

A new Arriva bus has been unveiled bearing the name of Wanderers manager Gareth Ainsworth.



The bus company has launched a fleet of five new single-decker low-carbon vehicles and launched a regional campaign to find suitable local heroes to whom the buses would be dedicated.

Ainsworth was selected for his outstanding achievements as a player and manager at Wycombe Wanderers, winning promotion as captain in 2011 and leading the club to Wembley in last season's play-offs.

He said: "It's extremely humbling to be honoured in this way and I'm very touched to have been recognised by the people of High Wycombe.

"We've been through some tough times as a club but it's nice that people can appreciate what we're trying to do to give the town a football club to be proud of, on and off the pitch.

"This honour is for the whole of Wycombe Wanderers - for every player who's kicked a ball, every fan who's shouted from the terrace and every member of staff who's played their part."

Also recognised at the unveiling were Dr Frances Alexander - head of the Wycombe Environment Centre, Peter Cartwright - former county councillor, district councillor and mayor, and Ricki Akhter Hussein, who was selected for his charity and volunteer work as well as being a former councillor and deputy mayor.

A fifth bus has been named after the Earl of Beaconsfield and two-time prime minister Benjamin Disraeli.