

Village 'bus service 78

Since the change of operator from Suffolk Norse to First in Norfolk & Suffolk (FNS), the village 'bus service, now renumbered 78, has been enhanced to run upon every weekday rather than three days per week previously. Whilst the previous thrice weekly service was funded by Suffolk County Council (SCC), FNS now cover the cost of the additional two days' operations per week with SCC continuing to fund the other three days.

There was initially some confusion regarding the return departure time and stand used in Ipswich. I notified SCC and they corrected the online timetables. Although stand "B" is now the designated departure point, if that stand is occupied by another 'bus then our service leaves from the adjacent stand "C" instead.

Due to larger 'buses being scheduled by FNS for the return service from Ipswich (the morning one is usually smaller), if Bridge Road is closed to through traffic for any reason, it is unlikely that the **return** 'bus from Ipswich will operate, since it has been deemed by FNS that it is unsafe for the 'bus to turn round at the village green. Under those rare circumstances, return to the village will have to be to the 'bus stop at Levington Bridge using either service 75 or 77 (which serve Felixstowe), from stand "A" at the Old Cattle Market 'bus station.

Levington Bridge 'bus shelters

The shelters were given a deep clean by villagers although this will be an ongoing process as the agreement reached with SCC for the provision was for us to keep them tidy and to advise SCC of any concerns (e.g. vandalism). Unfortunately, both shelters' timetable display cases were stolen shortly after the second one was reinstated. They have been replaced and new up-to-date timetables have been fitted. If anyone discovers any issues, please contact me, Julian Mann.