



**SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS
TOWN COUNCIL**

SWF Transport Hub Blog

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SWF Transport Hub is part of South Woodham Ferrers' commitment under the Love Your Bus programme to improve local awareness of bus services, promote sustainable travel, and support the enhanced 336 route. This blog provides clear, friendly updates to help residents make the most of local public transport.

Changes to bus services at the end of September

No bus changes are registered to take place during September which affect South Woodham Ferrers. We note that some of the new services to and from South Woodham Ferrers are not appearing on bus tracking. [Dengie Hundred Bus Users Group](#) have emailed the operator to request they update their data. In the meantime, please use timetables on bus stops, on line or from the Town Hall .

Other changes to bus services in Essex can be found on the [Travel Essex Website](#)

Greater Anglia – Southminster Line Renewal

Significant engineering works were carried out along the [Southminster branch](#) this month, including full track and sleeper replacement, ground stabilisation, new drainage installation, and bridge inspections and repairs. These improvements required a full line closure and caused unavoidable disruption to public transport and local road traffic, but they represent a major investment in the route.



The upgrades we hoped would improve long-term reliability, reduce faults, and help keep services running smoothly for residents across South Woodham Ferrers, Burnham on Crouch and Southminster. But new issues arose, and because of these newly discovered faults, [Greater Anglia](#) has been forced to keep the 30mph safety speed restriction and hourly emergency timetable in place until at least Sunday, 13 September.

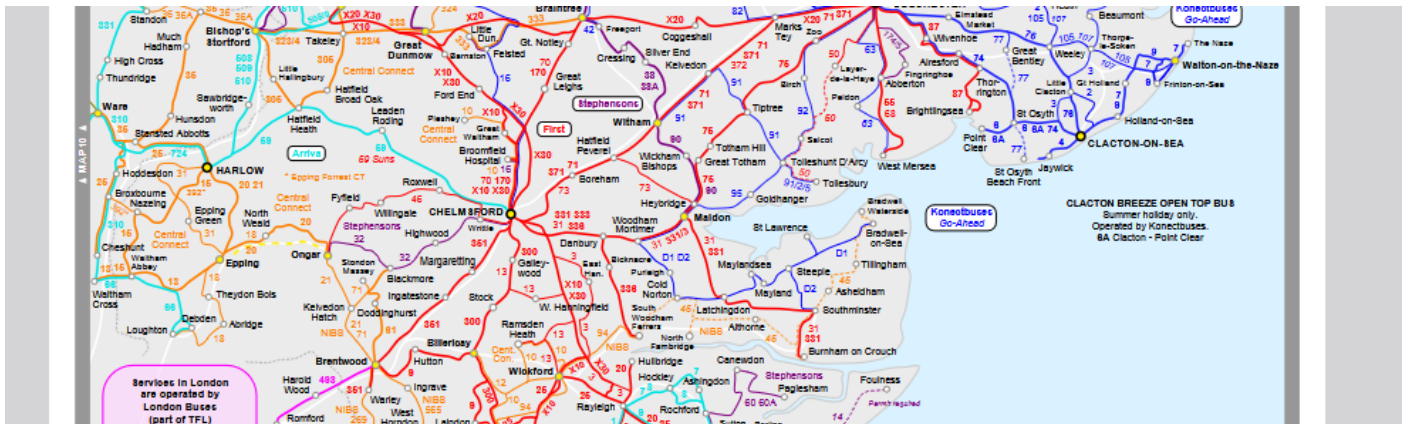
Much of the infrastructure is from electrification in the 1980s or from when the line opened in 1899!

The station itself is kept looking its best by our wonderful station adopter volunteers who assist Greater Anglia in making it a pleasant and usable space.

Photo: A locomotive at South Woodham Ferrers Station hauling an engineering train

Bus Atlas UK

Principal Inter-Urban Bus Routes



BusAtlas.uk aims to show principal inter-urban bus services and many rural ones too, colour-coded by operator and showing the main route numbers. This makes it easy to find more specific information elsewhere, such as timetables, ticket and fare information, and the location of bus stops. Whether you are travelling with an ordinary ticket or bus pass, exploring with a rover ticket, or whether you are a transport professional or enthusiast, my hope is that BusAtlas.uk will provide a useful insight into the network and maybe encourage some of you to leave the car at home!

Please note that sometimes the maps are out of date or do not cover all bus services, and you should check timetables.

Interesting fact : Over a hundred years of bus links

The bus link between Chelmsford and Woodham Ferrers has roots stretching back more than a century. In the 1910s and 1920s small independent operators began running irregular motor-bus services between Chelmsford and rural villages including Great Baddow, Danbury, Bicknacre and Woodham Ferrers. These were typically market-day services, running once or twice weekly.

Woodham Ferrers at this time was a small settlement around the church and farms; “South Woodham Ferrers” did not yet exist as a town.

By the 1930s, more structured services were emerging as bus companies consolidated. Eastern National (later First Essex) became the dominant operator in mid-Essex. After the war, The Woodham Ferrers route typically ran via Bicknacre, Danbury, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, the same corridor still used today.

South Woodham Ferrers was developed as a planned commuter town from the late 1960s onward. As the population grew. At first the town got its own bus garage (which was just some space in the Asda Carpark), but became the 36 and as now the 336.

Railcards

Most There are so many railcards available to give you discount on regular rail travel.



You can apply online via [the National Rail Official website](#) or apps like [TrainPal](#) often have discounted versions, which can be shown via your smartphone.

Many cards have age related restrictions, but there are also those like the Network Railcard which can be used by anyone off peak.

National railcards cost around £30–£35 a year and cut a third off most fares. In practice, which means you only need **three return journeys** to cover the cost, with the average Railcard holder saves up to £173* a year. After that, every trip is money saved — whether it is a day out, a visit to family, or a longer off-peak adventure. For regular leisure travellers, the maths is almost always in your favour.

More to come, come back soon!

The SWF Transport Hub Blog will continue to follow local transport developments closely and provide clear, practical updates to help you navigate changes with confidence. Your Town Council is working for you to improve public transport.

Please email your transport questions to : david@southwoodhamferrerstc.gov.uk



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