

East Coast Buses celebrating their first birthday

East Coast Buses Ltd is celebrating running buses to East Lothian for a year so they had a cake!




The service was launched on 14 August 2016 and was created as a rescue package following First Scotland East Ltd's announcement that it would be ceasing operations in the area.

Since then, East Coast buses, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lothian Buses Ltd, has recorded over 3 million customer journeys and introduced a number of improvements and expansions to its local services.

These include the addition of extra buses during peak times on services 104 and 107 as well as the launch of NightHawk which provides two late night weekend services to get customers home to the County after nights out in Edinburgh.

In April 2017, after feedback from customers, East Coast Buses also brought in two brand new services (106 and X5) to help greater improve local links and reduce journey times.

 **Mark Heritage, General Manager, East Coast Buses said:** "It's been a busy and exciting year for us here at East Coast Buses and we're delighted to see so many people travelling with us across our services.

"Originally our commitment was to help protect key bus services and jobs, however the benefits have gone much further than that. The residents, commuters and local businesses of East Lothian are able to rely on our buses as part of their

daily lives and well-being and the figures show they are choosing to do so on a regular basis.

“We’re pleased our work to improve these services has been welcomed so positively and we look forward to continuing our role in the local community for years to come.”

The company marked the occasion by surprising some of its customers on their morning commute with a cupcake, while staff at the Musselburgh Garage were treated to a slice of cake on their break.