

# Your Network Your Warrington

## Ticket to Ride the launch of our new Solo buses!

The long awaited Optare Solos finally hit the road on Tuesday 5th April 2011. The buses are 7.8 metres long with full width bodies. They are 25 seaters with a wheelchair/buggy space, CCTV and LED destinations all round. Some customers will recall that we had a smaller narrow width demonstrator on loan for 2 weeks before Christmas and asked for feedback. The main comments that came back were regarding the cramped size of the bus, we have therefore worked closely with Optare who have engineered a bespoke bus to Network Warrington's requirements which meet our aspirations for a bus with a roomy interior. We also specified high-backed seats and bright interior colours. A bus was demonstrated to local councillors which provided positive feedback. The official launch photos were taken by Optare and Warrington Worldwide on Friday 1st April. To launch the buses, a competition - 'Ticket to Ride' ran on Wire FM, with 10 winners chosen for the grand final which was held in the Old Market Square on Saturday 16th April, hosted by Pete Pinnington.



## Our times are changing

Network Warrington will be making a number of changes to bus services with effect from Monday 6 June 2011. Following an extensive survey of our Network, times will be changed on most services in the morning and afternoon peak periods. Some services will also have different times throughout the day to take account of increased traffic congestion across the area.

From the same date, there will also be a number of other changes to our services which are detailed below:

- Service 8 - Evening service renumbered to Service 10 and diverted via Chester Road and Gainsborough Road, also runs on Monday to Saturday evenings
- Service 12 - Evening service withdrawn by Warrington Borough Council and partially replaced by new Service 10 covering Chester Road and Gainsborough Road
- Service 17 - Extended from Westbrook Centre to Gemini Retail Park offering more buses from the Town Centre to Gemini and providing a new link from Chapelford to Gemini
- Service 29 - Revised to one bus per hour beyond Lingley Green via Westbrook and Burtonwood to Collins Green
- Services 30/32 - Evening service merged in to one route as Service 32A
- Service 31 - Daytime service reduced to hourly but extended to serve Honiton Way to provide a new shopping and Post Office link
- Service 420 - Renumbered to 22 so that all Winwick Road services are in a common series

We will also be operating additional buses on Sundays to ensure there is a regular service during shopping hours.



# People

## Network Warrington Staff Awards Evening

The annual staff awards evening took place on Saturday 7th May at Eagle Sports & Social Club. The evening included a presentation of awards by the Mayor of Warrington, a buffet and entertainment from Wire FM's Pete Pinnington.

Our pictures show winners Barrie Evans (Engineer of the Year), Phil Pearson (Manager of the Year) and Marian Krupiczojc (Driver of the Year) receiving their awards. In total, 60 drivers obtained Safe Driving Awards, amassing a staggering 206 years of collision free driving between them.



## Network Warrington staff go the extra mile for charity

Bus driver Andy Rafferty is taking on the Coast to Coast walk all in aid of charity. The walk, taking place between 25th May - 31st May, involves walking 100 miles along Hadrian's Wall. Andy, who lives in the Warrington area with his wife and 3 children, is raising money for local charity St Rocco's Hospice. Also, our very own Garage staff member Allan Billington and bus driver Billy Boyd took part in the Bupa Great Manchester Run on the 15th May raising money for the Diabetic Society and Cancer Research.



# New Fares

In common with all transport operators, we have faced increased costs since our last fares increase in 2010. Whilst we were able to absorb these increases for a period of time, unfortunately we were left with little option but to introduce new fares from Sunday 22nd May 2011. The good news is that the price of Family Day Returns was unchanged, offering even better value.

For more information on the revised fares, visit [www.networkwarrington.co.uk](http://www.networkwarrington.co.uk) or telephone **01925 634296**



## We want answers from you!

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One day's travel on  
Network Warrington  
buses costs just £3.90