

## Walton and the Trimley villages

You know that there are four bus routes - the regular 75, 76 and 77 providing four buses every hour and the 173/4 service to get into GES and return.

We recommend that you switch to using only the (hourly) 76 or one of the 173/4 buses. Don't get off at GES and if you are on board a 76, sit tight while the bus goes round the town centre loop (Highfield and Leopold Roads) and it will then take you to The Grove Medical Centre.

To return home, use the (hourly) 76, or one of the 173/4 buses from The Grove Medical Centre

### Some other useful information

Bus timetables - available at most bus stops, Tourist Information Centre or on line - [www.firstgoup.com](http://www.firstgoup.com) or [www.suffolkonboard.com](http://www.suffolkonboard.com)

Concessionary Bus pass information - phone 0845 600 0659 or go to [www.suffolkonboard.com](http://www.suffolkonboard.com)

### \*Felixstowe Travel Watch

Is a non party political association, campaigning for improvements and greater use of all forms of public transport in the area, with over 400 members. Our slogan - "...use it or lose it...". Why not join us, come to our members meetings and enjoy our day tour outings. For more information visit our website -

[www.felixstowetravelwatch.onesuffolk.net](http://www.felixstowetravelwatch.onesuffolk.net)

Or contact Richard Holland (Chairman)  
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## THE GROVE MEDICAL CENTRE

### PUBLIC TRANSPORT NEWS

Our old Central Surgery facility, being along side the Great Eastern Square (GES) bus stops - the "hub" of the local bus routes - was ideally located for those of our patients using buses to get to the surgery or go home afterwards.

Some patients not able to walk the extra distance to The Grove Medical Centre (GMC), may be anxious about which buses to use and how the bus timetable will fit with your appointment times.

This leaflet, produced in cooperation with Felixstowe Travel Watch \* will, we hope, answer all your questions.

**Patients living in Old Felixstowe** and coming into the town centre or going home afterwards on either the 76 or 173/4 bus will notice little change. The bus routes have been changed with new bus stops created at the end of Colneis Road to serve the new Medical Centre. One 76 bus an hour each way and four number 173/4 buses each day during normal surgery opening times.

**The rest of this leaflet gives details for patients using bus routes 75 and 77, who will have to change at Great Eastern Square both going to and returning from the Grove Medical Centre**

Ticket Transfers. Patients using a Concessionary bus pass won't have any problem transferring from one bus service to another.

## **Route 75 -**

### **From and returning to Grange Farm Avenue via Mill Lane to Great Eastern Square (GES)**

You will know that there are two buses every hour on this route. So after we move to The Grove Medical Centre, you will catch your usual bus to get you to GES to arrive at either 18 minutes past the hour or 48 minutes past the hour, depending on which one you catch.

Stay at the bus stop at GES and wait for the next 76 bus to come along. This will leave GES going to the surgery at 5 minutes past the hour. So a 17 minute or 47 minute wait at GES.

If by chance a 173/4 bus comes along going up Beatrice Avenue - jump on board.

#### What about getting home after your appointment?

A 76 bus going to GES is due at 23 minutes past the hour, which will take just a few minutes. The next 75 bus from Ipswich is due in at 48 minutes past the hour - so a wait of about 20 minutes at GES before you are on the final leg of your journey back home. Or use a 173/4 to GES

#### **Beatrice Avenue bus service in brief -**

Service 76 - From GES to GMC - buses depart 10.05 then hourly until 16.05 then at 17.07 and 18.12 (76A)

Service 76 - From GMC to GES - buses depart at 09.23 then hourly until 16.23 then 17.25

Service 173/4 From GES to GMC buses depart at 09.50, 12.10, 14.42 and 16.45

Service 173 From GMC to GES buses depart 09.57, 12.17, 14.50 and 17.05

*75,76,77 operated by First Eastern Counties*

*173/4 operated by Ipswich Buses sponsored by SCC.*

## **Route 77 -**

### **From and returning to the far end of Langer Road to Great Eastern Square (GES)**

You will know that there is one bus an hour each way on this route. So after we move to The Grove Medical Centre, you will catch your usual bus to get you to GES at 3 minutes past the hour. Coming almost immediately behind the 77 will be the next 76 bus to take you up Beatrice Avenue to The Grove. Brilliant!

The 76 bus is timetabled to be just 2 minutes behind the 77, so let's hope that your 77 bus is not running more than 2 minutes late otherwise you'll be waiting at GES for almost an hour before the next 76 comes along. If by chance a 173/4 bus comes along going up Beatrice Avenue - jump on board.

#### What about getting home after your appointment ?

A 76 bus going to GES is due at 23 minutes past the hour, which will take just a few minutes. Or use a 173/4 to GES

Now if you are lucky, the next 77 bus from Ipswich, due in to GES at 27 minutes past the hour, will be running on time or even better may be running a few minutes late. Lets hope it is, because then you will be able to jump off the 76 from The Grove and almost straight onto your 77 bus to take you on the final leg of your journey back home.

If you are unlucky, the 76 bus going to GES from the Grove will be just a couple of minutes late, which means that when it gets to GES, your ideal 77 bus connection will have gone and you'll have to wait about an hour before the next one comes along.