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# Bus fun and more, galore at free event

We have been flooded with thanks and lovely feedback about our fun-packed, free, Family Fun Day at our Gateshead Riverside super depot at the weekend.

Around 1,300 local people joined us for the event and we are overwhelmed by just how popular it was and how much everyone enjoyed it.

There were buses to explore, teacups to ride, bouncy castles to be bounced on, hoola-hoopers to marvel at, a bubbleologist, a face painter and music from Metro Radio.

Children enjoyed dressing-up, playing games and a chance to see their name

in lights on the front of a Castles Express bus.

The event was completely free and included unlimited complimentary ice cream and coffee. Visitors could even try driving a bus round a challenge course.

Many people took a behind-the-scenes tour of the £8.5m depot – which is the region's biggest and busiest. This included a look at our control room and a ride on a double-decker through the bus wash.

Vicky Eager, from Fenham in Newcastle, attended with her daughters Jessica and Faye. She said: "I saw a notice about the family event on Facebook so we came along. It's been absolutely brilliant."

Managing director of Go North East Kevin Carr said: "We may be known for our buses but we're very much a people business and love being at the heart of communities across the North East. This event was a chance for our customers and staff to come and enjoy some fun on us. I'm so pleased with how popular the event has been."

**Here's just a few things you had to say about the event:**

*Thank you for an amazing day! The staff were really friendly and helpful. Thoroughly enjoyed the fun day. Thank you again.* Richard Young.

*Well done everyone at Go North East. My little lad's day was made seeing his name on the front of the Castles Express.* Gerald Hirst.

*Brilliant day today. Thank you.* Paul Emmerson.

*We had such a great time, the little one loved every minute of it. There was so much to do and the staff were really friendly. Well done everyone at Go North East.* Cherry Lee.

*Had a fantastic day today. I hope you will do more fun days like this. It made a brilliant family day out. Big high five to Go North East.* Rachel MacDonald.

*Went to your family fun day today, my two children and my boyfriend really*

*enjoyed it. Everyone seemed to be having fun and enjoying the day. I hope to see another event planned in the future.* Moran Oliver.

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