

Metrolink Light Rail Vehicles

The Manchester Metrolink light-rail vehicles have carried a number of stick-on type names since introduction. Most have been in return for sponsorship deals, while others have been named after Manchester area people or local places. Several 'official' naming ceremonies have been held, while other plates have been applied by Queens Road depot without ceremony. The list below, in alphabetical order, details the names carried by each vehicle and details of application and special events associated with the namings. All plates are of the same style and only a selection are illustrated. Dates of application and removal are not documented by Metrolink.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL I

Tram number: 1001. Twinning of Manchester Metrolink with hospital appeal. Application of plates donated by Metrolink.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL APPEAL II

Tram number: 1003. Twinning of Manchester Metrolink with hospital appeal. Application of plates donated by Metrolink.

KERRY

Tram number: 1012. Named after Kerry Rooney to mark her 30th birthday following a request put forward by Kerry's husband as a surprise. Named at Altrincham station by Kerry Rooney on 29/09/95.



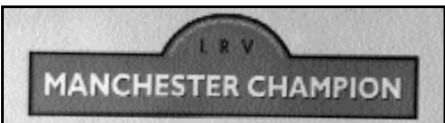
MANCHESTER ARNDALE VOYAGER

Tram number: 1002. Advertising of Manchester's Arndale shopping centre, sponsored by P&O Shopping Centres. Name changed to 'Manchester Champion'



MANCHESTER CHAMPION

Tram number: 1002. Twinning of Metrolink with Central Manchester Development Corporation. Previously named 'Manchester Arndale Voyager'



ROSIE

Tram number: 1017. Named to twin Metrolink with Red Rose Forest

SIR MATT BUSBY

Tram number: 1018. Named after Sir Matt Busby, one of Manchester's most famous people by Sir Bobby Charlton at the Metrolink Queens Road depot on 14/12/95. Previously named 'The High Flyer'



SPARKY

Tram number: 1015. Advertising name, sponsored by Marks & Spencer Ltd

THE CITY OF DRAMA

Tram number: 1014. Applied in support of Manchester's City of Drama festival

THE CHRISTIE METRO CHALLENGER

Tram number: 1025. Twinning name applied by Metrolink in sponsorship with hospital appeal

THE CO-OPERATIVE INSURANCE

Tram number: 1009. Advertising name, sponsored by Co-operative Insurance Services

THE DAVID GRAHAM C.B.E.

Tram number: 1020. Named after David Graham CBE of Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive



THE ERIC BLACK

Tram Number: 1019. Named after Eric Black, Chief

Executive of Metrolink who joined the company at an early stage and was one of the main people responsible for the system seen today

THE FUSILIER

Tram number: 1013. Applied to twin Metrolink with the Fusiliers based at Bury



THE GRAHAM ASHWORTH

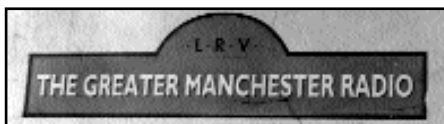
Tram number: 1022. Name unveiled at Queens Road depot on 27/11/96 by actor Ken Morley in honour of environmental champion Professor Graham Ashworth, chief executive for 'Going for Green'

THE GREATER ALTRINCHAM ENTERPRISE

Tram number: 1005. Twinning of Metrolink with Greater Altrincham Enterprise

THE GREATER MANCHESTER RADIO

Tram number: 1021. Advertising and twinning of Metrolink with local Manchester radio station



THE GUINNESS RECORD BREAKER

Tram number: 1007. Advertising name applied to promote Guinness Publishing, publishers of Guinness Book of Records



THE HIRE FLYER

Tram number: 1018. Named The Hire Flyer. Named as part of a sponsorship deal with HSS Hire shops. Renamed 'Sir Matt Busby'

THE JOHN GREENWOOD

Tram number: 1024. Named in honour of John Greenwood, one of the founders of GM buses

THE MANCHESTER AIRPORT

Tram number: 1008. Sponsorship name to advertise Manchester Airport

THE MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS

Tram number: 1022. Sponsorship name to advertise Manchester Evening News

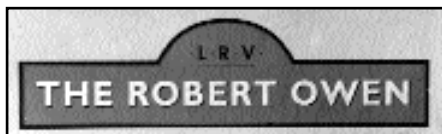


THE POWER

Tram number: 1026. Sponsorship name to advertise Norweb PLC

THE ROBERT OWEN

Tram number: 1004. Named in sponsorship deal with Co-operative Bank. Founder of the Co-operative movement



SPONSORED BY TESCO

Tram number: 1011. Named in sponsorship deal with Tesco supermarkets

