



A family ethos at its heart. Seen left to right are: Steve Whiteway, Andrew Richmond, Peter Northover, Rosemary Lever & Allison Putmans

Epsom Coaches honours its retirees

Over 60 staff, family and friends joined Peter Northover and Alison Putman on the occasion of their retirement from Epsom Coaches, at a reception held at the company's Epsom headquarters. The occasion was also to commemorate the retirement in April of former Managing Director Andrew Richmond.

Both Peter and Alison had worked with Epsom Coaches as drivers, Peter looking after several major contracts during his 17 years with the company, including pioneering staff transport provision for the Epsom & St Helier NHS Trust. Alison is well known to the many clients who travel on the company's holiday programme, expertly piloting coaches across the

UK and Europe, during her seven years with Epsom. In an address, Steve Whiteway praised the high standards of professionalism and loyalty that both Peter and Alison had given and thanked them for their considerable contribution to the company's on-going success.

Commenting afterwards, he said: "I really can't do justice to the great work our staff do and when it comes to retirement, whilst well deserved, it always seems so final. The good thing is we keep in touch with all those who retire from the firm and we look forward to seeing Peter and Alison on future occasions, it was also great to see Andrew Richmond and his wife Lynn, joining us for the first time since Andrew's retirement, together with Rosemary Lever and her family who retired from our board of directors at the same time. Their contribution to the business over so many years is enormous and I look forward to continuing to build on their excellent foundation as I lead the firm into the future and its centenary in 2020."

NORTH

On Monday, September 3, Arriva's route 245 which links Altrincham, Sale, Stretford, Urmston and Flixton was extended thanks to the Better Bus Area Fund.

After Woodsend Circle in Flixton, the service now continues through to The Trafford Centre, Trafford Park, Salford Quays, Media City and Exchange Quay.

From Monday to Saturday it now operates every 30 minutes during the day, from early morning to late in the evening.

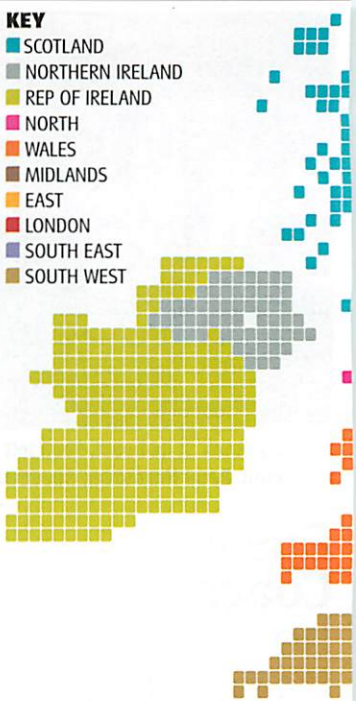
The service also provides transport links to those travelling to work in Altrincham, at Trafford General Hospital, The Trafford Centre, Media City and other destinations along the route, helping people to save on travel costs with a range of multi journey tickets to choose from.

John Rimmer, Managing Director for Arriva Manchester, said: "The 245 has always been popular and we are delighted that, with the initial support of the Better Bus Area Fund, we could extend the route and hopefully persuade more people to travel by bus. We hope our customers will find the new extended route a great addition to the bus network in South Manchester."

Alan Mitchell, Trafford Council's Executive Councillor for Highways and Environment, said: "The route now offers another public transport option for some of the thousands of people who travel into Trafford Park to work each day, as well as providing a link for visitors wanting to explore the borough, from Altrincham Town Centre to attractions such as IWM North and Promenade Park at Trafford Wharfside."

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and Wetherspoon, visitors were able to discover a good way to get to work once they have landed a job.

Alex Hornby, Commercial Director, explained: "Commuting is often a major consideration for job seekers and the event gave us a chance to highlight our services and a wide range of offers to make travelling to work easy and affordable.

"We were also delighted to be able to help so many talented people get to the jobs fair and it was fantastic to see so many of them taking the first step towards a rewarding career."

Jessica Lee MP commented: "I would like to thank trent barton for providing free transport for my jobs fair. It was of great benefit to those travelling from across Erewash.

"Also thanks to trent barton for enthusiastically participating in the