



STANFORD COACHWORKS NEWSLETTER

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A SCW THROWBACK

This month we found some fantastic pieces of Stanfords history to share with you.



OUR UNIQUE MINIBUSES

Find out more about how our unique service contributes towards our bespoke minibuses.



BOXERS IN BUILD

We have lots of new Peugeot Boxers in build for a Southern costal based local authority.

THE DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN'S RIDE - WELL DONE ADDS!

On Sunday 23rd May, our production director, Adds Hollier, took part in **The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride** from Maidstone to East Kent on his Triumph 1964 T120 Bonneville.

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride is an incredible charity that celebrated its 10th anniversary this year. The event was set up across the globe to raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer and men's mental health.



We are incredibly proud to announce that Adds raised over double his target sponsorship amount and completed his ride with £2430 in donations!

A very well done to Adds from everyone at Stanfords!



1st

Alan Hollier

£2,363 GBP



2nd

Stuart Wynne

£1,004 GBP



3rd

Ray Porter

£410 GBP

A STANFORD COACHWORKS THROWBACK

When having a spring clean earlier this month, we came across some fantastic pieces of Stanfords history. This article from a 2002 copy of Bus and Coach Buyer, shows a very young Jess & Lee with Jonny Wiggins describing the story of how Stanford Coachworks began. The article also features some great throwback photos of the SCW site from almost 20 years ago!

[Click here to read the full article now.](#)



e-SCW: ELECTRIC MINIBUSES

With the government aiming to end the sale of new petrol & diesel vans by 2040, the demand from our clients for an electric SCW minibus is on the rise.

This month we tried out a range of electric vehicles to begin sourcing the perfect base vehicle for our clients. We tested out the Volkswagen ABTe, the LDV EV80 and the Mercedes e-Sprinter. We have some exciting news regarding our future electric minibus conversions coming soon...



A NEW RENAULT TRAFIC FOR A RETURNING LOCAL CHARITY

This month, we converted another minibus for local charity Carers Choices. Carers Choices are based in Benfleet which isn't far from Stanford Coachworks so, we often have the pleasure of seeing these vehicles in use.

Formed in 1981, the charity provides a range of services enabling carers of all ages to receive respite from their caring responsibilities. Carers Choices also run a variety of specialist clubs and day centres. This includes dementia and disabled adult day centres, a young carers club and a 'Way to Work' scheme which helps carers access new opportunities by providing respite, financial help towards courses & equipment and assistance when building a CV.

Their new vehicle, based on a Renault Trafic, features our stylish wipe clean diamond stitch seating, colourful



Specification:

- Based on a Renault Trafic long wheelbase, low roof
- Alloy wheels, rear parking sensors, in-dash air con and satnav
- 7 seats including driver - 4 passenger seats in the rear plus 1 passenger seat in the front cab
- All seats upholstered in a grey wipe clean material with yellow diamond stitching and piping
- M1 tested tracked flooring overlaid with wood effect non-slip lino
- Internal tail lift
- Cant rail tracking, side wall tracking & wheelchair clamp storage box
- Eberspacher heating and air con unit
- Blue / white interior LED lighting
- Colourful exterior decors



THIS MONTH'S TOP PICK: THE LATEST SCW DEMONSTRATOR - FIAT DUCATO L4H2

This month we completed the conversion of our L4H2 Fiat Ducato demonstrator minibus. Our new demo minibus will travel all over the UK with the Stanfords sales team who will use it to showcase our bespoke conversion work to potential clients.

We try to make our demonstrator vehicles as exciting as possible, so our latest edition features vivid green exterior decors along with our exclusive low entry fold-out step finished in matching green. Inside of the minibus, we have installed 11 passenger seats in the rear saloon upholstered in an executive grey wipe clean fabric with custom green Stanfords stitching and piping. To find out more about our latest demo, read the full specification below.

Specification:

Base vehicle:

- Based on a L4H2 Fiat Ducato
- Automatic transmission

Front cab:

- Cab seat centre panels reupholstered to match rear saloon

Rear saloon:

- 12 x passenger seats - 11 x in the rear saloon, 1 x in the front cab
- M2 tested tracked floor overlaid in wood effect non-slip lino
- 11 x rear saloon passenger seats upholstered in a grey wipe clean material with green Stanfords stitching and piping
- Trimmed headrests
- Grey all age lap and diagonal seat belts
- Armrests fitted to all isle side seats
- All seats fitted with NMI removable fixings to allow space for up to 3 wheelchairs
- Wheelchair clamp storage box with matching cover
- Ricon internal tail lift
- SCW low entry double fold-out step powder coated green
- Step door warning buzzer
- 2 x side load door Abro tube grab handles powder coated green - the rear-most handle forms into an upholstered modesty screen with S logo
- Green diamond stitch centre roof panels
- Interior lined with a soft feel carpet material
- Side load door and rear door panels upholstered in matching wipe clean green material
- High level cant rail tracking with matching green covers

Heating and electrical:

- Eberspacher rear saloon heating
- Eberspacher rear saloon air conditioning
- 4 x blue / white LED centre down lights
- Automatic front passenger and side load door step lights
- High intensity LED load lamp at rear of vehicle
- White noise reversing alarm
- Rear door open warning buzzer



THE BESPOKE STANFORDS TOUCH: WHAT MAKES OUR MINIBUSES UNIQUE?

For the past 25 years, Stanford Coachworks have offered a unique and personalised service resulting in the production of entirely bespoke minibuses.

To make the process more personal, we invite clients to come and visit our site for a pre-build meeting. During this, clients get an insight into how we work.

Our specialist team

Our clients get to meet the specialist coachbuilding team entirely responsible for their conversion. The majority of the Stanfords team have been with us since we opened our doors, so they are highly experienced when it comes to providing quality minibuses.

The bespoke Stanfords touch

We want our minibuses to provide passengers with the best travel experience possible. Our clients can choose from a wide variety of coloured patterned moquettes and we can design a number of bespoke touches to represent our client's organisation. Previously, we have designed custom roof panels, side panels and modesty screens, and we have also embroidered headrests with our client's individual emblems.

This attention to detail makes our minibuses unique and the joy that it provides our clients with is apparent in their wonderful feedback. One of our long-term clients commented that, *'The attention to detail on any conversion we ask them to do is exceptional and of high quality.'*

We are proud to provide our clients with bespoke minibuses and we hope to continue for another 25 years. [Click here to read the full article.](#)



NEW PEUGEOT BOXER MINIBUSES FOR A SOUTHERN COASTAL BASED LOCAL AUTHORITY

This month we have begun converting six L2H2 and six L4H2 Peugeot Boxers for a Southern coastal-based local authority.

Each minibus has been converted to a bespoke specification specially chosen by the local authority. In all of the Peugeot Boxers, we have included brightly coloured yellow accents in the form of bespoke modesty screens, centre roof panels and cant rail tracking covers.

These colourful minibuses will be run by the local authority's passenger services department to transport vulnerable adults from their homes to specialist respite day centres. The minibuses may also be utilised to transport disabled children to and from schools across the county.

Specification

- Based on Peugeot Boxer L4H2's & L2H2's with rear reversing cameras and sensors
- Front cab seats reupholstered to match the rear saloon
- L4H2 models - Luggage pen in place of front cab passenger seat with tracking for wheelchair storage
- Lockable overhead compartment in front cab
- 14 / 7 rear saloon passenger seats reupholstered in wipe clean material with yellow S-style stitching and piping
- All seats fitted with removable seat fixings to allow space for wheelchair passengers
- Tested tracked floor overlaid with a wood effect non-slip lino
- Internal tail lift
- High level cant rail tracking, side wall tracking and wheelchair clamp storage box
- Rear saloon heater with timer
- Blue and white LED centre down lights, high-level LED rear lights and white noise reversing alarm

