**COMS Routes 1975-1987**

As result of the VNP Viable Network Project, later becoming Market Analysis Plan (MAP) project it was decided to make more use of the fleet during off peak travel times with more use being made of depot allocated vehicles running through the City and hitherto into previous uncharted territory. This also helped to cut down on ‘dead’ mileage where vehicles had to visit central workshops at Cowley Road and be swapped for maintenance. The 1980 Transport Act also set out that unviable services should not be the responsibility of the Company to provide but the County Council to subsidise to the most cost-effective bidder, normally the incumbent operator. In order to achieve this most of the routes were renumbered to help signify the operational area of the route covered. Thus, for example, you could find an Oxford and a Witney allocated vehicle sharing the same route. This had a bigger part to play in 1987 when South Midland split away from COMS to form a separate company, the route numbers staying the same for a while. From 1994 the City route numbers were all simplified into a mainly two figure combination.

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| New Route No. | **Old Route No** | **Route & Destination** | via points |  | Later becoming |
| 5 | **34** | **Oxford-Reading** | via Wallingford | Joint with Alder Valley |  |
| 43 |  | **Oxford-Cassington-Woodstock** |  |  |  |
| 44 |  | **Oxford-Woodstock-Enstone-Chipping Norton** | Via Yarnton, Begbroke |  | 421 |
| 44B |  | **Oxford-Chipping Norton** | via Yarnton, Bladon, Woodstock |  |  |
| X50 | **44A** | **Oxford-Stratford-upo-Avon-Birmingham** | via Chipping Norton, Shipston | Joint with Midland Red |  |
| X59 |  | **Oxford-Banbury-Coventry** |  | Joint with Midland Red |  |
| 104 |  | **Oxford-Newbury** | via Boars Hill, Abingdon | Sundays only Alder Valley |  |
| 120 |  | **Oxford-Bicester Express** | to Marsh Gibbon |  |  |
| 121 |  | **Oxford-Bicester-Bletchley** |  |  |  |
| 122 |  | **Oxford-Bletchingdon-Weston-Bicester** |  |  |  |
| 123 |  | **Oxford-Kirtlington-Weston-Bicester** |  |  |  |
| 124 |  | **Oxford-Kirtlington-Heyfords-Bicester** |  |  |  |
| 125 |  | **Oxford-Kirtlington-Ardley-Bicester** |  |  |  |
| 126 |  | **Oxford-Weston-on-the-Green-Bicester** |  |  |  |
| 131 |  | **Oxford-Bicester-Buckingham-Bedford** |  | Joint with United Counties |  |
| 132 | **100** | **Bicester-Banbury** | via Bucknell, Fritwell, Aynho |  |  |
| 133 | **92** | **Bicester-Banbury** | via Fritwell, Aynho, Deddington |  |  |
| 134 |  | **Oxford-Banbury** | via Tackley, Deddington, Adderbury |  | X59 |
| 135 |  | **Bicester Town Service** | via Kings End, Anglo Estate |  |  |
| 190 |  | **Oxford-London** | Non-stop from Headington | Licensed as relief journeys |  |
| 201 | **76** | **Oxford Gloucester Green-Chalgrove-Watlington** |  |  |  |
| 202 |  | **Oxford Gloucester Green-Chalgrove-Watlington** | via Garsington |  |  |
| 203 | **73** | **Oxford-Great Milton/Cuddesdon** | via Cowley, Horspath, Littleworth |  |  |
| 210 |  | **Oxford-Baldons-Stadhampton** | via Drayton St.Leonard |  |  |
| 211 |  | **Thame-Stadhampton** | via Great Haseley, Great Milton |  |  |
| 230 | **78/79** | **Oxford-Wheatley/Thame** | via Waterperry, Worminghall,Shabbington |  |  |
| 232 |  | **Oxford Gloucester Green-Thame-High Wycombe** | via Chinnor |  |  |
| 238 |  | **Oxford-Stokenchurch-High Wycombe** | via Little Milton, Wheatley |  |  |
| 239 | **75** | **Oxford-Stokenchurch-High Wycombe** | via Tetsworth, Postcombe |  |  |
| 260 | **81** | **Thame-Chearsley-Aylesbury** | via Long Crendon,Cuddington |  |  |
| 261 |  | **Thame-Chearsley-Aylesbury** | via Chiltern Vale Estate |  |  |
| 262 |  | **~~Thame~~ Aylesbury Town Service** |  |  |  |
| 280 | **82** | **Kidlington The Moors-Oxford-Aylesbury** | via Thame & Haddenham | via Kidlington High St | 21 |
| 281 |  | **Kidlington Evans Lane-Oxford-London Rd.Est’s.** | via Sandhills & Risinghurst | via The Moors | 22 |
| 282 |  | **Kidlington The Moors-Oxford-Aylesbury** | via Haddenham Crown | via Kidlington High St | 21B |
| 283 |  | **Kidlington Evans Lane-Oxford-Aylesbury** | via Haddenham Crown | via The Moors |  |
| 290 |  | **Oxford-High Wycombe-Beaconsfield-London** | Via Uxbridge,Stokenchurch,Wheatley |  |  |
| 301 | **3** | **Wantage-Oxford-Minchery Farm** |  |  | 16 |
| 302 |  | **Didcot-Oxford-Minchery Farm** | Also started from Wantage? |  | 35A |
| 311 |  | **Oxford-AERE Harwell-Didcot-Clifton Hampden** | via Rowstock, Harwell Village |  |  |
| 312 | **12** | **Oxford-Newbury** | via Abingdon | Joint with Alder Valley 112 |  |
| 314 |  | **Oxford-?** |  |  |  |
| 323 |  | **Abingdon-Blewbury** |  |  |  |
| 338 |  | **Oxford Glouc. Green-Bicester-Brackley-Northampton** |  | Joint with United Counties |  |
| 370 |  | **Abingdon-Marcham-Faringdon** | via Grove, Wantage, |  |  |
| ??? |  | **Wantage-Faringdon** |  |  |  |
| 370 |  | **Reused for Abingdon town service** |  |  |  |
| 380 |  | **Oxford-Abingdon-Bristol-Weston-Super-Mare** | via Marcham,Grove,Wantage,Swindon | Saturdays only |  |
| 390 |  | **Oxford-Wallingford-Henley-Maidenhead-London** | Via Abingdon-Heathrow Airport |  |  |
| 420 | **44** | **Woodstock-Oxford-Wood Farm** |  |  |  |
| 421 | **44** | **Chipping Norton-Oxford-Wood Farm** | via Charlbury, Woodstock |  |  |
| 433 | **46 part** | **Chipping Norton-Bicester** |  |  |  |
| 434 | **49/56** | **Chipping Norton-Milton-under-Wychwood** |  |  |  |
| 435 |  | **Chipping Norton-Bledington** | via Churchill, Lyneham |  |  |
| 436 |  | **Chipping Norton-Bledington** | via Churchill, Kingham |  |  |
| 437 | **45** | **Chipping Norton-Stow-on-the-Wold** | via Salford, Oddington |  |  |
| 438 | **45** | **Chipping Norton-Stow-on-the-Wold** | via Bledington, Kingham |  |  |
| 439 | **47** | **Chipping Norton-Moreton-in-Marsh** | via Salford |  |  |
| 440 | **57** | **Fulbrook/Carterton-Oxford-Rose Hill** | via Witney, Eynsham |  |  |
| 441 | **53** | **Witney-Oxford** |  |  |  |
| 442 |  | **Burford-Witney-Eynsham-Oxford-Rose Hill** | via Farmoor, Botley Road |  |  |
| 443 |  | **North Hinksey-Oxford-Rose Hill** |  |  |  |
| 466 | **66** | **Oxford Gloucester Green-Faringdon-Swindon** |  | Joint with Bristol Omnibus |  |
| 467 |  | **Oxford Gloucester Green-Faringdon-Swindon** | Variant of 466 | Joint with Bristol Omnibus |  |
| 469 |  | **Witney-Faringdon** |  | Connections to Swindon |  |
| 470 |  | **Witney-Oxford** | Via Ducklington, Stanton Harcourt, Eynsham, A40 |  |  |
| 471 |  | **Oxford-?** |  |  |  |
| 501 |  | **Rail Station-Oxford Blackbird Leys** | via Knights Road, Pegasus Road | anti-clockwise | 51 |
| 502 |  | **Rail Station-Oxford Blackbird Leys** | via Balfour Road, Pegasus Road | clockwise | 52 |
| 503 |  | **Abingdon-Radley-Oxford-Cowley-Blackbird Leys** | via Knights Road, Pegasus Road |  |  |
| 504 |  | **Oxford-Cowley-Leyland Works (Parts & K.D.)** |  |  |  |
| 505 |  | **Oxford-Cowley-Leyland Works (Gate 5)** |  |  |  |
| 506 |  | **Oxford-Iffley Road-Leyland Works (Parts & K.D.)** |  |  |  |
| 510 |  | **Abingdon-Wootton-Oxford-Blackbird Leys** | via Boars Hill, Knights Road |  | 311, 312 (Ab-Boars Hill-Ox) |
| 510 |  | **Reused for a Berinsfield route by 1978** |  | Probably replacing 512, 513 |  |
| 511 |  | **Oxford-Cowley-Minchery Farm** |  |  | 56, later 16 |
| 512 |  | **Abingdon-Bayworth-Oxford-Berinsfield-Wallingford** |  |  |  |
| 513 |  | **Abingdon-Wootton-Oxford-Berinsfield-Wallingford** |  |  |  |
| 520 |  | **Woodstock Road-Oxford-Wood Farm** |  |  |  |
| 521 |  | **Wolvercote-Walton Street-Oxford-Wood Farm** |  |  |  |
| 522 |  | **Wolvercote-Woodstock Rd.-Oxford-Wood Farm** |  |  |  |
| 523 |  | **Rail Station-Oxford-Wood Farm** |  |  |  |
| 540 |  | **Cowley-Rose Hill-Oxford-North Hinksey** | via Westminster Way |  |  |
| 541 |  | **Cowley-Rose Hill-Oxford-North Hinksey** | via Cumnor Hill |  |  |
| 542 |  | **Faringdon-Appleton-Cumnor-Oxford-Rose Hill** | via Southmoor |  |  |
| 543 |  | **Faringdon-Abingdon-Cumnor-Oxford-Rose Hill** | via Southmoor |  |  |
| 550 |  | **Horspath Road-New Hinksey-Oxford-Woodstock Rd** | via Cowley |  |  |
| 551 |  | **Miltons-Cuddesdon-New Hinksey-Oxford-Wolvercote** | via Wheatley, Cowley, Walton St. |  |  |
| 552 |  | **Horspath Road-New Hinksey-Oxford-Wolvercote** | via Cowley,Woodstock Rd |  |  |
| 560 |  | **Outer Circle-Rail Station-Summertown-J.R.Hospital** | via Summertown, Marston, | clockwise | 10 |
| 561 |  | **Outer Circle-Rail Station-Summertown-J.R.Hospital** | via Summertown, Marston, | anticlockwise | 40C, 10A |
| 562 |  | **Outer Circle-Cowley-New Hinksey-Oxford-Headington** | via Summertown, Marston, | Evenings/Sundays |  |
| 563 |  | **Outer Circle (Evenings and Sundays)** | Reverse of 562 |  |  |
| 565 |  | **Cowley Centre-Leyland Works** |  |  |  |
| 570 |  | **Northway-J.R.Hospital-Old Marston-Oxford-Abingdon** | via Radley |  | 35 |
| 571 |  | **Sutton Courtney-Milton-Abingdon-Oxford-Marston** | via Radley, Drayton, Northway |  | 35 |
| 572 |  | **Steventon-Milton-Abingdon-Oxford-Marston** | via Radley, Drayton, Northway |  |  |
| 573 |  | **Sutton Courtney-Milton-Abingdon-Oxford-Marston** | via Hinksey Hill, Drayton |  |  |
| 574 |  | **Sutton Courtney-Milton-Abingdon-Oxford-Marston** | via A34, Drayton |  |  |
| 575 |  | **Drayton-Abingdon Schools-Radley-Oxford** | via Sutton Courtney |  |  |
| 578 |  | **Marston-Cowley(Leyland Works)** | via Headington |  |  |
| 579 |  | **Abingdon-Cowley(Leyland Works)** | via Ring Road |  |  |
| 580 |  | **Harboard Road-Cutteslowe-Oxford-Barton East** | via Stowford Road |  |  |
| 581 |  | **Harboard Road-Cutteslowe-Oxford-Barton West** | via Stowford Road |  |  |
| 582 |  | **Cutteslowe-Oxford-Marston-Barton East** | via Headington, Stowford Road |  |  |
| 583 |  | **Cutteslowe-Oxford-Marston-Barton West** | via Headington, Stowford Road |  |  |
| 584 |  | **Cutteslowe-Oxford-Marston-?** |  | Evenings |  |
| 590 |  | **Park & Ride, Woodstock Road, Oxford, Abingdon Road** | Pear Tree-Redbridge |  |  |
| 591 |  | **Park & Ride, Abingdon Road, Oxford, Botley Road** | Redbridge-Seacourt |  | 590 (Redbridge), 595 (Seacourt) |
| 594 |  | **Park & Ride, Botley Road, Oxford, Abingdon Road** | Seacourt-Redbridge |  | 590 (Redbridge), 595 (Seacourt) |
| 595 |  | **Park & Ride, Botley Road, Oxford, Headington** | Seacourt-Thornhills | Started around 1982 so it qualifies |  |
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