Bus Passenger News

Bus Passenger News provides information on forthcoming local bus service changes in Essex. A summary of each change is provided below. If you would like further information about a particular service, contact your Transport Provider – contact details are available from www.TravelEssex.co.uk.

TravelEssex has agreed common registration dates for new registrations, variations, and cancellations. At the time of publication, the next change date is

Sunday 31 May 2026

Service	Route & Operator	Summary of Changes	Start Date
1X-1S	Southend on Sea – Canvey (Leigh Beck) *Arriva*	New service linking Canvey and Southend. The same route as Service 27 will be taken from Leigh Beck to Benfleet Station. A direct route to Hadleigh will be taken via Essex Way and Benfleet Road. The service will operate on a limited stop (i.e. express) basis along London Road and will then revert to serving all stops on Chalkwall Avenue and via the seafront to Southend Travel Centre. Service operates on Monday to Saturdays with a typical off-peak frequency of every 30 minutes. Journey time from Canvey to Southend will be roughly an hour. 1S variant operates on school days only (via USP college).	31/05/2026
3A (Southend)	Leigh – Southend *First Essex Buses*	Service withdrawn and replaced by extended Service 26 (see below).	31/05/2026
7	Saffron Walden – Cambridge *Stagecoach in Cambridge*	Revised timetable. No timetable changes occur within Essex.	31/05/2026

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20-20S	Hullbridge – Southend *First Essex Buses*	The majority of Monday to Sunday Service 20 journeys will be withdrawn from 31 May 2026, with only a few Monday to Saturday evening journeys remaining. Passengers can use Service 25 (Southend – Rayleigh) and Service 27 (Rayleigh – Hullbridge. Afternoon 20S school journey towards Hullbridge will now depart Southend Travel Centre 10 mins earlier at 15:30.	31/05/2026
21-21S	Canvey – Southend *First Essex Buses*	Revised route and timetable. Service will terminate at Southend Travel Centre, with the section of route to Thorpe Bay removed. Except for 21S journeys, a direct route will be taken between Tarpots Corner and the Kents Hill Road Junction, omitting the section of route north of London Road.	31/05/2026
22	Basildon – Canvey *First Essex Buses*	Revised timetable on all days.	31/05/2026
25-825	Basildon – Southend *First Essex Buses*	Revised timetable on all days. Revised routing in Rayleigh and Southend to compensate for the loss of Service 20 journeys.	31/05/2026
26	Shoeburyness – Hadleigh *First Essex Buses*	Service extended to cover route of withdrawn Service 3A and extended onwards to Hadleigh.	31/05/2026
27	Hullbridge – Canvey *First Essex Buses*	Revised routing to link Canvey Island and Hullbridge. Typical frequency is every 20 minutes on Monday to Friday and every 30 minutes on Saturdays and Sundays. Route 27A variation removed. See below for Route 827 entry.	31/05/2026
28	Basildon – Southend *First Essex Buses*	Updated timetable on all days. At certain times of the day a high-frequency service will operate, with no set timetable (more frequent than every 10 minutes). Overnight journeys introduced.	31/05/2026
99 (Open Top)	Leigh-on-Sea – Shoeburyness *Ensignbus*	Seasonal open-top bus service. Operating dates added for 2026 season.	23/05/2026
300	Basildon – Chelmsford *First Essex Buses*	Revised timetable on Sundays including adjustments to running times.	31/05/2026
827	Canvey – Southend *First Essex Buses*	Service 827 journeys to be registered separately rather than being part of Service 27 registration. No change to the route or timetable.	31/05/2026

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Shuttle C	Chelmsford City Centre – Chelmsford City Racecourse *Ensignbus*	Shuttle service between Chelmsford City Centre and Chelmsford City Racecourse for Run Away music festival. Operates on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 May only. Departures from Chelmsford every 30 minutes between 11:00 and 16:00, with return buses operating every 15-30 minutes from 20:00 until 23:30.	23/05/2026
X30	Southend – Chelmsford *First Essex Buses*	Certain stops between Southend Hospital and Rayleigh added as stopping points. Two journey each morning towards Southend, and one journey each evening towards Chelmsford will go via Southend Airport.	31/05/2026

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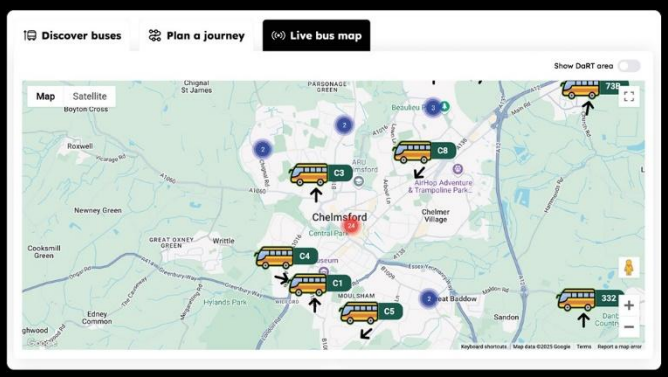

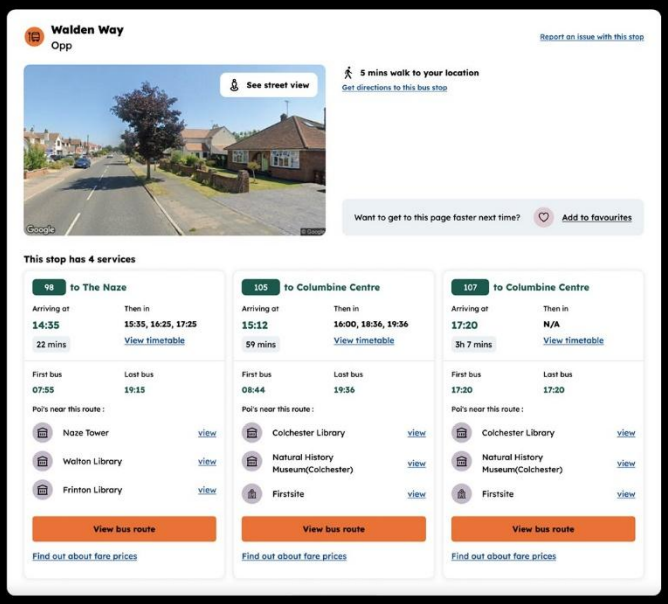

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