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## **CLOUD-CONNECTED WHEELY-SAFE SYSTEM PAYS OFF FOR ANGELA COACHES**

Angela Coaches has hailed the benefits of Wheely-Safe technology, after the cloud-connected system spared the public transport operator a costly breakdown.

The Southampton-based company has Wheely-Safe Connect fitted to its Beulas VDL 44-seat coach that it uses for a variety of tours across Europe.

The latest generation wheel loss detection, brake & hub temperature monitoring, and intelligent tyre pressure monitoring system (TPMS) brings the ability for upgraded Wheely-Safe sensors to feed data not just to the driver in the cab, but to the transport team back at base too.

Robert Pressley, Managing Director, Angela Coaches, says: “We’ve been trialling the system on our touring coach since last summer and it’s been very impressive. It allows us to stay on top of the pressures in the tyres and alert the driver quickly if there’s a problem.

“Recently we had a tour group in France, and an underinflated inner tyre was flagged by the sensors. Our workshop manager was able to let the driver know, who then pulled up safely, checked the tyre and resolved the problem. Left unchecked, we’d have been looking at a flat tyre, and a coach full of passengers pulled up on the side of the road. That would have been a huge inconvenience to our customers and an expensive call out to get the coach back on the road.”

Angela Coaches also has two standalone Wheely-Safe systems, with driver alerts, fitted to smaller midi coaches, with a view to rolling out the technology across more of its fleet in the coming months.

The move to install Wheely-Safe technology came after the business experienced the impact a wheel-loss incident can have first-hand.

“A couple of years ago a wheel came off one of our coaches and that’s something we never want to happen again,” adds Robert. “The Wheely-Safe system gives us peace of mind that we’ll know about any issues before it’s too late.

“Safety is always the number one priority for a passenger transport company, but this technology also brings added benefits such as improving fuel consumption and reducing any tyre-related downtime. It really pays for itself.”

Angela Coaches has been serving the south coast of England since 1953. The business operates a luxury fleet of vehicles from its privately owned company headquarters in Southampton.

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**Notes to editor:**

Wheely-Safe is an automotive technology business founded in 2010 by two lifelong friends – Gary Thomas, a Director of his own transport compliance consultancy, and Gary Broadfield, a Director of Technology and serial inventor for a large Japanese electronics manufacturer. Together they brought the marriage of skills required to help solve wheel loss issues in the automotive sector, and to tackle the huge number of vehicles driving every day on under-inflated tyres. The early years of Wheely-Safe concentrated on attaining worldwide patent protection and technology small enough to fit near the wheels of all vehicle types, from cars and vans to trucks and trailers – with its first products launched into the market during 2018, and a second generation following in 2022. For more information please visit: [www.wheely-safe.com](http://www.wheely-safe.com)

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