

# BUS CO GAINS TRAINING AWARD

The managers responsible for training and staff development at Plymouth Citybus have received a finalist award from Go Skills, the Sector Skills Council for Public Transport. As the top bus company within the large company category, the accolade recognised the high quality of training offered to make a difference to both individuals and the performance of the bus operator. The main successes have been the Driver CPC training and the provision of NVQ Level 2 and 3 programmes. The company expects to become an NVQ centre within the next few months.

The company's MD Andrew Wickham, who took the operation for new owners the Go Ahead Group in December, said that he was delighted that the hard work of the training team had been recognised.

“With close to 500 drivers, engineering and administrative personnel the role of training and development is vital to the operation,” said Andrew Wickham. “Few people outside of the industry realise that drivers not only receive around 7 weeks of training when they start their career but also additional training throughout the year.”

**Photo caption: (From left)** MD Andrew Wickham with Traffic Manager Brian George, Driving School Trainer Bert Symons and Recruitment Manager Debbie Hicks.

