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Lost property

If you leave something on the bus contact Essex and Suffolk DaRT.

Not in the DaRT 3 catchment?

There are also other DaRT services in:

- West & North Uttlesford DaRT299
- West Braintree –DaRT299

Call **01621 874411** or visit **essex.gov.uk/publictransport** for further information

Comments, questions or concerns

Please contact the operator directly for all comments in relation to this service.

Frequently asked questions

1. Will concessionary bus passes be accepted?

Yes, concessionary bus passes will still be accepted.

- 2. What sort of vehicles will be used? 8 to 16 seat vehicles with the DaRT Essex logo.
- 3. Can passengers take their trolleys?

Yes. Vehicles are fitted with cage area. It is advised you mention this when booking your journey.

4. How will hospital appointments work? When travel is booked generally the return

journey time is also booked. You have the option to change it but if it is less than 2 hours' notice you need to be flexible.

6. Can people who have a concessionary bus pass give a contribution towards the scheme?

The ENCTS is a national scheme. You can always pay the fare instead of using your bus pass, but if the bus pass is presented free travel must be allowed. The operator will be reimbursed by ECC for concessionary travel journeys.

7. Does the DaRT mean that passengers can travel every day?

Yes, you can any time between 0600 to 2000 Monday to Saturday. Passengers are asked to be flexible so bookings can be grouped together.

8. Can a relative or friend book on your behalf?

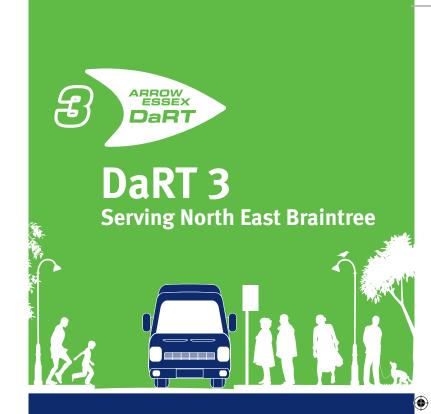
Yes.

9. Can people use the service to go out for social / leisure activities?

Yes, experience has shown passengers often choose to book the service as a group and passengers who previously could not use a conventional service can use the DaRT. As long as it is safe to do so the service can pick up passengers from their homes.

- **10.** Can a group of people book together? Yes, you will need to say how many people will be travelling.
- 11. Can I use my wheelchair?

Yes, you will need to give details when you book the service.



Mondays to Saturdays

01621 874411

Your bus journey is what you make it WWW.essex.gov.uk/publictransport





About this bus service

Demand Responsive Transport (DaRT) is an alternative way of providing access to key services in rural areas.

Instead of using fixed routes with fixed stops and times, DaRT customers book journeys with the operator in advance and are picked up from an agreed point – often their own home, a bus stop or local place of interest. You can use it:

- to go shopping
- attend a health appointment
- get to/from work, school or college
- visit friends

This service is funded by Essex County Council and operated by Arrow Taxis.



Essex and Suffolk DaRT 01621 874411



When does it operate?

DaRT 3 operates between 0600 and 2000, Monday to Saturday. Unlike a bus service there is no set route and timetable.



How do I book a journey?

Telephone Essex and Suffolk DaRT on 01621 874411 and explain:

- Where you would like to go
- Where you would like to be collected from
- What time you need to go (please give at least 2 hours notice before travelling)

Arrow Taxis Essex Ltd will also need to know:

- Your name
- Your telephone number
- Any specific requirements, such as if you are a wheelchair user or if you have difficulty walking

Return journey

It is advisable to book your return journey at the same time of your initial booking otherwise you will need to give 2 hours' notice for your return journey.

Remember to be ready when you are due to be collected.



How much will it cost?

	Adult (age 16 or over)		Child (age 5 to age 15 inclusive)	
Distance	Single	Return	Single	Return
Less than 2 miles	£2.50	£3.50	£1.50	£2.00
Between 2 and 5 miles	£4.50	£6.50	£2.50	£3.50
More than 5 miles	£5.50	£8.00	£3.00	£4.50

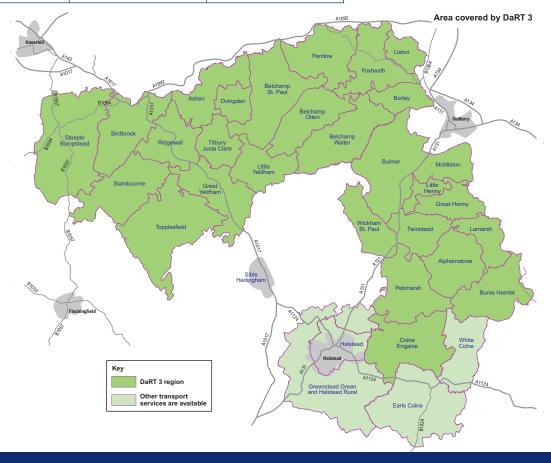
Concessionary pass holders – valid after 0900 Monday to Friday and all day Saturday



How can I pay?

You can pay on the bus or by debit/credit card over the telephone.

DaRT 3 covers the parishes of:							
Alphamstone	Ashen	Belchamp Otten	Belchamp St. Paul	Belchamp Walter			
Birdbrook	Borley	Bulmer	Bures Hamlet	Colne Engaine			
Earls Colne	Foxearth	Great Henny	Great Yeldham	Greenstead Green			
Halstead Town	Lamarsh	Liston	Little Henny	Little Yeldham			
Middleton	Ovington	Pebmarsh	Pentlow	Ridgewell			
Stambourne	Steeple Bumpstead	Steeple Bumpstead		Toppesfield			
Twinstead	Wickham St. Paul	White Colne					





Where can I travel?

DaRT 3 – passengers can travel to and from anywhere within the parishes shown on the map, between these parishes, and also direct to Sudbury, Halstead and Haverhill town centres, Sudbury train station and health facilities in Clare and Sible Hedingham and Community Hospitals in Sudbury and Halstead.

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