



**SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS
TOWN COUNCIL**

SWF Transport Hub Blog

August 2026

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 for late July or August updated :

The changes we mentioned in our [July Blog](#) have taken place with improvements and modifications.

Routes 31-331-332 & 333 Heybridge, Burnham to Chelmsford (First Essex Buses) have a revised timetable from 27th July 2026. An enhanced Friday only evening journey from Maldon to Burnham on Crouch departing at 2349 and Burnham on Crouch to Maldon departing at 2335.



Changes to services 45, new service 99 and changes to bus 94/A/B took place as expected during the end of July.

Best of all, our 336 bus service was restored to a 2 hourly service on a Sunday. On the first day, people along the 336 bus corridor seemed to appreciate its return and were out and about enjoying a Sunday trip.

Details can be found on our website, or via the July 2026 Blog.

Photo : Bus 336 on the first Sunday of a restored Sunday service.

Transport Heritage in Essex: More Than Just Getting from A to B

Transport isn't only about moving people around — it's a huge part of Essex's history. From buses and railways to aviation and rural machinery, the county has some brilliant places where you can explore how travel and engineering shaped our communities. And the best part is that several of them are easy to reach by public transport.

1. Canvey Island Transport Museum

A treasure trove of old buses, coaches and municipal vehicles, all lovingly restored. **Getting there:** Train to Rayleigh → short bus ride (route 27) to Canvey. A great day out if you enjoy local transport history.

2. Epping Ongar Railway

A heritage railway where you can ride former London Underground trains and classic diesel/steam.

Getting there: Train to Shenfield → bus to Ongar. Perfect for anyone who loves railways or vintage engineering.

3. East Anglian Railway Museum (Wakes Colne)

One of the region's biggest railway heritage sites, with Victorian station buildings and working locomotives.

Getting there: Train to Marks Tey (change at Shenfield) → short walk to the museum. Ideal for families and railway enthusiasts alike.

4. Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome

A unique WWI aviation site with original hangars, vehicles and stories of early military flight. **Getting there:** Why not cycle and leave the car at home? Aviation heritage right on our doorstep.

5. North Weald Airfield Museum

WWII aviation history, military vehicles and airfield heritage. **Getting there:** Train to Epping → bus to North Weald. A good companion visit to Stow Maries.

6. Mengaps Farm (Woodham Mortimer)

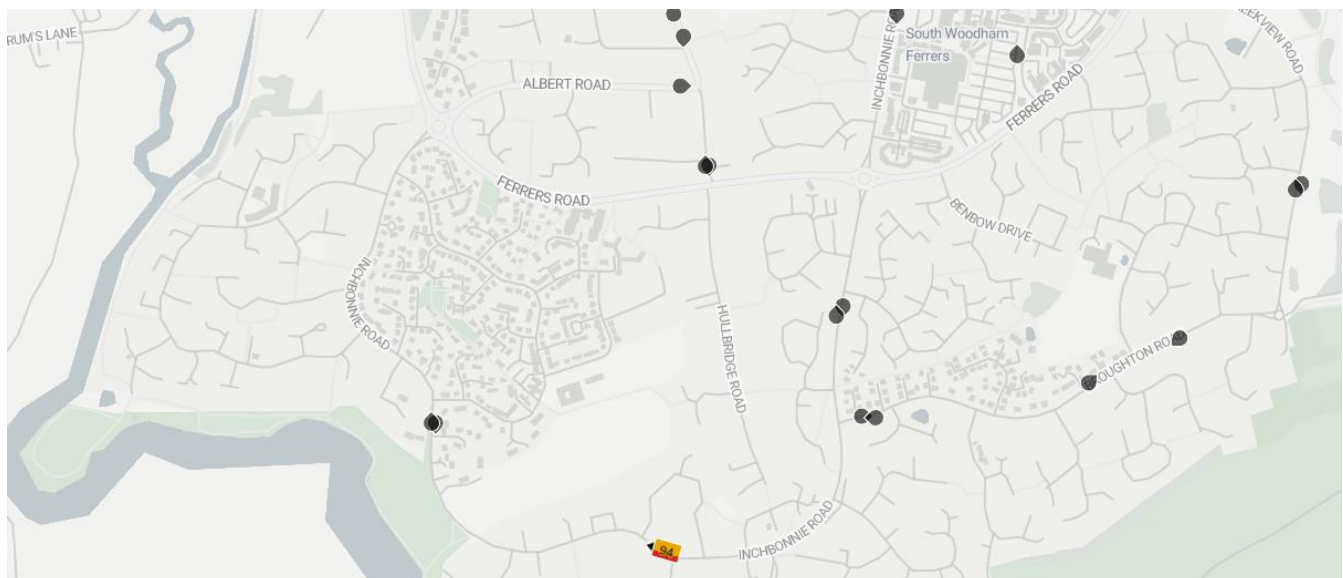
Not a formal museum, but a wonderful place for rural transport heritage — tractors, machinery and countryside skills. **Getting there:** Train to Burnham and then a bus to Burnham Cemetery or walk to the farm.

Please check with each website for opening times and ticket prices. Find other places to go or things to do via the [Hello Essex website](#).

Handy website for bus services in the UK



The [BusTimes.org](#) website has been running for several years and has become well known among transport enthusiasts and passengers alike. Using a range of open data feeds supplied by local transport authorities, it brings together **route maps, timetables, and live bus tracking** in one easy-to-use place. The site's clever integration of official data sources means you can see where your bus is right now, explore routes across Essex and beyond, and even follow individual vehicles as they make their journeys. Buses appear on the map as a coloured box with an arrow. You can click on the box to give you further information too!



FANCY A 99?



Make it a weekday treat at
Promenade Park, Maldon.

Take Bus 99 from South Woodham Ferrers

Weekday Service • Direct to Maldon

- ✓ No parking stress
- ✓ Quick walk to Promenade Park
- ✓ Ice creams, splash park, playgrounds, riverside views



 **Take the 99. Enjoy the day.**



The £2 Fare Is Coming Back in 2027

The Government has confirmed that the **£2 single bus fare** will return from **1 January 2027**, replacing the current £3 cap and running for the whole year on many bus services in England. It's designed to keep everyday travel affordable and encourage more people to choose the bus for regular journeys. For South Woodham Ferrers, it means cheaper trips across our local network and better value for anyone commuting, shopping or connecting to rail services. Operators will publish their participation lists later this year, but most major companies are

expected to take part. It's a simple change, but an important one, making bus travel more accessible and supporting the continued growth of sustainable transport in our area.

Interesting fact : A restored link

January 1983 saw the end of the 19 between South Woodham Ferrers and Maldon*. So, it is great to see the link restored for weekday connections to Maldon and to Broomfield Hospital. We hope that if it is well used the service can be further improved.

*other than a school bus service



Photo: Last day bus at South Woodham Ferrers in 1983 Photo courtesy of Paul Harvey copyright

Greater Anglia Engineering works on the Southminster Line

From Saturday, 22 August 2026 to Friday, 28 August 2026, buses replace trains between Southminster and Wickford due to engineering works. Please allow extra time for your journey.

Local Cycling routes

Did you know that there are two fantastic cycling routes to try in South Woodham Ferrers? You can find out more about them on our [website](#).

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