

WELCOME TO COACH & BUS UK Revolutionising Depot Allocation

We are very excited to welcome visitors to Coach & Bus UK this year. Not only do we have a brand-new stand, we also have more new technology than ever before on display.

Our most significant innovation is our next generation cloud-based Allocation System which will revolutionise depot allocation. Coach & Bus UK will give visitors the opportunity to see this entirely new system, alongside our brand new, innovative cloud-based timetable management system with integrated mapping.

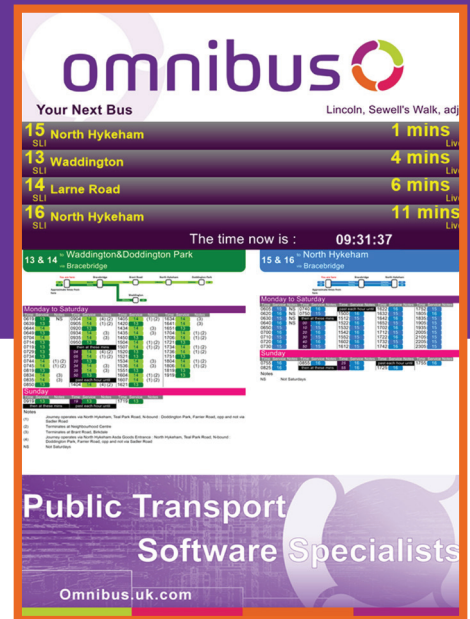
The new cloud-based systems are designed to save time, by bringing geographic information right to the heart of scheduling without switching between applications.

The new Omnibus stand will also feature exciting new bus stop displays to show the full capability of the market-leading

OmnISTOPdesign software, which is giving operators full control over their display information and brand image in an extremely intuitive and user-friendly way.

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Peter Crichton, Managing Director, Omnibus, comments, "We have spent nearly 30 years in this industry, continuously innovating and leading the way. We put our customers at the heart of every innovation, ensuring that customers remain in complete control of all Omnibus cloud-based products, with all the benefits this technology brings. We are very excited to share these latest developments with visitors to our stand at Coach & Bus UK."



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Omnibus developers are also working on adding 'internal intelligence' to all the scheduling products, to provide users with the option to automate more of the process if they choose, and also to guide them to better and more robust solutions. These features are designed to benefit advanced users, while also being accessible and valuable to those with less experience of computer scheduling.

Peter concludes: "This is a very exciting time for us and we are really looking forward to sharing our latest developments with our industry friends."

Earned Recognition status benefits Omnibus customers



Omnibus is the first software supplier reporting on domestic drivers' hours regulations for bus operators to have been declared a validated IT supplier as part of the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) Earned Recognition Scheme.

The Scheme benefits operators by enabling performance information to be shared with DVSA, such as their MOT initial pass rates and if their drivers have broken drivers' hours rules. The DVSA states that these vehicles are 'less likely to be stopped for roadside inspections, saving them time and money'.

Becoming the first validated IT supplier under the DVSA scheme is just the latest in a growing list of endorsements and accreditations achieved by Omnibus. As previously reported in OmniNEWS, Omnibus is a Corporate Member of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) and a key sponsor of Busmark, the industry benchmarking club promoting best practice.

DRIVEN BY DATA

The new bus operator in Greater Manchester, Go North West, is being supported by Omnibus as it strives to improve bus performance and reliability.

As part of the recent sale of Queen's Road Depot from First Manchester to Go North West, Omnibus was asked to use its sector expertise to review current systems and implement a suite of software aimed at improving bus performance and reliability.

Omnibus has now installed and provided training on the software tools necessary to allow Go North West to quickly plan future timetables and allocate the available bus fleet to meet customer expectations and requirements.

Omnibus applications allow the creation of efficient and accurate bus timetables, bus workings and duties and allow the operator to make ongoing changes in a quick and dynamic manner. This allows for issues such as diversions and capacity requirements to be factored in and customer information systems, such as Traveline to be instantly updated.



▲ Go North West launches as Greater Manchester's new bus operator

Peter Crichton, Managing Director, Omnibus, commented: "We were delighted to be able to support the smooth transition from one operator to another in Greater Manchester. Bus customers rightly expect reliable and consistent services and in the background our market leading software packages make that easier for operators to deliver."

He continues: "It is incredibly complicated to plan bus timetables and consistently allocate the right type of vehicle for a route as there are so many variables both known and unknown that have to be considered. Our software makes that process easier and customers in Greater Manchester can have confidence in the right bus turning up at the right time."

Omnibus was involved in detailed planning and discussions with Go North West to understand the operator's expectations. As a result, Omnibus designed bespoke solutions, transferred the previous operator's data and provided comprehensive user training.

Omnibus also installed its bus registration package, which replaces the current manual and paper-driven system with an electronic online portal, fully mapping and detailing operator requirements needed by local authorities and the Traffic Commissioner.

David Cutts, Interim Managing Director for Go North West said: "The Omnibus software and the support we have received from the team have played an important part in the transition to Go North West, particularly the implementation of the online service registration system. Omnibus' solutions are also used in some other parts of Go-Ahead and we recognise the benefits the programmes have provided to GNW. The Omnibus back office programmes make planning easier, efficient and accurate. That's great news for GNW customers as it means they can better rely on the services we provide."

OPEN DATA

Omnibus developers have been working hard behind the scenes to help customers maximise their use of Open Data, engaging fully with the Government's data programme to ensure maximum compatibility.

The team has been focusing on what users can do with their data, how they can share it and report on it, and how different systems, internal or external, can be integrated with each other.

Peter Crichton explains: "We know that Open Data is a hot topic right now and we welcome conversations with our team of data experts, either face to face on our stand at Coach and Bus UK or by telephone. By talking to each other we can work together to get the very best out of our software systems and how they work within a business."

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