

Travelling to Suffolk Rural - Transport Guide 2025/26

Travelling by public bus to Suffolk Rural

Routes 118, 119 and 914

Current timetables for both the 118 and 119 can be found via this link:

<https://ipswichbuses.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Route-118-and-119.pdf>

Current timetable for the 914 can be found via this link:

https://ipswichbuses.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/44/2025/03/914_Web.pdf

You can apply to Suffolk County Council for a discretionary travel pass (16-18 years only). For more information and online applications, refer to the Suffolk On Board website <https://www.suffolkonboard.com/> or email passenger.transport@suffolk.gov.uk or call on 0345 606 6171.

Ipswich Buses accept contactless payments and have a wide range of season tickets available as M-Tickets on their Ipswich Buses App, where customers can also track their bus, plan their journey or gift a ticket to their children.

You can purchase a ticket with cash, you must have the exact fare as no change can be given.

In a change to prior years, the College is no longer able to apply for you – you will need to arrange this yourself.

If you are eligible for bursary, the College will make payments to you monthly in advance.

First Bus (Ipswich Reds):

Travelling into central Ipswich by bus from the surrounding areas

If you are travelling into central Ipswich by public bus from surrounding areas, for example from places such as Felixstowe, Stowmarket or Woodbridge (just as an example), you will need to purchase a First Bus (Ipswich Reds) travel pass directly from First Bus.

The Ipswich Reds Network Map can be found via this link, showing which route you need:
https://www.firstbus.co.uk/sites/default/files/public/node_images/norfolk-suffolk/FEC%20-%20Ipswich%20Network%20Map%20-%20from%2014th%20April%202024.pdf

Travelling via a different bus company:

There are many other providers, depending on where you live and where you intend on travelling from. Therefore if you plan on travelling with another bus company, you should check their website for details.

When your bus arrives into Ipswich central:

You will be able to board our complimentary college shuttle bus for the last part of your journey to Suffolk Rural. This is the SB2 (shuttle bus 2). Please refer to our shuttle bus guide for further details and timetable:

<https://www.suffolk.ac.uk/app/uploads/2024/08/Complimentary-shuttle-bus-free-of-charge-from-IPSWICH.pdf>

What about paying for my public bus travel?

From September 2025 the College bursary will be paying for the most cost-effective way of getting you to college, provided you fall under the household income threshold of £33,000.

We will reimburse you if you are eligible for bursary on assessment of your application for bursary support, this would be for a maximum of the equivalent of 8 weeks' worth of payments.

REMINDER:

You must have a valid ticket or travel pass when travelling. You would be breaking the law on public transport if you were to travel without a valid ticket or pass and would risk getting fined.

Is there any financial support available?

Yes! 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 eligible for bursary, the College will make payments to you monthly in advance which will allow you to pay in advance for travel on the days you are timetabled to be at college.

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.

End of 'public bus travel' information guide.