



Ray Woodhouse with Phil Southall and Luke Marion

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LONG SERVING OXFORD BUS COMPANY ENGINEERING DIRECTOR RETIRES

Oxford Bus Company Engineering Director Ray Woodhouse has retired after 42 years' service.

Mr Woodhouse joined Oxford Bus Company in 1976 as an apprentice electrician and gave 15 years continuous service. He then took a two-year break to run a family business before returning to Oxford Bus Company for a further 27 years. In his second stint Mr Woodhouse moved into management and progressed to Engineering Director.

As Engineering Director Mr Woodhouse led the engineering team at Cowley House, Oxford, operating 280 buses and coaches in the region. Last year Oxford Bus Company won the 'Golden Spanner' engineering award after National Express inspectors found the buses had 'exceptional standards' and minimal break downs.

Phil Southall, Oxford Bus Company Managing Director said: "Ray was a great colleague and servant who will be missed by the team. Ray oversaw a lot of changes in the industry, with the complexity of vehicles ever changing. We wish him all the best in his retirement."

The role of Engineering Director has been merged with Operations as part of a business review and restructure. It will see Paul Hennigan become Service Delivery Director from the beginning of December.

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