



Local People Helping Local People



Castle Point Social Car

Scheme Regular Transport Trips

Door to Door Service Tel: 01268 201666 Option: 2 – 9.00am – 3.00pm

Over 60 years, Live in Castle Point area,

Our trip/minibus offices will be closed from 24th December and reopen on the 2nd January 2025

If you would like to take a friend who's not a member of the Car Scheme, they can join using the Associate Minibus Trip Membership. £5.00 per year as from July 2022. Please ask at the office for details.

Attention all members

If you do not pay at least two weeks in advance, we may not be able to hold your place on the bus. We would then contact those clients on the reserve list to see if they were still interested in the trip.

Please note it is your responsibility to make a phone call to the office to make your payment. I'm sure you can appreciate it is very time-consuming contacting all the clients for payment, please make a note on your calendar at least two weeks prior to travel to remind you that payment is due.

Please can all passengers read the notes at the back of the magazine about booking trips.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025

JANUARY

8TH January - Wednesday

Romford Market

Visit a new town which has a large outdoor market and enjoy browsing around all the shops in the Romford Shopping Hall and maybe stop for a lovely lunch.

Arrive: 11.00am – leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £14.50

Spaces available

9th January - Thursday

Polhill Garden Centre, Sevenoaks, Kent

Horticultural centre and shopping village selling home furnishings, Clothes, shoe outlet plus farm shop, butchers, and seafood.

Visit the wonderful Restaurant and experience the wonderful food made from local ingredients prepared fresh each day.

Arrive: 11.00am – leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £17.50

2 x buses now full, please confirm your space and contact the office before 20th December to make your payment.

10th January - Friday

Chelmsford Shopping

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13th January – Monday

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This garden centre has been taken over by Perrywood Garden Centre.

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Minibus Cost: £10.50

15th January – Wednesday

Rayleigh Town Shopping

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Arrive: 11.00am-leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £10.00

16th January – Thursday

Thurrock Garden Centre, South Ockendon

Thurrock Garden Centre is one of the largest garden centres in Essex and they stock over fifty thousand beautiful elegant outdoor and garden products from plants, furniture, seed & bulbs, pet & bird care, books, cards, candles and sweets.

At Woody's Restaurant you can find lovely home cooked & baked delicious meals, snacks, cakes & fresh Beanworks Artisan coffee, tea's and soft drinks available.

Arrive: 11.00am-14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £12.00

17th January – Friday

Lakeside Shopping Centre/Retail Park/Ikea

Please ask the driver which destination you would like to be dropped off/pick up.

3 drop-off areas, 2 in the retail park and the main shopping centre.

Enjoy a browse around the shops at Lakeside, take advantage of all the different shops i.e. M & S, Primark, House of Fraser and lots more, then stop off for a bite to eat at your leisure in the various restaurants and cafes or if you prefer we can drop you off at the Retail park with TKMax, M&S Outlet, Asda Superstore, Dunelm, Nike Store, Gap, Boots, Smyths Toy Shop.

Arrive: 11.00am-14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £12.00

23rd January - Thursday

Freeport, Braintree Shopping Centre

Set in a relaxing village environment, Freeport Braintree offers everything you need with over 85 stores for all your shopping and some fantastic eating places.

OR

Cherry Lane Garden Centre, Coggeshall then onto Braintree Garden Centre, Cressing, Braintree

Both have a great range of fantastic gifts & homeware for your home or garden, lots of indoor and outdoor plants.

Choose from the Braintree Garden centre, which has the Gardeners Retreat Restaurant, or the Cherry Lane Garden Centre family-run restaurant serving homemade meals and teas and coffee.

You can go to either the garden centre or Freeport, please let the office know when booking a seat on the minibus.

Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £16.50

24th January - Friday

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27th January – Monday

Ruxley Manor Garden Centre, Orpington, Kent

A well-stocked garden centre with indoor & outdoor plants, garden care and pet area. Various outlets including cookware, clothing, health & beauty and fragrances, home accessories and toys & games are all available.

The food hall includes Butcher of Brogdale, deli, frozen food range and all your favourites from a well-stocked pantry, jams & breads which are all daily baked.

Enjoy a lovely meal in the restaurant or just sit and have a well-earned cup of tea or coffee.

Arrive: 11.00am – leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £17.00

29th January – Wednesday

Rayleigh Town Shopping

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Arrive: 11.00am-leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £10.00

29th January – Wednesday

Alton Garden Centre, Wickford, Essex

They are the largest garden centre in Essex and they stock literally thousands of fantastic outdoor and garden products to meet your every possible garden need.

Get ready for Christmas and view all the wonderful decorations and gifts to treat a family member or yourself.

New All Seasons Restaurant which includes your classic favourites & some exciting new additions. Fishy Friday menu available, plus a great selection of freshly baked cakes, pastries, freshly ground coffees and teas, they also offer a great choice of lights snacks, hot meals.

Arrive: 11.00am- leave 14.30pm

Mini-bus Cost: 10.00

30th January – Thursday

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FEBRUARY

5th February – Wednesday

Morley Nurseries, Great Wakering or Southend Shopping

Morley Nurseries is family run, they grow a very wide range of shrubs and seasonal bedding plants on site and now carry a range of water features. There is also a thriving Aquatic and Pet Care centre and wild bird food.

The onsite tearoom is open daily for your convenience, serving morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon teas, homemade soups, and cakes. The minibus will also drop you off by The Royals Shopping Centre, so you can go shopping in the town centre.

Arrive: 10.45am Morley Garden Centre then onto Southend for 11.00am

Return: 14.00pm Morley Garden Centre then 14.15pm Southend

Minibus Cost: £11.00 Morley Gardens

Minibus Cost: £10.50 Southend

6th February – Thursday

Harlow Garden Centre

The Nursery grows bedding plants and roses supplying London flower markets and the surrounding areas, also having varieties of trees, shrubs, and various other plants. You will also find a wide choice of garden furniture, barbecues, pots and tubs of many sizes and designs, a varied range of gifts and crafts in lots of different styles.

The Tea & Cake Shop has hot & cold lunches, delicious cakes, and pastries with a wide range of coffees.

Arrive: 11.00am – leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £16.00

7th February - Friday

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Minibus Cost: £13.50

12th February – Wednesday

Enfield Garden Centre, Enfield

Enjoy walking around the garden centre, wide range of garden plants, tools and equipment in a complex with a gift shop and restaurant.

Arrive: 11.00am-14.30pm

Minibus Cost £16.50



12th February - Wednesday

Rayleigh Town Shopping

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Arrive: 11.00am-leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £10.00

13th February – Thursday

Scotts of Southend Nurseries & Garden Centre Matalan, Southend



A very well-equipped smaller garden centre with lots of indoor and outdoor plants. The shop has a lovely gift and clothes area. The restaurant is a modern and vibrant eatery with traditional home cooked food, it has an indoor and outdoor seating area.

We will also stop off at Matalan for a little look around the fashion and homeware store.

Arrive: 11.00am – 13.30 onto Matalan 13.45 leave 14.45pm

Minibus Cost: £12.00

19th February – Wednesday

Hockley Market Garden Centre, Hullbridge & Cherry Lane Garden Centre.

A chance to visit both garden Centre's which are only a few minutes away from each other.

Both garden Centre's have gifts, home ware and pet, bird and wildlife centre. They also have lovely restaurants where you can sit and relax and have a lovely lunch with a cup of tea/coffee.

Arrive: 11.00am- leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £11.50

20th February – Thursday

Variety Show – Winter warmer, (shake off those winter blues!)

Chalkwell Park, London Road, Westcliff on Sea.

Show plus everyone is served with 2 course meal with Tea/Coffee.

Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

Arrive: 11.45am Meal 12.00pm Show finishes 16.15pm

Tickets £20.00

Minibus cost: £ 11.50

Total cost: £31.50

We have 8 seats reserved – first come first served.

24th March – Monday

Calcott Hall Farm Shop & Ongar Garden Centre, Brentwood

We will visit Calcotts farm shop and stay for up to 1 hour as we have been advised by clients that have visited it's well worth a look, as they have so much produce. They offer a range of fresh fruit, vegetables, Fish & a butchers. We will then go onto Ongar Garden Centre which is a smaller centre with a lovely outside space of plants and indoor area with gardening equipment, gifts, homeware, and clothing. The Gardener's retreat restaurant serves breakfasts, lunches, afternoon teas with delicious cakes and beverages.

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21st February - Friday

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Bluewater Shopping Centre –Kent

Bluewater Shopping Centre is an out-of-town shopping centre in Stone, Kent, England. With over 300 stores, 60 restaurants, plus entertainment. Enjoy a walk around the shops, loads of seating areas to have a rest or enjoy a lovely lunch in one of the many restaurants.

Arrive: 11.00- leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £14.50

26th February - Wednesday

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27th February – Thursday

Perrywood Garden Centre, Tiptree ONLY

Perrywood Garden Centre has lots of plants and gift shops with crockery, cookware, china, glassware, and cards for sale. The Coffee Shop is open with delicious hot lunches, freshly baked scones, and cakes with great views from the conservatory.

Arrive: 11.00am – leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £16.50

28th February - Friday

Summerhill Garden Centre, Billericay

Lots of different types of outdoor bedding and houseplants, gifts, and houseware.

Various types of outlets: large pet's corner, Gibson's finest meats, family run butchers and farm shop. The Sustainability Store refill = zero waste/refill store, pasta, rice, oats, nuts and much more. Gifts and homeware. *L'Oliveta* Restaurant has a stunning menu with breakfasts, light lunch or tea and cake. You will find home-cooked Italian and British dishes all freshly prepared.

Arrive: 12.45-14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £10.00

MARCH

5th March - - Wednesday

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They are the largest garden centre in Essex, and they stock literally thousands of fantastic outdoor and garden products to meet your every possible garden need. Digby's Restaurant pride themselves on using only the very best locally sourced fresh ingredients. They have a great selection of freshly baked cakes, pastries, freshly ground coffees and teas, no hot meals until further notice due to a fire, but hoping by April this will have been fixed and repaired with a lovely new restaurant.

Arrive: 11.00am- Leave 2.30pm

Minibus Cost: £10.00

6th March – Thursday

Meadow Croft Garden Centre, Wickford

Quality plants which are grown in their own glasshouses on-site.

They aim to cater for the novice gardener through to the more experienced gardener, with a wide range of plants available.

The gift shop offers clothing, homeware, toys, cards, and gardening equipment. All their meals are homemade on the premises and cooked to order, using the best local ingredients. They also offer a range of gluten-free and vegan meals and if you can't find anything that tickles your fancy from our menu – they will happily make you something else.

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13th March – Thursday

Old Leigh Town, Leigh on Sea

Walk along the sea front and enjoy all the sights over to Kent, either visit Osbournes Bros Cockle Shed Café and enjoy some local sea food, visit the local pubs or Sara's Tea Garden all within a short walking distance or if you prefer the driver will drop you off in the High Street area and you can visit any of the lovely shops and restaurants instead of the Old Town.

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You can now make payment over the phone.

No need to send a cheque into the office.

Membership or Renewal's

Can also be take over the phone.



Notes for everyone going onto the minibus, please read.

We recommend you call and book a table at the garden centres were possible.

When booking a seat on the bus, it is important you read the information below:

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A WALKER, SHOPPING TROLLEY OR BAG ON WHEELS.

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE LIMITED SPACE ON THE BUS, SO WE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE ANYMORE THAN 2 SQUARED SHOPPING TROLLEYS.

The office will call you 2/3 days before the trip to give you a time. This is just a guide to the driver should be with you, so please be ready earlier.

Please be ready when the driver arrives to get onto the minibus so we can pick everyone up on time and make sure you know where the driver will be picking you up and what time on the return journey.

The magazine is posted out first and then approximately 4/5 days after posting we will email everyone the magazine, this way everyone should receive the latest magazine at the same time.

We will try to add on a second bus when possible, so please always leave your name on the reserved list and we will contact you if a space comes available or if we are able to put on a second bus.

If you have any special places you would like to visit, please do not hesitate to contact the office and we will try our best to arrange them for you.

PLEASE CAN WE REMIND YOU TO ALWAYS PUT YOUR SEAT BELT ON, AND DO NOT REMOVE IT UNTIL THE BUS HAS COMPLETELY STOPPED.



THERE IS A CLIP ON THE STOP OF THE SEAT BELT TO KEEP IN PLACE FOR YOUR COMFORT.
PLEASE ASK YOUR DRIVER FOR HELP IF REQUIRED.

TTR Shopping trips on the Minibus

The tickets are per return journey and are sold in batches of 3 tickets for £15.00. The tickets will be valid for six months, so please make sure you use them by the end date as they cannot be extended.

We may have to adjust the time occasionally and if this happens, we will inform you as soon as possible.

Shopping timetable – Wednesday

Dates: **4th, 18th December 8th, 22nd January 2025**
5th, 19th February 2025 5th, 19th March 2025

Route	Tesco Extra - Pitsea		Aldi/The Range & Pitsea Market
Drop off time	10.15		10.30
Pick up time	12.15		12.30
Please note this may be cancelled if we have insufficient members.	Times for pick up vary due to the number of members on board the minibus. Please be ready from 9.30am onwards.		Please let the office know if you have a walker or shopping trolley.

Canvey/Benfleet Customers – Shopping timetable – Friday

Dates: **Every Friday in starting 3rd January 2025**

	Morrisons - Canvey	
Drop off time	10.30	
Pick up time	12.45	

Please note this may be cancelled if we have insufficient members.	Times for pick up vary due to the number of members on board the minibus. Please be ready from 9.30am onwards.	Please let the office know if you have a walker or shopping trolley.
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Annie Riley at Variety Lunches

Dates for 2025 at:
Chalkwell Park Rooms, London Road, A13,
Southend-on-Sea, Essex S50 8NB

February 19th & 20th Winter Warmer!
April 8th 9th & 10th Easter Parade!
May 20th 21st & 22nd VE DAY 80!
July 22nd & 23rd Summer Variety!
September 9th 10th & 11th Annie Riley & Friends!
Jingle Bell Rock
24th 25th 26th 27th 28th November & December 1st

All tickets £20 each including 2 course meal, Tea/coffee and a Show!

For Tickets please call: 07493 025060

Dates available to book with us: 2025

Feb 20th

April 10th

May 2nd

July 23rd

September 11th

November 27th

December 1st