

Travelling to Suffolk Rural - Transport Guide 2025/26

We have 3 dedicated bus routes to Suffolk Rural

- RC3 – Leiston via Saxmundham operated by Belle Coaches
- RC5 – Sudbury via Hadleigh operated by Konectbus T/A Hedingham & Chambers
- RC8 – Colchester North Station (via Ipswich railway station) operated by Beestons

Termly travel passes cost £300.

You must complete the College's transport application form
<https://www.suffolk.ac.uk/transport-form>

Travel passes for these routes will be issued to you directly by the College.

RC3 from Leiston (dedicated bus to Rural)

This route was in operation last year, there have been no changes.

Leiston, Catholic Church (Junction B1122 / Seaward Avenue)	0725	R
Leiston, Old Post Office Square (Opposite Barclays Bank)	0725	R
Saxmundham, Outside Saxmundham Museum	0740	1745
Kelsale, Bus Stop Old A12 - North	0742	1742
Yoxford, The Griffin Public House	0745	1740
Yoxford, Strickland Manor Hill (Bottom)	0745	1740
Peasenhall, Phone Box	0748	1737
Badingham, White Horse PH	0750	1735
Dennington, Queens Head PH	0755	1730
Framlingham, Bus Stop Well Close Square (near roundabout)	0805	1720
Parham, Village Sign	0810	1715
Wickham Market, Market Square	0820	1705
Charsfield, By Garage	0825	1700
Suffolk Rural	0845	1640

¹'R' = on Request

Our travel pass for this route costs £300 per term.

RC5 from Sudbury (dedicated bus to Rural)

This route was in operation last year, there have been no changes.

Sudbury, Bus Station	07:35	17:50
Great Cornard, Poplar Road	07:40	17:45
Newton Green, Opp. Saracens Head	07:45	17:40
Boxford, The Fleece	07:55	17:30
Bower House Tye, Brewers Arms	08:00	17:25
Hadleigh, Magdalen Road Car Park	08:10	17:15
Hintlesham, The George	08:25	17:00
Sproughton, Wild Man	08:30	16:55
Claydon, Coppers Way	08:38	16:47
Suffolk Rural Campus, Otley	08:45	16:40

Our travel pass for this route costs £300 per term.

RC8 from Colchester North Station (double decker vehicle)

This route was in operation last year, there have been no changes.

If you live in Colchester or the surrounding area, your journey to Suffolk Rural begins either by train or on the dedicated RC8.

Colchester North Station	07:30	17:45
Ipswich Railway Station (where the RC8 becomes the SB1 ** and you stay on the vehicle**)	08:15	17:10
Suffolk Rural	08:45	1640

When you arrive at Ipswich Railway Station, there may be some learners who get off at this point, they will be Ipswich campus learners. Please stay on if you are going to Suffolk Rural. At this point in its journey, the name of the route changes from RC8 to the SB1 ('Shuttle Bus 1'). Other learners will get on the vehicle at this point, to travel onwards to Suffolk

Rural. This is why you must stay on it when you arrive in to Ipswich railway station from Colchester. The SB1 is a non-stop route and cannot be used by members of the public. It is for college use only.

Our travel pass for this route costs £300 per term. This cost includes train travel and for the RC8.

If you are not sure which route you need, please get in touch with our Student Support team via their email support@suffolk.ac.uk or by calling 01473 382738.

When should I apply for my college travel pass?

You should apply for your college travel pass as soon as possible from this point, using the College's 'Dedicated Bus Travel' <https://www.suffolk.ac.uk/transport-form> to indicate how you wish to travel.

What about paying for my college travel pass?

You are encouraged to purchase your college travel pass as soon as possible from this point as you cannot be issued with a travel pass without payment first being made.

You must have a valid travel pass when travelling. If your journey includes an element of travel by train, you would be breaking the law if you were to travel without a valid pass and would risk getting fined.

Travel passes must be purchased through 'EVOLVE'. This is very important, because if you apply subsequently for a bursary and you are assessed as eligible, we can only reimburse travel costs that have been purchased through 'EVOLVE'.

'EVOLVE' is the College's online shop, accessed at www.suffolk.ac.uk/shop. Travel passes can be purchased termly at a cost of £300 per term. There is no option to purchase an annual pass. Although we will reimburse you if you are eligible on assessment of your application for support through the bursary, should you leave the College early no refunds can be given as the College purchases the travel passes on your behalf.

Please use the following URL to take you to 'EVOLVE'. This link will take you directly to the area where you will make your payment www.suffolk.ac.uk/pass25

Is there any financial support available?

The College offers a number of different bursary schemes to students who meet the eligibility criteria. You must apply online to be considered for a bursary. For more details of the College's bursary scheme, access www.suffolk.ac.uk/bursary

If you are making application for the bursary, please note that a travel pass will not be issued until we have fully assessed your bursary application. Therefore, you might wish to think about timings and consider whether you do need to purchase a travel pass in the first instance.

If you do purchase a travel pass and your bursary application is approved, then the cost of your travel pass (only if purchased through 'EVOLVE') will be reimbursed to you.

No reimbursement will be made for tickets purchased individually or for travel passes not purchased through the College's 'EVOLVE' system.

End of 'dedicated bus route' information guide.