

Routes 70, 70A and 73 - timetable change from Monday 30th September 2024

The 70, 70A and 73 replaced 304, 337 and 338 because the prior routes were not carrying enough passengers to cover their costs. Following the changes made by Simonds of Botesdale to their local bus network from September 2024, a further timetable change is being implemented from Monday 30th September 2024. This is intended to improve punctuality and reliability along all routes, and introduce additional capacity at school times. We are grateful for Suffolk County Council's support in enabling these changes.

What will be changing?

Until the current contract for route 73 comes to an end in December 2024, the changes being made from Monday 30th September will see an additional bus, numbered 73A, providing a service that is focused around the requirements of passengers attending Thurston Community College. This means that passengers travelling to / from school and college in Bury St Edmunds will travel on a different bus to passengers travelling to / from Thurston Community College. Service 73 will be unchanged between Garboldisham and Pakenham, and will then operate directly to Bury St Edmunds bus station via Great Barton. Thurston will no longer be served. At school / college times service 73 will extend from Bury St Edmunds bus station to West Suffolk College and St Benedicts Catholic School.

Passengers travelling to / from Thurston Community College should use new service 73A, which will operate on schooldays only. This service will operate via the 73 route between Garboldisham and Bardwell, and will then serve Ixworth and terminate at Thurston Community College. The return journey will depart Thurston Community College at 15:35, reducing the length of time that students have to wait at the end of the school day to catch their bus home.

Students from Walsham le Willows and Badwell Ash will no longer be able to travel to / from Thurston Community College on route 73 or 73A, however route TN164 operated by Mulleys Motorways provides an alternative for these passengers to use.

Changes to the 73 and the implementation of the 73A will improve punctuality for the service going forwards.

Revised timetables are available on Simonds website (simonds.co.uk) and Suffolk on Board.

How can I find out more information?

Please email contact@central-connect.co.uk. For live operational queries, you can telephone us on 0115 777 3187.

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MONDAY TO FRIDAY | Except Bank Holidays

Buses towards Bury St Edmunds	73A Thurston SCH ONLY	73	73	73
Garboldisham, Fox Inn	07:35	07:09	09:15	11:15
Hopton, Church Bus Shelter	07:40	07:14	09:20	11:20
Market Weston, Village Hall	07:43	07:17	09:23	11:23
Coney Weston, Bus Shelter	07:50	07:24	09:30	11:30
Barningham, Royal George PH	07:54	07:28	09:34	11:34
Bardwell, Tithe Barn	08:01	07:35	09:41	11:41
Bardwell, Green	08:03			
Stanton Hilltop Way			09:44	11:44
Stanton Memorial			09:48	11:48
Ixworth, Greyhound	08:11			
Ixworth, Village Hall	08:13			
Walsham Le Willows, Six Bells		07:49	09:58	11:58
Badwell Ash, Village Hall		07:54	10:03	12:03
Hunston opp Dairy Farm		07:57	10:06	12:06
Stowlangtoft, Church		07:59	10:08	12:08
Pakenham Fox PH		08:04	10:13	12:13
THURSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	08:24		10:19	12:19
Great Barton, A143 Bus Shelter	--	08:10	10:26	12:26
Bury St Edmunds, Beetons Way	--	08:30	10:33	12:33
Bury St Edmunds, West Suffolk College	--	08:40	10:37	12:37
Bury St Edmunds, Bus Station	--	08:50	10:41	13:41

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Buses towards Garbolsham	73	73	73	73A Thurston SCH ONLY	73
Bury St Edmunds, Beetons Way	--	--	--	--	16:00
Bury St Edmunds, West Suffolk College	--	--	--	--	16:15
Bury St Edmunds, Bus Station	09:15	11:15	13:15	--	16:25
Bury St Edmunds, West Suffolk College	09:20	11:20	13:20	--	
Bury St Edmunds, Beetons Way	09:24	11:24	13:24	--	
Great Barton, A143 Bus Shelter	09:30	11:30	13:30	--	16:41
THURSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	09:40	11:40	13:40	15:35	16:50
Pakenham Fox PH	09:46	11:46	13:46		16:59
Stowlangtoft, Church	09:50	11:50	13:50		17:04
Hunston opp Dairy Farm	09:52	11:52	13:52		17:06
Badwell Ash, Village Hall	09:55	11:55	13:55		17:09
Walsham Le Willows, Six Bells	10:01	12:01	14:01		17:18
Ixworth, Village Hall				15:48	
Ixworth, Greyhound				15:50	
Stanto Memorial	10:10	12:10	14:10		17:20
Stanton Hilltop Way	10:14	12:14	14:14		17:24
Bardwell, Green				15:58	
Bardwell, Tithe Barn	10:12	12:12	14:12	16:00	17:28
Barningham, Royal George PH	10:25	12:25	14:25	16:07	17:35
Coney Weston, The Swan PH	10:28	12:28	14:28	16:11	17:38
Market Weston, Village Hall	10:34	12:34	14:34	16:18	17:44
Hopton, Church Bus Shelter	10:37	12:37	14:37	16:21	17:47
Garboldisham, Swan PH	10:42	12:42	14:42	16:26	17:52