

Transport report for Trimley St Martin Parish Council meeting Tuesday 4th November 2025.

Attended the Felixstowe Travel Watch meeting held at Broadway House, Felixstowe.

Simon Barnett Public Transport Strategy Manager SCC gave a talk and answered queries.

1. New timetables still to be inserted at each stop. Delay is due to First Bus Company changing contractor and will hopefully be sorted during November.
2. Our 'real-time' solar signs. These are the ones being sponsored by the developers of Poppyfields and The Lilacs and have finally been ordered.
They will be installed at – Bus shelter outside Poppyfields and the one opposite.
Bus shelter at the top of Grimston Lane.
These will all be solar powered ones.
The shelter immediately outside The Lilacs. It was debatable as to whether a solar panel one could go there as it would be outside a bedroom window. But I have asked for this particular 'real-time' panel to be powered via mains as it would not need to be so high and seems the sensible option rather than not having one there at all and get complaints.
So a case of 'watch this space' as to when we see them in situ but hopefully the new contractors SCC are changing to for these installations will be more reliable (and not put the information panels in upsidedown!!)
3. Why information on First Bus app not always correct – it is dependent on the driver of each bus keying in the correct route number. Most of the time this works fine.
4. Although there are stops within the Ipswich Hospital grounds, it gets so congested it is not viable for First Buses to go into the grounds and keep to their timetable which is already hindered by road works and volume of traffic on the roads generally.
5. Some of you may have noticed that the road sign for the road works by Trimley St Martin school differed somewhat to the information we were given and First were given. But we have been assured the works should be completed by the said date we were given of 2nd November. First Bus arranged a diversion for the 73 bus which runs from Woodbridge to Felixstowe and vice versa so the only stops missed are right by the school.

End of report dated 31.10.2025 - Councillor D'arville