

Bus Passenger News

February/March 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.

If you would like further information about a particular service contact the bus operator, Essex County Council or visit www.traveline.info. Contact details for bus operators are available from www.essex.gov.uk/publictransport.

Did you know? Bus Passenger News is also available as part of our free Transport & Travel Update, which informs readers of road closures/incidents affecting bus services, offers and news. To manage your subscription to the Transport & Travel Update visit www.essexhighways.org/bus-timetable-changes or see the back page.

Route & Operator Changes

Service	Route & Operator	Summary of Changes	Start Date
16	Wickford – St Lukes (Runwell) <i>First Buses</i>	Service withdrawn. This will be replaced by the X10 which will divert via St Lukes and will also connect with Wickford Train Station in the Am and PM Peak periods.	19/02/2023
17	Leigh-on-sea – Southend <i>Stephensons</i>	Additional trips in afternoon.	20/02/2023
21-21S	Southend – Canvey <i>First Buses</i>	Revised timetable and route. Service 21S has been retimed to provide a punctual arrival time at The Westcliff Schools. Service 21 has been extended from Leigh Train Station to Morrisons in Hadleigh.	19/02/2023
24	Southchurch – Southend <i>Stephensons</i>	Service reduced to 20 minute intervals. All journeys will follow current 24A route but will be labelled as Service 24.	13/02/2023
27-27A-827	Southend – Canvey <i>First Buses</i>	Revised timetable. Service 827 has been retimed in the morning to provide a more punctual time at the Westcliff Schools.	19/02/2023



Service	Route & Operator	Summary of Changes	Start Date
87	Brightlingsea – Colchester <i>First Buses</i>	Additional School journeys on schooldays between Brightlingsea and Colchester, extending to Norman Way Schools.	19/02/2023
100	Basildon – Lakeside <i>First Buses</i>	Revised timetable Monday - Friday only. The morning peak journeys have been retimed to improve punctuality.	19/02/2023
300	Basildon – Chelmsford <i>First Buses</i>	Revised route and timetable. The service will follow parkway to Chelmsford Bus Station to accommodate a double deck bus. The timetable has been adjusted accordingly.	19/02/2023
621	Great Totham – Chelmsford, St John Payne School <i>Stephensons</i>	Service withdrawn.	19/02/2023
625	Chelmsford – Southend High School for Boys <i>First Buses</i>	Revised route and timetable. The service will be rerouted through Rayleigh to Progress Road to improve punctuality and capacity on other services.	19/02/2023
701	Brightlingsea – Colchester <i>Stephensons</i>	Service withdrawn. Alternative transport options are available on the First Service 87.	19/02/2023
X10	Basildon – Chelmsford – Stansted Airport <i>First Buses</i>	Revised route and timetable. The service will be rerouted to St Lukes in Wickford and also extra journeys added between St Lukes and Wickford Train Station. Monday - Friday AM and PM Peaks. This is to replace Service 16.	19/02/2023
X30	Southend – Chelmsford – Stansted Airport <i>First Buses</i>	Revised timetable. The 0045 departure from Southend will now extend through to Stansted Airport arriving at 0228. With Minor timetable changes to improve the service.	19/02/2023

Public transport information

Bus times and routes

For information on planning your journey by bus, coach, or train contact traveline:

Tel: **0871 200 2233** (calls cost 12p per minute plus network extras)

Online: www.traveline.info

Twitter feed

Follow **@Essex_PT** Twitter account which provides you with transport and travel updates.

Transport & Travel Update newsletter

Free monthly updates on public transport in Essex.

Sign up at www.essexhighways.org/bus-timetable-changes

This information is issued by

Essex County Council, Highways

You can contact us in the following ways:

By post:

Travel Information Team, Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1QH

By telephone:

0345 603 7631

By email:

public.transport@essex.gov.uk

Visit our website:

www.essex.gov.uk/publictransport

The information contained in Bus Passenger News can be translated,

and/or made available in alternative formats, on request.

www.essexbus.info:

Our interactive map has been upgraded to include Essex bus stops, a journey planner and bus timetables.

The new portal also has links to Operators' live buses and other public transport information you might find useful. Don't worry our useful town plans are still available in the *Help & Downloads* section or

www.essexbus.info/maps-download.html

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').