

## WHAT WILL IT COST?

The journey will be charged like a bus fare.

Concessionary passes will be valid on all journeys, in accordance with standard terms of validity.

You will be advised of the fare when you book your journey and a ticket will be issued when you board.

## WHERE & WHEN CAN I GO?

The map inside shows the area served. The service is available from 0700 to 1900, Monday to Saturday.

The bus will take you to any of the towns or villages within the service area shown on the map.

Connections can be made for onwards travel to places further afield such as Ipswich, Hadleigh or Lavenham.

## WHO RUNS THE SERVICE?

The service is operated by Optua.

## IS THE VEHICLE ACCESSIBLE?

The vehicle is fully accessible with low steps, hand rails and a lift for wheelchair access. Let us know when you book if you require assistance.

### Contacting Suffolk County Council

Passenger Transport  
Endeavour House  
8 Russell Road  
Ipswich  
Suffolk, IP1 2BX

**General enquiries**  
0845 606 6171  
passenger.transport@suffolk.gov.uk

**Or visit our website:**  
www.suffolkonboard.com

**Suffolk Links Gipping booking number**  
01449 616 000

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225-ESE-161110



# DEMAND RESPONSIVE TRANSPORT GIPPING

## LINKING SUFFOLK TO YOU

A guide to the DRT service covering  
Bildeston, Needham Market & Stowmarket.



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## WHAT IS IT?

Suffolk Links is a Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) service which provides connections to bus and train links in rural areas.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

If you wish to travel in the area covered by Suffolk Links Gipping and are not able to access a bus service directly, the service will pick you up from a convenient point.

Where appropriate the service will connect with bus services for onward travel to further destinations.

For journeys within the service area where connecting to other services is inappropriate, end to end journeys will be possible.

Simply call **01449 616 000** up to a week before you wish to travel and book your journey.

Suffolk Links Gipping will then pick you up at the point agreed and take you where you want to go within the defined area.

The booking service is open from 0800 to 1300 Monday to Friday, making it easier for you to plan ahead.

Bookings will be on a first come, first served basis.

## RING, RESERVE & RIDE

## OTHER SERVICES IN THE AREA

Suffolk Links Gipping serves an area that covers Bildeston, Hitcham, Great Finborough and villages in between. The service also connects with Suffolk Links Gipping North, Suffolk Links Cosford to the west and Suffolk Links Brett to the south.

### Buses:

Suffolk Links Gipping can provide connections with the bus services detailed below, or take you direct when no buses are available, just ask the operator when you ring **01449 616 000**.

Other buses include:

**87/88:** Regular services throughout the day between Stowmarket, Needham Market and Ipswich.

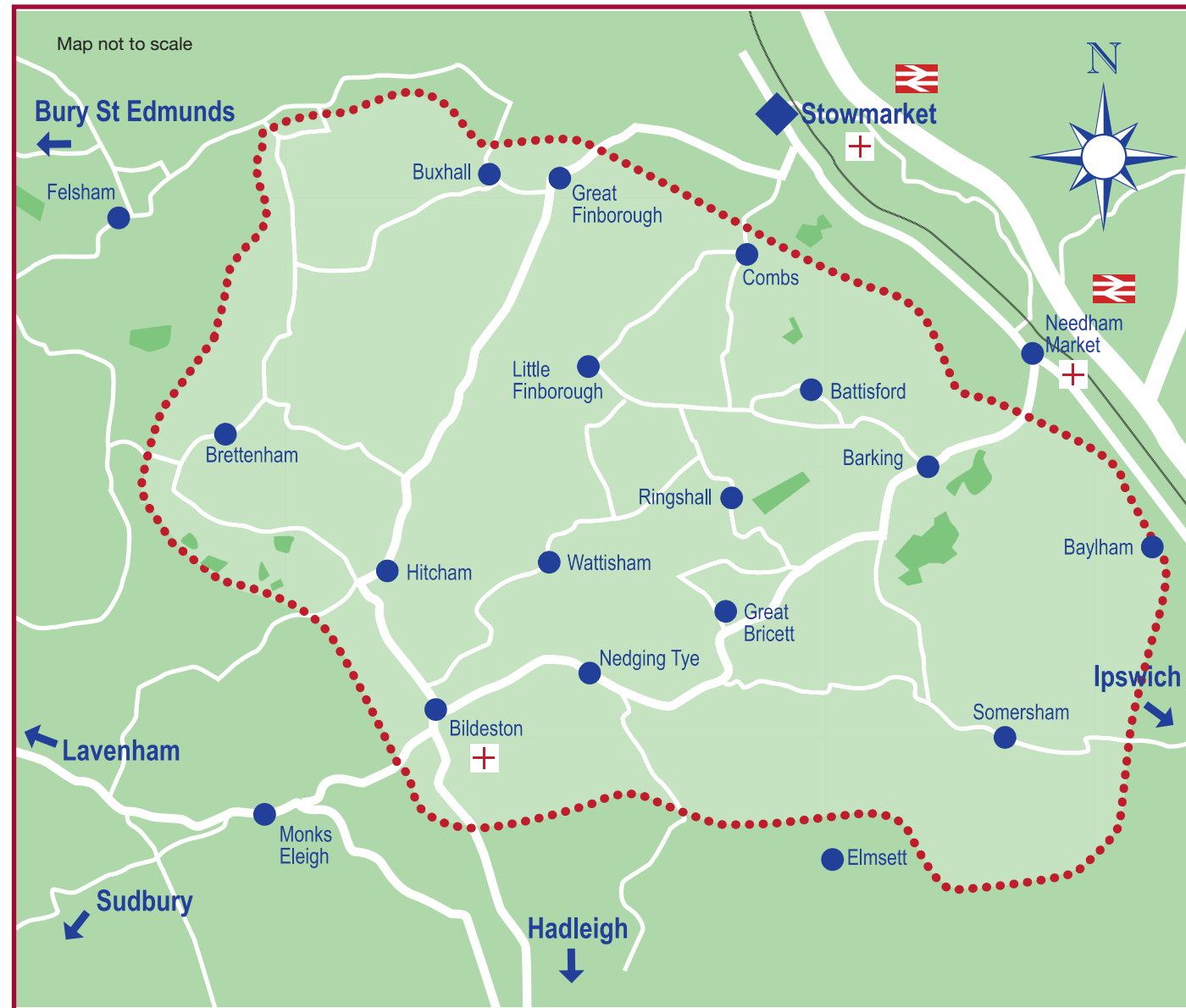
**111:** Four times a day between Bildeston, Somersham and Ipswich.

### Trains:

In addition trains run hourly from Stowmarket to Ipswich, London, Norwich, Cambridge and Bury St Edmunds, and every two hours to Peterborough.

For further information on these bus services and all public transport throughout Suffolk visit [www.suffolkonboard.com](http://www.suffolkonboard.com)

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## KEY

DRT Area .....  
Doctors Surgery +

Railway Line  
Railway Station

## GREAT DAYS OUT

### Museum of East Anglian Life

Discover the story of East Anglia at this beautiful 80 acre site.  
Tel: **01449 612229**

### Baylham House Rare Breeds Farm

Winner of the Best Visitor Experience in Suffolk in both 2006 and 2007 and a Finalist in 2008. Baylham House Farm is a working livestock farm breeding rare and endangered breeds.  
Tel: **01473 830264**

### The Quay Theatre

The Quay Theatre is a very popular facility in a restored maltings on a cut on the River Stour. It offers a year-round programme of dance, music, drama, film and children's theatre. There is a bar, and frequent exhibitions of local painters.  
Tel: **01787 374745**

## USEFUL LINKS

### Suffolk County Council

[www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk)

### Discover Suffolk

[www.discoversuffolk.org.uk](http://www.discoversuffolk.org.uk)

### Mid Suffolk District Council

[www.midsuffolk.gov.uk](http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk)