehead the timetable says its using coaches with more comfort and room for luggage. it appears to be run by ex First Cymru 20461 (X191HFB). (this may be just a loan as this service only runs until 31st August).

All of the 42949 - 42960 @ HE have been refurbished and fitted with Leather seating.



42824 now working in BH



42721 back in town after its trip to Cornwall.

Allocation changes

10176/7 BH - Devon & Cornwall both been noted plain white with Eden Logo,s applied.

42721 Devon & Cornwall - LH

46320 was used in Bristol for a short time but its now moved onto Weymouth.

46603 BH - WM (didnt stay long now back @ BH)

Repaints

33417 is now in X1 Branding.

37001/2 Have had their 75 branding removed.

66943 has a contravision advert Allen Ford



66943 with Allen Ford advert

First Bristol News August 2012

The new Hybrids for Bath are now in Build at Alexander Dennis.

40835 & 46603 now have new destinations inplace of roller blinds.

2 West Yorkshire Solo,s 50318 (YN53ELO) and 53102 (EO02FLB) have appeared on service on Weston. while 50293 mentioned in June has gone to Weymouth.



53102 now working in Weston.

Also to update from June 34183 is in Bath being repaired and 37596 has its front end repaired and is back in service. 34183 is now repaired and should be back in service shortly.

42722 has appeared back in Bristol from Cornwall. this and 42721 which was used in service for a day or 2 have now moved to Cymru.

39920 spent a day in Weymouth touring around with the Team GB sailing team on board.

Allocation changes

10175 BH - Devon & Cornwall (presume this and 10176/7 are on loan for the summer)

42221 has been used by MH for a few days.

Repaints

10174 is still in Bath and now running in plain white. From 2nd September there are changes in Bath to the University routes with the SPA1 being renumbered to 15 and also a new livery which explains the white Bendies running at the moment.

2 vehicles have appeared in the First group new colours. Long term VOR B7L 60918 was painted in July followed by Enviro 33413 which will probably be the first to hit the road in this livery. I haven't seen any new localised fleetnames on these yet so don't know what they will appear with.

60918 now has West of England fleetnames.



60918 in new livery and new fleetname as well.

33412 has been repainted and also has the new fleetnames applied. 33419 has now gone in next.



1st one on the road 33413

Bridgwater have route branded several B7s for the 21 Burnham - Taunton route 66352/2/4/5 have been seen so far.



66352 branded for the 21 in Taunton.



On Loan from Cymru is 20461 operating on the X28 Taunton Station - Minehead route which finishes at the end of this month.

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BH42961/2 now have leather seating.

Darts on the 8 and 9 are now having free Wifi fitted as well as the new seating..

It looks like the Bendies that were loaned to Eden are returning to Bath as I saw a plain white 1 on the M5 near Bristol heading in this direction.



Another Spare Volvo in Bristol now in use at MH is 32026

With the closure of Barnstaple depot most of the final allocation has been moved to Muller Road for storage awaiting movement else where.

3 low height Enviro,s have moved to Weston from Barnstaple for the X1/352 routes.

33420	WA08MVE	ADL	Trident	ADL	H42/26F
33421	WA08MVF	ADL	Trident	ADL	H42/26F
33422	WA08MVG	ADL	Trident	ADL	H42/26F

and 2 Tridents are currently at Bath though these should be moving onwards to Southampton soon.

32767	WJ55CTE	Ds	Trident	EL	H49/27F
32768	WJ55CTF	Ds	Trident	EL	H49/27F



Now in the Training fleet is 20416.

Allocation changes

- 32026 (V129LGC) u - MH (Been in Bristol since July but only just been put on the road)
- 33420-2 North Devon - WM
- 34183 u - TN- Now back @ MH
- 40160 w - scrapped
- 42912/3 TN - Cymru
- 53009/13 WM - TN
- 52553 BH - u - scrapped
- 60918 u - TN (In new livery)

Repaints

- 10035 is another one in White
- 33419 is now in the new livery. 33413 now has its 'West Of England' fleetnames applied.
- 42955 is now in the new livery. making 5 buses now done WM33412/3/9, HE42955 & TN60918.
- 42952 is in next for repaint.



33419

HE37001/2/8/9 carry adverts for Vodafone.

and LH 32004/5 also carry this as well having previously carried First and Best Buys resp. Also done is 32008



37002 & 37009



Also in Vodafone advert is 32005



Although there has been mention of a new livery for the 18s in Bath 10174 is still running in plain White (this and 10035 now have blue skirts as well.)

an update on Bath Bendies 10035,10174-6 are in the new Bath Uni livery and 10036/7 are still plain white. Photo,s next month.

First Bristol News October 2012

The new Enviro,s for Bath are almost ready, a picture of 1 with reg SN62AWA has been seen and 2 more 39135(SN62AWG) & 39137 (SN62AWO) have been seen in Falkirk ready for delivery soon. it looks like the 8 will be 39133-40.

The 1st 1 has arrived in Bath

Several have now been seen in service though there is some confusion over fleetnumbers as there are 8 on order which i make 39133-40 but 39141 (SN62AXC) has been seen running.

The 2 Devon Tridents have now moved onto Southampton.



Former Barnstaple Enviro
33422 now working in Weston.

Allocation changes

32004 LH - MH

32026 MH - WM

32291 WM - MH

34183 MH - Devon & Cornwall

34185 MH - w

37562 has now gone to HE from LH

46609 HE - BH

66350 TN - BR

66958/60/1 WM -Cymru



Transferred into Bath from Hengrove
is 46609

Repaints

10177 is also in new livery with 18 branding.

42955 is now repainted into new livery complete with West of England Fleetnames.

42953 is now painted.

42950 is now repainted.

42959 is in next.



Bristol 42952 & 42955 in new livery
with West of England fleetnames.



Bath 10174 in the new livery and carrying University of Bath Fleetnames. complete with Devastatin Dave cartoons. (is this one of Baths drivers in disguise ?) film adverts on 37612 have been changed to the new James Bond film Sky Fall. 37771 is still carrying Spiderman (as of 23rd). 37330 now has the new SkyFall advert as well. Vehicles in New livery now are 10035/174-7 University of Bath Fleetnames and 18 route branding. 33412/3/9, 42950/2-4, 60918 with West of England Fleetnames. 42955 without main fleetnames only smaller West of England over the door.



Comparison between old & New liveries on Weston Sea Front.

[First Bristol News November 2012](#)

The new Enviro,s are now in service in Bath after a few problems to start with.

39133	SN62AWA	ADL	E40H	ADL	H45/30F
39134	SN62AWF	ADL	E40H	ADL	H45/30F
39135	SN62AWG	ADL	E40H	ADL	H45/30F
39137	SN62AWO	ADL	E40H	ADL	H45/30F
39138	SN62AWR	ADL	E40H	ADL	H45/30F
39139	SN62AWY	ADL	E40H	ADL	H45/30F
39140	SN62AXB	ADL	E40H	ADL	H45/30F
39141	SN62AXC	ADL	E40H	ADL	H45/30F

note there is no 39136 !!!



39134 & 39138 new in Bath

[Allocation changes](#)

20461 u - TN (was used in service) now as a trainer replacing 21053.
 32685 BH - WM
 32689 BH - MH
 33421 WM - Devon & Cornwall (33420/2 both still here @ present)
 34171 WM - TN
 39133-5/7-41 New - BH
 42738 MH - LH
 43811 LH - BR (for a new service 3 in Bridgwater)
 51742 TN - w
 53014 WM - TN
 53103 (EO02FLC) from Weymouth - WM
 66174 TN - WM
 32283 spent a couple of days @ MH and 34171/89 used @ TN.
 32023 and 42701 have new destinations fitted, 34185 is back in service but did appear without a destination fitted it now has a new one.



32689 is the first of Bath,s B7s to move
this is seen at Chepstow en route to Newport.

Repaints

42949 ,42956 are now painted 42960 in next. This just leaves 42951/7/8 to be done @ HE.
All vehicles that have been repainted now carry West Of England fleetnames.
42899 @ BH is also in new livery.



42899 in Bath

First Bristol News December 2012

Allocation Spreadsheet (Correct 1stDec)

The ex Devon Primo has entered service in Bath.

57000	MX06AEB	Etrp	EB01	Pn	B28F
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57000 now in Bath

A batch of new Darts have been delivered to Bath to convert routes 13 to low floor.

44520	YX62DVM	AD Dt	10.2SDA	Ar	B33F
44521	YX62DWG	AD Dt	10.2SDA	Ar	B33F
44522	YX62DWM	AD Dt	10.2SDA	Ar	B33F
44523	YX62DWO	AD Dt	10.2SDA	Ar	B33F
44524	YX62DXC	AD Dt	10.2SDA	Ar	B33F
44525	YX62DXF	AD Dt	10.2SDA	Ar	B33F
44526	YX62DXH	AD Dt	10.2SDA	Ar	B33F



44522 & 44526 new in Bath.

Also now in Bath is a former Hampshire dart.

43849	SN05HEJ	AD Dt	8.9MPD	Ar	B29F
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43849



41135 & 43811 recent moves into Bridgwater.



41687 @ Taunton



32003 & 53103 now both in Weston

Allocation changes

32003/4 MH - WM (32001/2 are going from MH as well.)

32686/8/90/1 BHu - MH

33422 WM - Devon (guess 33420 will follow as well.)

40835 BH - TN

41135 TN - BR

41686/7 WM - TN

43849 Hampshire - BH

44520-6 new - BH

46250/6 MH - w

42895 BH - LH

42896-901 BH - LH (all in new livery looks like these are going on the X18 Kingswood - Aztec West from Jan next year.)

46610 MH - w

46623 LH - MH

46902 MH - LH

57000 Devon - BH

66161 LH - MH

Repaints

42951 in new livery and running.

42957/8/60 are now painted.

42897-42901 are done.

42895/6 are also done.



repainted 42959

Vehicles in New livery at year end are:

Bath: 10035,10174-6, 44520-6 (12)

Hengrove: 42949-60 (12)

Lawrence Hill: 42896-901 (6) + 1 42895

Taunton: 60918 (1)

Weston: 33412/3/9 (3)

Total: 35
