



Transport Museum
Carlton Colville



Bungay Buttercross

TRIMLEY

Trimley station serves the villages of Trimley St Mary and Trimley St Martin which lie between the rivers Orwell and Deben. Walking routes through the Trimley Marshes nature reserve start near to the station.

FELIXSTOWE

The Seaside resort of Felixstowe offers visitors a great day out by the sea. The extensive promenade includes the Edwardian Gardens, pier, theatre and amusements for all the family. The town centre offers a host of national retailers, independent shops, cinema and restaurants. Discover the town's history at the magnificent Landguard Fort and museum or enjoy bird watching at the nature reserve. From near the fort, a foot ferry links the town with Harwich in Essex and the Landguard Peninsula providing dramatic views of the busy container port and river traffic.



Lowestoft Fountains



Southwold Pier



Landguard Fort



A brief history...

THE EAST SUFFOLK RAILWAY

Opened in its entirety on 1 June 1859, the railway was built from Ipswich to Lowestoft via four market towns conveying a variety of goods and linking local people to the rest of the country. For many years the lines carried express passenger trains to and from London – which also brought many holiday visitors to the area.

The line once continued north to Yarmouth Southtown through routes via Haddiscoe and Lowestoft. Branches ran to Aldeburgh via Leiston, through the Waveney Valley from Beccles via Bungay and Harleston to Tivetshall on the Great Eastern Mainline and from Wickham Market to Framlingham. The narrow gauge Southwold Railway ran between Halesworth and Southwold until 1929 with goods only lines built to serve the maltings at Snape and the shipyards and factories in South Lowestoft.

The line from Westerfield to Felixstowe opened in 1877 and now shares its passenger service with frequent container traffic to and from one of the world's biggest ports.

In 1966, following a hard fought local campaign by the East Suffolk Travellers Association (ESTA), the line between Lowestoft and Ipswich was reprieved from closure as had been recommended in the now infamous Beeching Report.

More than fifty years later, both lines are thriving with trains running hourly seven days per week Ipswich – Felixstowe and hourly Monday to Saturday Ipswich – Lowestoft (with a good Sunday service in operation too).



From 2019 Greater Anglia will begin replacing their entire fleet with brand new trains.

For up to date timetables and information please go to: greateranglia.co.uk

The East Suffolk Lines Community Rail Partnership is an association of local authorities, community groups, volunteers and rail operator Greater Anglia which supports and encourages use of the railways running between Ipswich and Lowestoft and Ipswich and Felixstowe.



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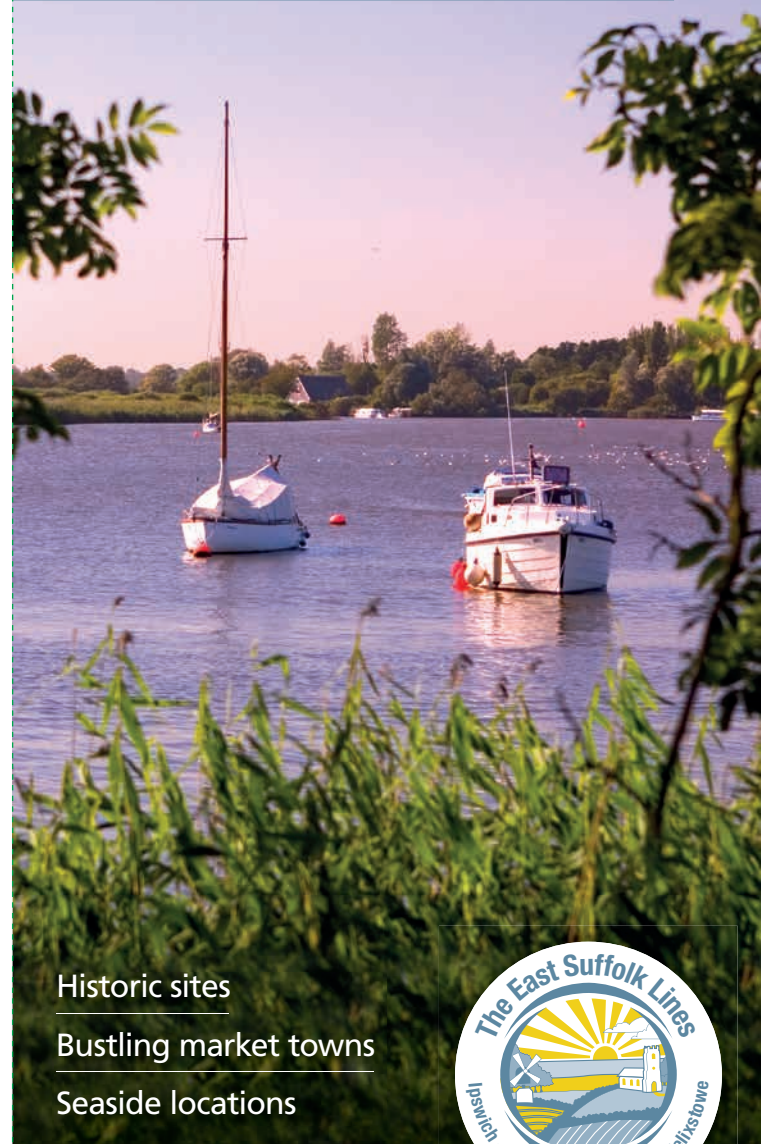
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Historic sites

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Ipswich Waterfront



Oulton Broad Sunset



Halesworth



Beccles Tower

LOWESTOFT

The historic port of Lowestoft is the second largest town in Suffolk with the railway station located at the very heart of the retail centre, a few minutes walk from the award winning South Beach and start of the Suffolk Coast Path. Rich in industrial, maritime and wartime history, Lowestoft boasts theatres, cinemas, museums, two piers and a host of leisure facilities along with delightful parks and marinas. Leisure attractions include Pleasurewood Hills Theme Park near Corton and Africa Alive! wildlife park at Kessingland. Lowestoft is situated at the most easterly point in the British Isles and the railway station is the furthest East on the entire UK rail network.

OULTON BROAD SOUTH

Just a few minutes walk from Oulton Broad South Station, Nicholas Everitt Park offers extensive views of Oulton Broad and a host of family leisure facilities and water based attractions including boat trips, sailing and speedboat racing. The park is also home to the Lowestoft Museum.

A footpath leads from the station to Carlton Marshes nature reserve with its rich wildlife and extensive views across the marshes and River Waveney. At Carlton Colville, the East Anglia Transport Museum hosts a varied collection of working buses, trams, trolley-buses and a narrow gauge railway.

BECCLES

Situated on the river Waveney, Beccles is one of the most picturesque market towns in the region boasting many independent shops, galleries, street markets, the historic bell tower, museum, public hall and, during the summer months, a popular Lido. Beccles is the southern gateway to the Broads National Park and the station houses a popular café and community space.

Beccles is the perfect place to explore the timeless beauty of the Waveney Valley and the historic towns of Bungay, Harleston and Diss. During the Summer a ferry connects with the Quay, the Lido and the Geldeston Locks Inn.

HALESWORTH

One of the oldest recorded towns in Suffolk, Halesworth is home to an array of delightful independent shops and eateries. The Cut Arts Centre is just a few minutes walk from the station, once the western terminus of the narrow gauge Southwold Railway. The station building now hosts the town museum. A direct bus link connects Halesworth station with the coast and the genteel resort of Southwold. Halesworth is the closest station to the Latitude Festival, held annually at nearby Henham Park.

DARSHAM

Darsham Station serves the traditional Suffolk villages of Yoxford, Darsham and Westleton. The RSPB reserve at Minsmere is just a few miles away as is the medieval town of Dunwich. Once a major city, much of Dunwich was lost to the sea and legend has it that at night you can still hear the church bells ring from beneath the waves! Darsham Country Centre, a charity which provides hostel style accommodation to groups visiting the area is located within the station building.

SAXMUNDHAM

A bustling market town with many unique independent shops and a market dating from 1272. Saxmundham is also the nearest station to the town of Leiston, home of the world famous Long Shop Museum. To the east is the delightful village of Thorpeness, home of the House In The Clouds. Further down the coast is the popular resort of Aldeburgh. A former Tudor port, Henry VIII granted Aldeburgh Borough status and the town was the adoptive home of Lowestoft born composer Benjamin Britten and reputed to be the inspiration for his opera Peter Grimes.

WICKHAM MARKET

Wickham Market Station is located two miles east of the town in the village of Campsea Ashe. The Station building has undergone an award winning restoration by Station House Community Connections and now features a cafe, meeting rooms and is host to a number of community activities.

Situated in the river Deben Valley, within a ten mile radius of Wickham Market are the historic Castles of Framlingham and Orford, and the internationally renowned Snape Maltings Concert Hall. The FolkEast festival takes place at nearby Glemham Hall.

MELTON

The village of Melton is the gateway to some of the most beautiful Suffolk heathlands and just a mile from the Anglo Saxon burial site of Sutton Hoo. A delightful riverside walk links the stations at Melton and Woodbridge.



Lowestoft Lighthouse



Woodbridge Tide Mill

WOODBIDGE

Rich in maritime history, Woodbridge boasts a busy shopping centre, great restaurants, numerous leisure facilities including an independent cinema, parks and several riverside walks all within easy reach of the station. The world famous Tide Mill is located within sight of the railway and an annual Regatta takes place during the Summer.

IPSWICH

The County Town of Ipswich boasts a large retail centre, parks, theatres, cinemas, museums and, just a few minutes from the station, Portman Road, home of Ipswich Town Football Club. One of England's oldest towns, painter Thomas Gainsborough resided and worked in Ipswich and in 1800 Lord Nelson was appointed High Steward. Today the waterfront features a host of historic and contemporary buildings along with hotels, restaurants and a busy marina. Museums in the town include Ipswich Transport Museum, Christchurch Mansion and Ipswich Museum.



House in the Clouds Thorpeness



Felixstowe

Connecting Services via the Wherry Lines to Norwich with onward connections to Cromer, Sheringham, Great Yarmouth, London, the Midlands and North.

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