

Local Transport Officer's Report - 10 March 2021.

Both bus and train services continue to operate only by virtue of substantial government funding. In the case of train services these are directly managed by the Department for Transport, whilst bus service funding is channelled through the county council (or equivalent body elsewhere).

Despite the Prime Minister's announcement of the 'Roadmap for Recovery', with the return of schools and colleges on Monday 8 March and the 'Stay at Home' order in place until at least Monday 29 March, there is little information available at local level about what services will operate during the progressive easing of lockdown restrictions. What follows is a summary of the current local situation.

Buses:

First in Norfolk & Suffolk ('Ipswich Reds') will continue to operate the modified timetables which have been in place since 30 August or 25 October last year. Services being operated are:-

Ipswich Reds 64, 65 & 63	Aldeburgh - Leiston - Saxmundham - Wickham Market - Rendlesham - Woodbridge & Melton - Martlesham - Ipswich town centre including 63 to & from Framlingham	Download your PDF timetable and map from 30th August 2020
Mainline 66 & 66A	Martlesham Heath (66A) - Martlesham - BT/Adastral Park - Grange Farm - Kesgrave - Ipswich town centre - Ipswich Rail Station up to every 10 minutes , 7 days a week	Download your PDF timetable and map from 25th October 2020
Felixstowe Flyers 75, 77 & X7	Felixstowe - The Trimleys - Ipswich Hospital - Ipswich town centre up to four times an hour, 7 days a week	Download your PDF timetable and map from 30th August 2020
Stowmarket Swift 88	Stowmarket - Needham Market - Claydon - and Ipswich town centre up to every 30 minutes	Download your PDF timetable and map from 28th June 2020
Village Links 59	Ipswich - Chelsworth Avenue - Rushmere St Andrew and onto Playford & The Bealings	Download your PDF timetable and map from 25th October 2020
Village Links 70 & 70A	Ipswich - Tuddenham St Martin - Grundisburgh - Woodbridge with some journeys including Charsfield - Dallinghoo - Bredfield - Hasketon	Download your PDF timetable and map from 25th October 2020
Village Links 71	Orford peak journey only - Sutton Heath (Rock Barracks) - Melton Rail Station - Woodbridge (for buses to Ipswich or Felixstowe)	Download your PDF timetable and map from 25th October 2020
Village Links 73	Woodbridge - Martlesham - Bucklesham - The Trimleys - Felixstowe - Old Felixstowe	Download your PDF timetable and map from 25th October 2020

Village Links 78 & 79	Levington - Nacton - Ipswich Waldringfield - Newbourne - Bucklesham - Ipswich	Download your PDF timetable and map from 25th October 2020
Village Links 116	Ipswich - Coddendam - Debenham	Download your PDF timetable and map from 25th October 2020
Ipswich Park & Ride 800	London Road P&R - Ipswich town centre - Ipswich Hospital - Martlesham P&R	Suspended from 25th January 2021

In an industry-leading development, real-time information on when your next bus is due, and how many seats are available, can be found at <https://www.firstgroup.com/tech-bus/first-bus-app>, as well as can activating multiple tickets at the same time from the same mTickets account. First Bus continues to encourage cashless payments, and use of the First Bus App to purchase mTickets, to reduce the need for contact between customers and drivers and avoid using cash would be appreciated.

Ipswich Buses:

Details of town services within Ipswich are available at <https://www.ipswichbuses.co.uk/timetables>.

Trains:

The situation on Greater Anglia trains is perhaps less clear. The detail timetables at <https://www.greateranglia.co.uk/timetables> do not appear to reflect the situation that appears on their website today (9 March), viz:-

Locations affected: GA Network.

Dates: Monday 25 January 2021 to Saturday 11 September 2021.

Greater Anglia service reductions – Until further notice.

Unless affected by pre-existing engineering work, where the service will remain as planned - see Service Alteration page - the following reductions in service will apply.

***Unfortunately, due to these late changes, information in Journey Planning systems may not be accurate until 48hrs prior to your journey. Please check before you travel. ***

Intercity route:

All week - An hourly **Norwich to Liverpool St.** service will operate.

Great Eastern routes: Mondays to Fridays - A Saturday style timetable will be in operation on:

Liverpool St. to Southend Vic / Braintree/ Colchester Town / Ipswich / Clacton-on-Sea, and

Wickford to Southminster, Marks Tey to Sudbury, Colchester to Walton-on-the-Naze, and Manningtree to Harwich Town routes.

In addition, (up to and including Thursday 1st April) between 0900-1500 this will be reduced to a 2 hourly service on the:

Wickford to Southminster, Marks Tey to Sudbury, Colchester to Walton-on-the-Naze, and Manningtree to Harwich Town branch lines.

Saturdays - (up to and including Saturday 27th March)

A 2 hourly service will operate on the: **Wickford to Southminster, Marks Tey to**

Sudbury, Colchester to Walton-on-the-Naze, and Manningtree to Harwich Town branch lines.

Sundays - (up to and including Sunday 28th March)

A 2 hourly service will operate on the: **Wickford to Southminster, Witham to Braintree, Marks Tey to Sudbury, Thorpe-le-Soken to Walton-on-the-Naze, and Manningtree to Harwich Town** branch lines.

Regional routes:

Mondays to Fridays - (up to and including Thursday 1st April)

Between 0900-1500 a 2 hourly off-peak service will operate on the: **Norwich to Cambridge/ Stansted Airport, Norwich to Sheringham, Norwich to Great Yarmouth, and Ipswich to Felixstowe** routes.

There will be strategic cancellations throughout the day on the: **Norwich to Lowestoft, and Ipswich to Lowestoft, and Ipswich to Cambridge** routes.

The 2 hourly **Ipswich to Peterborough** service is unchanged.

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There will be strategic cancellations throughout the day on the: **Norwich to Lowestoft, and Ipswich to Lowestoft** routes.

The **Ipswich to Cambridge** route will be reduced to 2 trains every 3 hours.

The 2 hourly **Ipswich to Peterborough** service is unchanged.

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The **Ipswich to Cambridge** route will be reduced to 2 trains every 3 hours.

The 2 hourly **Ipswich to Peterborough** service is unchanged.

West Anglia routes

Mondays to Fridays -

The **Stansted Express** route will be operating a reduced service of 2 or 3 trains per hour.

In the peak **Cambridge/ Cambridge Nth to Liverpool Street** will be reduce to 2 trains per hour. **Kings Lynn to Liverpool Street** services will be reduce to 1 train in either direction.

Bishop Stortford to Stratford and Meridian Water to Stratford routes will be reduced to an hourly off-peak service with some additional cancellations during the peaks.

Saturdays -

The **Stansted Express** route will be operating a reduce service of 2 trains per hour.

Bishops Stortford to Stratford, and Meridian Water to Stratford routes will be reduced to an hourly service.

Sundays-

The **Stansted Express** route will be operating a reduced service of 2 trains per hour.

Meridian Water to Stratford route will be reduce to an hourly service.

Conclusion: It remains difficult for your Local Transport Officer to provide any detailed up-to-date information.