



COACH SERVICES

Norfolk-based Coach Services has taken delivery of a new MCV Evolution-bodied Volvo B8RLE.

The new bus is part of the operator's ongoing replacement programme, as it standardises its fleet to Euro 6. It will be deployed on a number of local bus services and school contracts on routes in the area.

Rob Crawford, Transport Manager for Coach Services, said: "We invested in two of the same buses last year and have been extremely impressed with their performance, so a repeat purchase was inevitable



when it came to us needing another vehicle replacement as we standardise our fleet.

"We have been providing transport for Thetford and the surrounding area for more than 70 years and have a reputation to uphold, so we need to ensure the vehicles we operate are excellent quality, high

specification, and have the capacity to meet the demands of our contracts.

"The Volvo B8RLE offers all the latest passenger safety, comfort and convenience benefits, such as three-point seat belts, which were very important to the selection of this specific vehicle due to the school work.

"More than half of the vehicles within our fleet are Volvo and our experience of the product has always been excellent.

"Our Volvo Retail Bus & Coach Sales Manager, Richard Mann, took us seamlessly through the purchase and delivery process which was a pleasure when running a demanding business.

"In addition, we also know that we will get the service we require from our trusted local Volvo dealership, Volvo Truck & Bus Centre East Anglia in Thetford. It is located on the same trading estate as us and obviously this adds an enormous benefit should we need any aftersales

backup in a hurry."

Richard Mann added: "We are delighted Coach Services has once again selected Volvo to add to their existing fleet and look forward to a continued relationship between our companies."

FACT FILE

BODY/CHASSIS: MCV Evolution Volvo B8RLE
ENGINE: Euro 6 Volvo D8K 280bhp six-cylinder 7.7ltr
TRANSMISSION: ZF EcoLife six-speed
SEATS: 46
SUPPLIED BY: Volvo UK Bus 02476 210250 www.volvobuses.com/bus/uk/en-gb

CONNEXIONS BUSES

Harrogate Coach Travel, trading as Connexionsbuses, has purchased a 9.2m Euro 6 Optare Solo.

The Solo will operate on route 16, from Acomb to York City Centre.

Craig Temple, MD at Connexionsbuses said: "We have run Solos since we started business in 2002 and find them to be well suited to operation in residential urban areas and more remote rural locations, as well as being cost effective to operate.

Therefore, purchasing another Optare Solo was the obvious choice for us."

Chris Hunt, Regional Sales Manager, Optare, said: "We are delighted that the reputation and past experience of the Solo has led to Connexionsbuses decision to purchase another Solo."

FACT FILE

BODY/CHASSIS: Optare Solo
ENGINE: Mercedes-Benz Euro 6
TRANSMISSION: Allison 2100
SEATS: 31
SUPPLIED BY: Optare 08434 863200 www.optare.com



LAKESIDE COACHES

Lakeside Coaches has taken delivery of an Alexander Dennis Ltd (ADL) Enviro200 midi bus.

The vehicle is an 8.9m 29-seater which has gone straight into operation on the Whitchurch 205 Town Service, a Shropshire Council route won recently by the company.

The Enviro200 is powered by a Cummins ISBe 140 PS engine, coupled to an Allison S2100 gearbox. It takes the

investment by Lakeside Coaches in fleet additions and new facilities to well over £1m this year.

Company Director, Neal Hall, said: "We now have town centre bus routes in Ellesmere, Wem and Whitchurch, and others operating regularly between Shrewsbury and Ellesmere, so it is important that we maintain our reputation for quality vehicles and service.

"The new Whitchurch 205 circular route will operate 11 hours per day,

six days per week, so the Enviro200 is the ideal vehicle. It is stylish, a favourite with both drivers and customers, performs well consistently and has superb manoeuvrability, which is vital on this route.

"We have a continuous improvement programme throughout the business. This focusses on products, people and facilities.

"For instance, in addition to our recent vehicle acquisitions we have secured adjoining buildings and land at our Ellesmere headquarters in Shropshire and are now busy modernising and extending these to give us more workshop capacity and extra parking space."

FACT FILE

BODY/CHASSIS: Alexander Dennis Ltd Enviro200
ENGINE: Cummins ISBe 140 PS
TRANSMISSION: Allison S2100
SEATS: 29
SUPPLIED BY: Alexander Dennis 01909 551166 www.alexander-dennis.com



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