

## First Bristol News January 2014

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Lots of Gemini,s are currently having their old Strip lighting replaced by LEDs.



37771 with new LED lighting fitted.

The new Streetlites are now entering service.

47435	SK63KNG	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47436	SK63KNH	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47437	SK63KNJ	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47438	SK63KNL	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47439	SK63KNM	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47440	SK63KNN	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47441	SK63KNO	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47442	SK63KNP	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47443	SK63KNR	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47444	SK63KNS	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47445	SK63KNU	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47446	SK63KNV	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47447	SK63KNX	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47448	SK63KNY	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F



47437 & 47444

3 B7s have been acquired from First Hampshire and replaced there by 3 Vo B7RLE,s

32251	LT52WVO	Vo	B7TL-57	Ar	H45/25F
32252	LT52WVP	Vo	B7TL-57	Ar	H45/25F
32253	LT52WVY	Vo	B7TL-57	Ar	H45/25F



32252

### Allocation changes

32251-3 Southampton - LH

37319/20 LH - BH and back to LH again 37358/9 have gone instead.

40513 BH - w

40517 BH - WM

41144 WS - w

42702 MH - w

42730/1/8 MH - BH

42954/6 HE - LH

42955 HE - LH

42957-9 HE - LH  
42960 HE - MH  
42961 HE - MH  
44918-20 HE - BH  
46240 WS - w  
46244 MH - w (Last step @ MH)  
46247 BH - w  
46318 BH - w  
46616 LH - w  
46653 LH - w (Last Step bus in Bristol)  
46902 LH - w  
66944/5/53 BH - Southampton

67225 Trainer - w

The following have all been sold for scrap recently.

40533, 42633, 46243/9/54/8, 46628/50/2, 46925 & 67316.

so just 1 step bus left now WS 46603 but for how much longer ?.



Last one standing 46603 in Bridgwater its even got a new destination fitted.

### Repaints

Into new livery are

37623,37624,37625,37626,37627,37628,37629,37630,37631,37632,37757,37758,37759

44911 is now in 2 tone blue Express yourself colours for the A2 route. 44912 is to follow.



69460 in new livery.

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32251-3 from Southampton carry Transbus plates not Alexander.

46603 just carries on having just been re MOT,d by Weston so unless anything goes wrong with it, it remains as the last step entrance bus in the fleet.

An ex London Marshall Dart has been acquired and is at Hengrove being prepared its come from Plymouth and is 41795 (LN51GOU) its in new livery and is still Dual doored at present Id guess its for the training fleet rather than for further service.

### Allocation changes

37315 HE - u (After hitting a low bridge near Temple Meads)  
40517 BH - WS  
41144 w - WS  
42730/1/8 BH - WS  
42951 LH - MH  
44521 BH - u (After an argument with a very low bridge in Bath)

53102/3 WS - BH  
53204 WS - BH  
69435-7 WS - BH

Trainer 60461 has moved from HE to BH and is now withdrawn.

41142,46248,67338 & 67341 have been sold.

The 2 Optare Demo vehicles 49300 & 59100 are now shown as reserve so it looks like they are about to move on again soon.

The former Hengrove Darts seem to have settled as -

LH - 42949/50/7-9/61

MH - 42951-6/60



recent transfer to Bath 44915.

### Repaints

into new livery are -

37760,37761,37762,37763,37764,37765,37766,37767,37768,37769,37770



recent repaint 37766



44911 in A2 Link livery

working in Weston as its a Saturday and the A2 runs M-F only.

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### First Bristol News March 2014

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Most buses in Bristol now have free WIFI fitted.

First Midlands long term stored Enviro 300 67600 (SN53KKY) was moved from Hereford to Bristol and is being prepared for service here those with a long memory might recall this bus was going to be used in Bath when new but was found to be too large for the old bus station as its 12.5m long so it was never used here.

### Allocation changes

32042 (W812GOW) Southampton - BH (Again on loan to cover for shortages of vehicles)

40517 WS - w

41129 (P129NLW) Taunton - WM

41795 HEu - BHu

43849 BH - WS ( Loan due to 53401 going to LH)

46262 WS - w

53401 WS - LH (To work a shuttle bus between Willsbridge & Kelston while the A431 is closed due to a land slip)

46603 is expected to be withdrawn next month.



41795 (Thanks Adrian)

### Repaints

Into New livery are.

32009,32011,32012,32280,32286,32288,32292,37003,37004,37006,37772

44912 now in 2 tone Blue for the A2 route.

37323 now has an offside advert for Bristol Zoo



recent repaints 32009 & 32292

### First Bristol News April 2014

Lots of route changes on the 13th with some being renumbered and others taken over from Wessex.

Routes around Yate are being renumbered with the 327 becoming 46 and an X46 running against Wessex X27.

Lawrence Hill take on new routes 17,81 & 82 which are versions of 482 ,581 and also get an X49 which is currently the 689.

Route 5 moves from LH to HE to make room for the above 4 new routes and route 70 goes next month.

11 Marshall Darts are being acquired from First Cymru to help with some of these changes they range from R reg through to the newest which is an 02 plate.

41162	R162TLM	HE	Ds Dt	9.2SDA	MI	B31F
41200	S220KLM	HE	Ds Dt	10.2SDA	MI	B33F
41234	R234TLM	HE	Ds Dt	9.2SDA	MI	B25F
41344	T344ALR	LH	Ds Dt	8.8MPD	MI	B25F
41389	X389HLR	LH	Ds Dt	10.2SDA	MI	B31F
41394	X394HLR	LH	Ds Dt	10.2SDA	MI	B27F
41400	X 79HLR	LH	Ds Dt	10.2SDA	MI	B27F
41490	LT02ZFB	LH	Ds Dt	8.8MPD	MI	B25F
41721	W721ULL	LH	Ds Dt	10.2SDA	MI	B28F
41726	W726ULL	LH	Ds Dt	10.2SDA	MI	B28F
41727	W727ULL	LH	Ds Dt	10.2SDA	MI	B28F

41200 was here before when it was part of the Raillink batch of Darts it went to Cymru in April 2008.

First day of the new routes and the 81 faired quite well time wise but the 82 I waited for was about 40 minutes late at Frenchay and also the X49 from Yate was about 15 late. The 81/2 were run mostly with the WX06 Darts and only about 3 of the Marshall darts made it out on the 1st day.



Route 81



Route 82



and X46

Also changed are bath routes to and from Bristol. Bath gains the 332 from MH and its renumbered 37 and the 338 via Keynsham changes to 38.



route 37 ex 332



and 38.

### Allocation changes

- 37003/4 LH - MH
- 42701/4 BH - HE
- 42707 WM - HE (Again)
- 62242/5 MH - BH
- 67600 u - WM



as mentioned last month First Hampshire 34042 is on loan to Bath.



Baths 2 white Vo RLE,s 66992 & 66993 are still plain white and shown here by a chance meeting of both vehicles.

The following have all been sold.

46225/47,46318,46623/51/6/7,46902 (46225 & 46657 have gone for preservation locally)

Optare Demo,s 49300 & 59100 have returned to Optare.

### Repaints

Into latest First livery are -

32013,32287,32288,32289,32290,37005,37007



recent repaints 32287 & 37006

37321 also has a Bristol Zoo Advert on its off side.



37321 with Bristol Zoo advert.

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### [First Bristol News May 2014](#)

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First Somerset have just taken on the contract to run service 224 Dursley - Filton Collage from Mikes Travel of Thornbury.



1st day of the 224 42899 about to do the return trip to Dursley.

Im doing a detailed list for First Bristol containing Chassis/Body numbers but missing body numbers on the following.

44520-6,47435-65 any offers ?.



Now in service after being stored for several months is the Ex Demo Enviro 67600

### [Allocation changes](#)

67600 is now in service @ WM

69449-56 LH - HE (Along with route 70)

Trainer 20461 has moved from Bridgwater to Weston.

40513,46244,46609/20,60461 have all been sold recently.

### [Repaints](#)

Into Lateset First Livery

66720, 66727, 66734, 66935, 66936,66956

The Loan B7 32042 from Southampton has also been repainted into the latest First livery and now moved onto First Cymru.



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### [First Bristol News June 2014](#)

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Dart update 46603 is still going strong at Wells and the only Marshall one still not on the road yet is 41400 its dumped in the corner at Lawrence Hill so don't think this will ever hit the road this has now gone to Muller Road so its a non runner.

### Allocation changes

The bus lost in the recent fire in Kingswood was B6 **40589**, and not Dart 4083 this is still happily running around Bath.

40590/2 BH - Taunton  
66163 WM - BH  
66353/5/6 Taunton - BH

41795 is now being used as a Trainer.

40517,46239,46240,46261,46616 and 67225 have all been sold.

several B7Ls from Bridgwater have appeared in Bath recently 66353/5/6 have been noted there. These are currently being used by Wells for Glastonbury extra,s.

### Repaints

Into new livery -  
32001,66733, 66940,66941

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### First Bristol News July 2014

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The first of the next batch of Streetlites have landed this side of the water from Wrights 47544 is first to arrive.

47544	SN14FFU	BH	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47545	SN14FFV	BH	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47546	SN14FFW	BH	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47547	SN14FFX	BH	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47548	SN14FFY	BH	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47549	SN14FFZ	BH	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47550	SN14FGA	BH	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47551	SN14FGC	MH	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47552	SN14FGD	MH	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47553	SN14FGE	MH	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47554	SN14FGF	MH	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47555	SN14FGG	u	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47556	SN14FGJ	MH	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47557	SN14FGK	MH	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47558	SN14FGM	u	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F

47544-50 are in normal new livery for BH. And 47551-8 are in Express yourself 2tone Blue for MH.  
All bar 47555 & 47558 have been delivered these 2 are held up by Wrights being on 2 week summer shut down.

The X2 Branded Darts are now having this Branding removed.



The First new bus for MH 47552 since the P reg Olympians for the Long Ashton Park & Ride back in 1997.



BH47545 & MH47557 new on the road.



42109 1 of 2 Former Hampshire Darts now at work in Bath.

### Allocation changes

42109 (R609YCR) Hoeford - BH  
37358/9 BH - HE  
40525/9/42 BH - w  
40534/5/41 BH - w (Last SPDs)  
40593 BH - TN  
40588/94 BH - Somerset (Last York B6s)  
41344 LH - w  
41389 LH - w (Accident Damage)  
41721/6 LH - w  
42754 (S653SNG) Hoeford - BH  
46259 BH - w  
47544/50 New - BH  
47551-4 New - MH  
53805 BH - Somerset.  
66350 BR - BH  
66351 BR - BH  
66352 BR - BH  
66354 BR - BH

42702,46240/62 have all been sold.

### Repaints

Into new livery are -  
32281, 66353,66354



Former Bridgwater B7 66354 repainted and now in Bath.



66733 ex X39 Branded now repainted.

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### First Bristol News August 2014

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8 Former London Trident have been acquired from First Glasgow and will be used on additional work gained by Hengrove from the end of September. All 8 are in Barbie livery and presently stored in Muller Road.

32931	W931ULL	u	Ds	Trident	Ar	H45/27F
32937	W937ULL	u	Ds	Trident	Ar	H45/27F
32939	W939ULL	u	Ds	Trident	Ar	H45/27F
32940	W840VLO	u	Ds	Trident	Ar	H45/27F
32941	W941ULL	u	Ds	Trident	Ar	H45/24F
32942	W942ULL	u	Ds	Trident	Ar	H45/24F
32946	W946ULL	u	Ds	Trident	Ar	H45/27F



32950	W132VLO	u	Ds	Trident	Ar	H45/27F
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32946

The last 2 Streetlites have now arrived so 47555/8 should be out soon



The last 2 Streetlites were running unlettered.

First Hampshire,s Southampton Depot have supplied 3 buses to cover for extra work on Balloon Shuttles to Ashton Court. 2 Tridents and a B7 are here for the weekend.



on loan 32031, 32704 & 32767.

Strange seeing 32704 back in Bristol again just like old times.

The low Bridge damaged Enviro 44521 has now returned from ADL with its rebuilt body. (It still carries its original body number)



44521.

### Allocation changes

32350 BH - HE (Now back in Bath)

37358 HE - LH (37359 is still @ HE)

41394 LH - w

42948/9/62-6/9 MH - LH (Though 42951-6/60/7 would be more appropriate being in New livery)

47555/8 New - MH

66106 WS - u

66355 BH -WS (to cover for 66106)

First Devon Transit 54602 RA04YHS has moved to Hengrove from Camborne as a depot runaround.

4623846252,46260 & 46653 have been sold for scrap.

### Repaints

Into new livery are

10178 (Ex Eden livery), 66350,66351,66356



recent repaints 32281 & 66350

37761-3 have received front and rear adverts for an X74 Fares promotion which starts next month.

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2 more Darts have appeared at Hengrove from First Berkshire 40956 S344SUX (New to New World First Bus Hong Kong) then to Devon & Cornwall and 42115 R615YCR new to Provincial.



40956 now in Bristol (Thanks Allan)

Non of the ex Glasgow Tridents are working yet most of the recent changes at HE (routes 70-2) are being covered by B7RLEs and Gemini,s

### Allocation changes

32940/50 u - HE  
37358 HE - BH (Again)  
37359 HE - LH  
40956 Berkshire - HE  
41234 HE - w  
42115 Berkshire - HE  
42947/8/62-6/9 LH - MH  
42951-6/60/7 MH - LH  
66171 MH - WM  
66355 WS - BH  
69435/6 BH - HE (69437 still in BH)  
69459/60 WM - HE

### Repaints

Into new livery are:  
66352, 66355,69445



Last B7L to be repainted is 66352



as mentioned last month 37761 is one of 3 B9s with branding for the X74

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### First Bristol News October 2014

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The next batch of Streetlites are due to arrive very soon 47559-71 are expected at Hengrove.

47559	SN64CLF	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47560	SN64CLJ	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47561	SN64CLO	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47562	SN64CLU	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47563	SN64CLV	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47564	SN64CLX	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47565	SN64CLY	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47566	SN64CLZ	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47567	SN64CME	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F

47568	SN64CMF	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47569	SN64CMK	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47570	SN64CMO	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F
47571	SN64CMU	HE	Wt	Stlt DF	Wt	B37F



47562 & 47569

The Volvo that was de-roofed on Fishponds Road 32027 has now emerged from the body shop as an opentopper and has been repainted into Buses of Somerset 2 tone green it has now also moved onto Taunton depot.



32027 now in green for Taunton.



32940 now at work in Bristol.



42109 has moved from Bath to Hengrove.

### Allocation changes

32006/7/291 MH - LH

32937 u - HE

32941/6 u - HE

37358/9 HE - BH

40956 HE - u

41332 WM - w - Sold for Scrap

42109 BH - HE

48210/1/5/6/22/3 HE - w (First of several to go) (48223 has been noted in Weston, & 48215 was in Taunton)

66116 LH - MH

66163 BH<sub>u</sub> - BH (Now finally back on the road)

66162/7/78 LH - MH

### Repaints

Into new livery - 32282

10178 now Branded for the 18 as well.

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To ease the congestion in LH with recent route gains vehicles from MH have now moved over the fence again into Croydon St. single decks will park inside 3 units and the doubles will be outside.

4 School buses have been acquired from First Cymru looks like they are for the Training fleet.

68505	CU54CYY	u	BMC	1100FE	BMC	B60F
68513	CU54DCE	tr	BMC	1100FE	BMC	B60F
68567	BV57MSO	tr	BMC	1100FE	BMC	B55F
68570	BV57MSY	tr	BMC	1100FE	BMC	B55F



68567

### Allocation changes

10179 u - BH  
 20460 Trainer - u  
 32001 WM - LH  
 32328-30 HE - LH  
 32939 u - HE  
 32942 u - HE (Leaves 32931 to enter service)  
 33412/3/9 WM - MH  
 37005/6 LH - MH  
 41129 WM - w  
 41144 WS - w (Now moved onto Cymru and been seen working out of Port Talbot depot)  
 41333-5 WM - WS (41333 since withdrawn)  
 41727 LH - MH  
 42947 MH - u  
 48217 HE - WS  
 48218/9/21/4 HE - w  
 48223 HE - WM (3 B6s remain @ HE 48212-4)

46603 WS - w (Last Step bus now finally gone)

53401 LH - MH (Though in theory this has always been a Somerset vehicle since its move to Bristol for the 619 but driven by LH drivers. Since this route has now finished its currently being used by MH)  
 66106 u - WS  
 66166 MH - LH

40525/34/5,46259 & 66103 have all been sold for scrap.  
 42702,46260/2 have also gone.

### Repaints

Into new livery 10179 from Eden but with no route 18 Branding yet. 67600



10179 has now gone back into service and been repainted.



67600 in new livery.



32931 the last Trident to enter service.

**Allocation changes**

- 32254-9 Southampton - LH
- 32931 u - HE
- 40956 u - HE
- 41162 HE - w - HE (Still running)
- 41200 HE - LH
- 41687 WM - MH
- 41727 MH - Cymru (Follows 41144 to Port Talbot)
- 42949-54 LH - Southampton
- 42955-61/7 LH - HE
- 47559-66 HE - LH
- 48221 HE - Plymouth
- 66116 MH - LH

More moves by year end should see 6 Darts from LH to Southampton with 6 B7s in return. (Expected to be 42949-54 out and 32254-9 in) And Hengrove are expecting 12 x Enviro 400 from Leicester and sending 12 B7RLEs to Leicester

42949-51 have now gone to Southampton and 32254/5/7 have arrived here. 69435/6/49/50 have now moved onto Leicester.

The B7s from Southampton

32254	LT52WVZ	Vo	B7TL-57	TBS	H45/25F
32255	LT52WWA	Vo	B7TL-57	TBS	H45/25F
32256	LT52WWB	Vo	B7TL-57	TBS	H45/25F
32257	LT52WWC	Vo	B7TL-57	TBS	H45/25F
32258	LT52WWD	Vo	B7TL-57	TBS	H45/25F
32259	LT52WWE	Vo	B7TL-57	TBS	H45/25F



32256 just arrived from Southampton.

This is the proposed list of Enviro,s coming from Leicester - (IT MAY NOT BE 100%)

33506	LK08FKY	ADL	E40D	Ar	H41/26F
33508	LK08FLA	ADL	E40D	Ar	H41/26F
33547	SN58CFO	ADL	E40D	Ar	H41/26F
33550	SN58CFV	ADL	E40D	Ar	H41/26F
33554	SN58CGE	ADL	E40D	Ar	H41/26F
33556	SN58CGG	ADL	E40D	Ar	H41/26F
33560	SN58CGV	ADL	E40D	Ar	H41/26F
33564	SN58CHC	ADL	E40D	Ar	H41/26F
33565	SN58CHD	ADL	E40D	Ar	H41/26F
33566	SN58CHF	ADL	E40D	Ar	H41/26F

33569	SN58CHJ	ADL	E40D	Ar	H41/26F
33571	SN58CHL	ADL	E40D	Ar	H41/26F

40529/41 have been sold for scrap

### Repaints

Into new livery:

66104, 66161



66161 1st B10 into new colours.

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