

Bus Passenger News

December 2022/January 2023

Bus Passenger News provides information on forthcoming changes to local bus services in Essex. A summary of each change is provided as it is not possible to publish every change in detail.

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Route & Operator Changes

Service	Route & Operator	Summary of Changes	Start Date
1	Rayleigh – Southend <i>Arriva</i>	Minor changes to the timetable.	11/12/2022
3	Chelmsford – Southend <i>First Buses</i>	Revised route and timetable.	03/01/2023
6-6A-6B	Point Clear – Clacton <i>Hedingham & Chambers</i>	Revised timetable to include reduction in frequency. Please refer to operator website for further details. www.hedinghamandchambers.co.uk/services	01/01/2023
22 (Thurrock)	Aveley – Grays <i>Ensignbus</i>	Revised timetable.	03/01/2023
33 (Thurrock)	Grays – Chafford Hundred <i>Ensignbus</i>	Revised timetable.	03/01/2023
39	Witham – Witham <i>First Buses</i>	New Saturday service.	07/01/2023
40	Witham (Aldi) – Ebenezer Close <i>First Buses</i>	Revised Saturday timetable with all journeys starting and finishing in either Newland Street or Collingwood Road.	07/01/2023



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42A	Bishop's Stortford – Chelmsford <i>First Buses</i>	The Monday to Friday service will now run on schooldays only and the Sunday route in Bishop's Stortford has been revised to serve the new interchange Stop E.	21/12/2022
44 (Thurrock)	Lakeside – Grays <i>Ensignbus</i>	Revised timetable.	03/01/2023
49	Basildon – Brentwood County High School <i>NIBS Buses</i>	Temporary timetable from this year now made permanent for 2023 - journey from Basildon, Watermill departing at 0708 and arriving to Brentwood County High School at 0815. Return journey from 1515 arriving into Basildon, Watermill at 1603.	01/01/2023
66 (Thurrock)	Grays – Chadwell <i>Ensignbus</i>	Revised timetable.	03/01/2023
73-73A (Thurrock)	Lakeside – Tilbury <i>Ensignbus</i>	Revised Timetable.	03/01/2023
74	Clacton – Colchester <i>Heddingham & Chambers</i>	Revised timetable includes permanent withdrawal of 17.33 journey from Clacton to Colchester Monday to Saturdays.	01/01/2023
83 (Thurrock)	Lakeside – Chadwell <i>Ensignbus</i>	Revised timetable.	03/01/2023
87	Brightlingsea – Great Horkesley <i>First Buses</i>	Revised timetable.	03/01/2023
88	Colchester – Halstead or Great Yeldham <i>Heddingham & Chambers</i>	The commercial service 88 will have a reduced frequency. This includes the removal of some journeys to/from Great Yeldham.	01/01/2023
88-88A-88B	Colchester – Halstead <i>First Buses</i>	Minor revised timetable and includes journey at 14.40 will become service 88 additional journey from Quilters Lane to Colchester at 07.57.	03/01/2023
88-88A-88C (Thurrock)	Grays – Stifford Clays <i>Ensignbus</i>	Revised timetable.	03/01/2023
89	Braintree – Great Yeldham <i>Heddingham & Chambers</i>	Adjustments to timetable. Includes formal removal of some journeys which haven't been operating under current special timetable.	01/01/2023
313/314	Great Dunmow – Saffron Walden <i>Stephensons of Essex</i>	Original route reinstated due to completion of roadworks, which have hit a slight delay from planned re-opening of November. Now expected late-December, due to recent wet weather and activities simply taking longer than planned. Revised reopening now 21 December.	21/12/2022
132	Colchester – Braintree <i>Arriva</i>	New service operating Monday - Sunday between Colchester – Braintree twice daily.	11/12/2022

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133	Stansted Airport – Braintree <i>Arriva</i>	Revised timetable. Services between Braintree - Colchester have been removed and are replaced with Service 132.	11/12/2022
136-137	Clacton – Circular via Factory Outlet Village <i>Heddingham & Chambers</i>	Revised timetable and includes reduction in frequency on services 136 and 137. Please refer to operator website for further details. No change to the Sunday timetable. www.heddinghamandchambers.co.uk/services	01/01/2023
414	Felsted – Saffron Walden <i>Stephensons of Essex</i>	Original route reinstated due to completion of roadworks.	16/12/2022
431	Blackmore – Shenfield High School <i>NIBS Buses</i>	Temporary timetable from this year now made permanent for 2023.	01/01/2023
434-436	High Ongar – Shenfield High School <i>NIBS Buses</i>	Minor route and timetable changes.	01/01/2023
473	Ongar – Brentwood County High School <i>NIBS Buses</i>	Minor route and timetable adjustments.	01/01/2023
475	Stanford-le-Hope – Brentwood County High School <i>NIBS Buses</i>	Temporary timetable from this year now made permanent for 2023.	01/01/2023
485	Mountnessing – St Martins School <i>NIBS Buses</i>	Formal withdrawal of service currently suspended due to Covid-19.	01/01/2023
503	Althorne – South Woodham Ferrers <i>Stephensons of Essex</i>	Revised route and. Departs from Althorne and connects with 504 at Old Wickford Road.	05/01/2023
504	Wickham Bishops – Southend High School for Girls <i>Stephensons of Essex</i>	Revised route and timetable.	05/01/2023
593	Althorne – South Woodham Ferrers <i>Stephensons of Essex</i>	Formal withdrawal of service currently suspended due to Covid-19.	04/01/2023
637	South Woodham Ferrers – Chelmsford <i>Stephensons of Essex</i>	Formal withdrawal of service currently suspended due to Covid-19.	23/12/2022

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673	Wickham Bishops – Chelmsford <i>Stephensons of Essex</i>	Formal withdrawal of service currently suspended due to Covid-19.	23/12/2022
701 (Sandon P&R)	Sandon P&R – Sandon P&R <i>Vectare</i>	Revised Timetable.	03/01/2023
702 (Chelmer Valley P&R)	Chelmer Valley P&R – Chelmer Valley P&R <i>Vectare</i>	Revised Timetable.	03/01/2023
Basildon Surgery Shuttle	Basildon, George Hurd Centre – Basildon, Asda <i>Basildon Community Transport</i>	New minibus service for medical appointments in the Basildon area. Contact Basildon Community Transport to pre-book, no membership required - 01268 465 858.	03/01/2023
S1	Highwoods – Wivenhoe <i>First Buses</i>	Minor variation and additional journey Monday to Friday at 22.15 from Wivenhoe to Colchester.	03/01/2023
TCT1 (Colchester Hospital Hopper)	Flexible Areas in Tendring – Hospitals in Colchester <i>Tendring Community Transport</i>	Revised timetable with some journeys removed.	10/01/2023
X76	Jaywick – Colchester <i>Heddingham & Chambers</i>	Revised timetable to include reduction in frequency. Please refer to operator website for further details. www.heddinghamandchambers.co.uk/services	01/01/2023

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Common Registration Dates

As part of the Enhanced Partnership between Essex County Council (ECC) and Local Bus Operators a set of Common Registration Dates has been agreed each year for new registrations, variations and cancellations. These change dates align with the Essex County Council Academic Calendar (start and end of each school term/half term) and will allow better co-ordination when updating roadside printed publicity. It will also limit the number of times a particular bus corridor can change in quick succession.

The agreed change dates for 2023 are:

- Sunday 01 January
- Sunday 19 February
- Sunday 16 April
- Sunday 04 June
- Sunday 23 July
- Sunday 03 September
- Sunday 29 October

(Change dates are permitted in the full week after the Sunday, to allow for special day services to commence e.g. 'Tuesdays only').