

BUS OPERATORS IN PLYMOUTH

Overview



Executive Summary

Plymouth is served by a number of bus operators. The two major operators are Plymouth Citybus Ltd and First Devon and Cornwall Ltd, who between them provide the majority of commercial local bus services in the city. Target Travel provides the majority of subsidised bus services.

Plymouth Citybus

Plymouth Citybus is the largest operator in the city and can trace its roots back to the early tramway companies established in the city in the latter decades of the 19th Century. Since late 2009 Plymouth Citybus has been part of the Go – Ahead Group based in Newcastle Upon Tyne. Citybus operates 35 local bus routes in Plymouth with a few going outside the city into Saltash and the South Hams, and in addition runs many journeys for local schools and colleges from within the city as well as from East Cornwall and West Devon. The current bus fleet is approximately 175

First Devon and Cornwall

First Devon and Cornwall has been established in Plymouth since the 1920s and from 1995 has been part of First Group based in Aberdeen. First Devon and Cornwall operates 19 local bus routes in the city many of which run beyond the city boundary to East Cornwall, West Devon and South Devon. Since 2006 First has operated the city's Park and Ride services and these have been provided commercially since late 2010. The company also runs local services from depots in Cornwall. The current fleet based in Plymouth is 111.

Target Travel

Target Travel was established in 1997 and operates 11 local bus routes, most of which are operated with financial assistance from Plymouth City Council. Target operates the Park and Ride service between The George Junction and Derriford Hospital. The current bus fleet is 20.

Western Greyhound

Western Greyhound Ltd are based at Summercourt near Newquay and the current bus fleet numbers 109. Whilst the vast majority of its routes are within Cornwall Western Greyhound runs 3 services into the city.

Stagecoach Devon

Stagecoach Devon, based in Exeter, is part of the Stagecoach Group based in Perth operates one service into, the X38, into Plymouth from Exeter. Stagecoach is the main operator in East Devon, North Devon and Torbay.

Tally Ho!

Tally Ho! Coaches based in Kingsbridge operates service 94 from Noss Mayo and Newton Ferrers into Plymouth.

St Budeaux Taxibus

Besides the conventional operators detailed above Plymouth City Council has also been a pioneer in the promotion of taxibus services. These refer to local services being operated with Hackney Carriages. The City Council currently supports the St Budeaux Taxibus. This service runs 5 days a week within the St.Budeaux & Kings Tamerton areas.