

Report from Julian Mann on Local Transport 2022-2023

The 'bus service 78 has been performing well apart from unadvertised road closure issues outside of the control of First Eastern Counties/Suffolk County Council (Transport). This is by far the most common issue and whilst the culprit (Anglian Water) has been asked to ensure that they inform all relevant parties in good time, so far this has not happened.

There have been three occasions during the last twelve months when the morning service into Ipswich was delayed (by up to 15 minutes) due to late running on a preceding journey into Ipswich from Woodbridge. The 'bus fleet is worked hard to keep costs down and unfortunately this is a side effect. A large proportion of the local double deck fleet has been renewed recently, although these vehicles are rare visitors to the village. The majority of the fleet utilised is unchanged from the previous year, being single deck types of varying lengths.

Whenever alterations due to roadworks were found (note that advance notice was not always given), I placed a poster within the timetable case at the village hall and alerted the regular users by email. The PC's clerk ensures that a notification was also placed upon the website relating to the village.

I routinely checked the times and routing of the 78 route to ensure conformance and was always pleased to hear of any issues that villagers find when they use the 'bus, so that, as with the above, I could find a solution in conjunction with First Eastern Counties/Suffolk County Council to prevent a reoccurrence.

The two 'bus shelters at the northern end of the village were given their regular clean during the 8th May clear-up day. Thanks again to everyone involved for keeping things tidy. Any issues with damage should be reported to the PC Transport rep. for action.

At this time, there is no information about any changes to any 'bus services that serve Levington (this includes the main route to/from Felixstowe). Any such alterations are likely to be made known to the PC no earlier than August 2023. Any changes will be notified via the village newsletter/website.