



FACTS FELIXSTOWE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR ROUTES 2023 (VERSION 3)

These tour routes are only our personal suggestion. The full route takes about 1.5 hours; a **shorter route** is offered - omitting Old Felixstowe - and will take about half that time.

We have not singled out 'specific spectacular spectacles' within the route as we believe they should be obvious. There are other beautifully decorated houses that have not been included on this circular tour, and some are offered as 'Other Worthy Sights' at the end.

To see all the lights - some of which don't get put up until quite close to Christmas Day, the best period to do the tour is from the penultimate weekend before Christmas until Twelfth Night (aka Epiphany) on 6th January. The best time is between 6pm and 9pm, as some people don't appear to switch on their lights until they get home from work whilst others switch them off as they retire for an early night. ENJOY!

START POINT: Top of CONVALESCENT HILL (if possible avoiding Hamilton Road in order to save the lights generously provided by Felixstowe Lions' as the 'fitting finale').

Head down CONVALESCENT HILL towards Felixstowe Pier

At mini roundabout at bottom of CONVALESCENT HILL, turn right (2nd exit) towards Pier

At mini roundabout beside Pier, turn left (1st exit) onto SEA ROAD

Take 5th right onto BEACH ROAD WEST

Take 1st right onto MANNING ROAD

Slowly drive past narrow intersecting roads to observe lights either side

Take 3rd right onto CAVENDISH ROAD

At T-junction, turn left onto SEA ROAD

At mini roundabout beside Pier, turn left (1st exit) onto UNDERCLIFF ROAD WEST

At Premier Inn roundabout, turn right (4th exit) onto GARRISON LANE

At Mill Lane traffic lights, turn left onto MILL LANE

At mini roundabout, turn left (1st exit) onto STOUR AVENUE

Take 2nd right onto WAVENEY ROAD

At T-junction, turn right onto CORONATION DRIVE

At T-junction, turn right onto GRANGE ROAD

At mini roundabout, turn right (2nd exit) onto MILL LANE

At mini roundabout, turn left (1st exit) onto WADGATE ROAD

Take 1st right onto VICARAGE ROAD

At T-junction, turn right onto GRANGE ROAD

Head North, going straight over two mini-roundabouts and railway bridge

At next mini roundabout, turn right (2nd exit) onto SEATON ROAD

At T-junction, turn left onto HIGH ROAD WEST

At St Marys Church, turn right onto CHURCH LANE

At 2nd crossroads/T-junction, turn left onto GULPHER ROAD

At T-junction, turn right back onto HIGH ROAD WEST

Continue through Walton, over one roundabout and across bridge over Dock Spur Road.

Take 1st left into NEW ROAD, and continue onto CHATSWORTH CRESCENT

At crossroads with New Road and Elm Gardens, turn right onto NEW ROAD

At T-junction, turn left onto NEW ROAD (back tracking)

At T-junction, turn left onto HIGH ROAD

At mini roundabout, turn right (2nd exit) onto FAULKENERS WAY

Take 1st left onto DAINS PLACE (cul-de-sac) and drive almost to the very end, observe lights (donations to Salvation Army) and then back-track

At T-junction, turn left and continue on FAULKENERS WAY

Take 1st right onto FARRIERS WENT (cul-de-sac), observe lights and then back-track

At T-junction, turn left and back-track on FAULKENERS WAY

At mini roundabout, turn right (2nd exit) onto HIGH ROAD; crossover next mini roundabout

Drive slowly past The Mariners public house and Trimley St Martin Parish Church (star on tower)

At roundabout, turn right (3rd exit) onto HOWLETT WAY

(Option to see TRIMLEY ST MARTIN 'Other Worthy Sight')

(Option to see KIRTON 'Other Worthy Sight')

At roundabout, turn right (3rd exit) down slip road onto A14 East back towards Felixstowe

At Dock Spur Roundabout, go straight (1st exit) onto CANDLET ROAD

At roundabout, go straight (1st exit) onto GROVE ROAD

At roundabout, take second exit onto LINKS AVENUE

(For SHORTER ROUTE: instead at this roundabout, turn right (4th exit) onto BEATRICE AVENUE; at next roundabout, go straight (2nd exit) onto HAMILTON ROAD; drive slowly all the way down full length of HAMILTON ROAD, including shared space; and END at the junction of HAMILTON ROAD with BENT HILL).

Take 1st right onto ROSEMARY AVENUE; at T-junction, turn left onto COLNEIS ROAD

At next junction on the left (Gleneagles Close), drive slowly past well-lit house (star)

At T-junction, turn right onto FERRY ROAD and continue onto CHURCH ROAD

At T-junction, turn left onto CLIFF ROAD

Close to the Golf Club, turn left onto WESTMORLAND ROAD

Pause at well-lit house on right

At T-junction, turn right onto WESTERN AVENUE

At T-junction, turn right onto CLIFF ROAD and continue onto HIGH ROAD EAST

At roundabout, turn right onto BEATRICE AVENUE

Take 1st left onto FAIRFIELD AVENUE

At crossroads, turn left onto GLENFIELD AVENUE

At T-junction, turn left onto HIGH ROAD

At roundabout, turn right onto HAMILTON ROAD

Drive slowly all the way down full length of HAMILTON ROAD, including shared space

END POINT: Junction of HAMILTON ROAD with BENT HILL

OTHER WORTHY SIGHTS

TRIMLEY SAINT MARTIN – at Howlett Way roundabout: instead continue on HIGH ROAD towards Hand in Hand pub; after pub, take 1st right onto MILL LANE; continue onto ST MARTINS GREEN; at T-junction, turn left onto HIGH ROAD; at Howlett Way roundabout, take 1st exit onto HOWLETT WAY; and re-join main route.

KIRTON - at A14 roundabout: instead go straight ahead (2nd exit) onto KIRTON ROAD towards Kirton; road becomes TRIMLEY ROAD, then BUCKLESHAM ROAD; about 200 metres after White Horse pub, turnaround at PARK LANE; just after passing at White Horse pub again, turn hard left into RECTORY LANE; at T-junction, turn right onto CHURCH LANE; at T-junction, turn right onto FALKENHAM ROAD; back at Kirton Village Green, turn left onto TRIMLEY ROAD; retrace route back to A14 roundabout, take 1st exit onto A14 East back towards Felixstowe; and re-join main route.

GARRISON LANE (NORTH) – between Mill Lane and High Road junctions

QUILTER ROAD - but be careful of your wing mirrors down this narrow road!

RANELAGH ROAD (NORTH) – between Cobbold Road and Gainsborough Road junctions



END NOTE

If you feel able to make a 'thank you' donation to Felixstowe Area Community Transport Scheme (FACTS), please text / SMS 'BUS' to 70490, or use the QR code below.

Kim & Dee Balshaw, 23 December 2023

