



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,

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.

Check if you 2 for 1 or half price on some attractions using your Disabled badge or bus pass.

Attention all members

PLEASE PAY AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE.

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.

Unfortunately, we cannot make refunds once the trip has been paid for unless the Car Scheme cancels the trip.

Seats are limited and will be booked on a first come first served basis so please book early. Due to high interest in the trips, we have started reserved list and if someone cancels or cannot make the trip, we will call you to see if you're able to attend. This has proven to be very successful. (If possible, we will always try to add a second bus on if a bus/.driver is available).

If we have insufficient numbers unfortunately, we will have to make the decision to cancel the trip two weeks before the trip is due to go ahead.

Donations

Thank you all so much for your very kind donations - it is very much appreciated. Just to advise that unfortunately, due to the ever-increasing costs of postage, we will no longer be sending out a thank you letter. This will enable the full cost of your donation to be put towards benefitting the scheme. Thank you.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026

NEW TRIP FOR 2026

January

07th 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.

All Seasons Restaurant which includes your classic favourites plus a great selection of freshly baked cakes, pastries, freshly ground coffees and teas, they also offer a great choice of light snacks, hot meals.

Arrive: 11.00am- leave 14.30pm

Mini-bus Cost: 10.00

7th January – Wednesday

Rayleigh Town Shopping

Pop to the High Street for a lovely time browsing the shops and both the outdoor market and indoor markets (Rayleigh Lanes). Enjoy a lovely lunch at one of the many restaurants on the high street.

Arrive: 11.00am- Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £10.00

8th January - Thursday

Longacres Garden Centre, Chelmsford



Lots of lovely indoor and outdoor plants. Gifts, accessories and table ware. Furniture and pets corner.

The Greenhouse Café is a lovely restaurant with cakes, sandwiches, Toasties & jackets. Breakfasts and Chef's favourites.

Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £14.00

12th January – Monday

Buckhatch Nursery & Garden Centre, Rettendon Common, Chelmsford

Buckhatch Garden Centre is being taken over by Perrywood Garden Centre from February/March onward.



Whether you are an avid gardener or even if you are tending to a small space, such as a patio area or a hanging basket by the front door, the friendly team at BHN are always on hand to advise you on how to create an abundance of colour and beauty to enjoy throughout each season.

They stock a large range of unique gifts and home ware, you are sure to find the perfect present. Once you have finished browsing around our covered and outdoor areas then the coffee shop provides hot/cold drinks, homemade cakes, and scones as well as a large selection of sandwiches and hot food.

Arrive: 11.00am - Leave:14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £10.50

14TH January - Wednesday

Rayleigh Town Shopping

Pop to the High Street for a lovely time browsing the shops and both the outdoor market and indoor markets (Rayleigh Lanes). Enjoy a lovely lunch at one of the many restaurants on the high street.

Arrive: 11.00am- Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £10.00

15th 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 fantastic 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

16th January - Friday

Chelmsford Shopping

Chelmsford Cathedral Lunch time concert begins 12.00 noon.

Free admission, teas & coffees from 11.30am.



Check if concerts are advertised

Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £13.50

21st January - Wednesday

Rayleigh Town Shopping

Pop to the High Street for a lovely time browsing the shops and both the outdoor market and indoor markets (Rayleigh Lanes). Enjoy a lovely lunch at one of the many restaurants on the high street.

Arrive: 11.00am- Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £10.00

22nd January - Thursday

Polhill Garden Centre, Sevenoaks, Kent

Horticultural centre and shopping village selling home furnishings, Clothes, shoe outlet plus farm shop, butchers, and seafood. Lots of indoor and outdoor plants.

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

Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £17.50

26th January – Monday

Summerhill Garden Centre, Billericay

Lots of different types of outdoor bedding and houseplants. Various types of outlets: large pet's corner, and 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. *Oliveta* Restaurant has a stunning menu, which is filled with the flavours of Italy whilst retaining many of the favourites that we've all enjoyed.

Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £10.50

28th January – Wednesday

Lakeside Shopping Centre/Retail Park/Ikea

Please ask the driver which destination you would like to be dropped off at.

Please note due to the number of areas we visit at lakeside, we may have to adjusted times accordingly for the different pick areas.

Please let us know when booking which area you would prefer to go to.

Enjoy a browse around the shops at the main Lakeside area, 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 either one of the Retail park with TKMax, M&S Outlet, Dunelm, Nike Store, Gap, Boots, Smyths Toy Shop or a visit to Ikea.

Arrive: 11.00am- Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £12.00

29th January - Thursday

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

30th January - Friday

Chelmsford Shopping

Chelmsford Cathedral Lunch time concert begins 12.00 noon.

Free admission, teas & coffees from 11.30am.



Check if concerts are advertised

Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £13.50

February

4th February - Wednesday

Rayleigh Town Shopping

Pop to the High Street for a lovely time browsing the shops and both the outdoor market and indoor markets (Rayleigh Lanes). Enjoy a lovely lunch at one of the many restaurants on the high street.

Arrive: 11.00am- Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £10.00

5th February – Thursday

Notcutts Garden Centre and Newnham Court Shopping Village, Maidstone, Kent

Notcutts Garden Centre is a retail chain focused on plants, tools, and outdoor furniture, plus gifts and home wares, The Restaurant offers breakfasts, hot meals & delicious cakes with teas/coffees. Next to the garden centre is Newnham



Court Shopping Village with an array of different shops & outlets including Cotswold Outdoor, The Edinburgh Woollen Mill, and Pavers shoes.

Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £18.00

6th February – Friday

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, teas, and soft drinks available.

Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £12.00

9th February - Monday

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 assorted 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

11th February – Wednesday

Poplar Nurseries, Marks Tey near Colchester

Wide range of indoor and outdoor plants, garden care accessories, garden furniture and lighting, lawn care, bird food plus a gift shop, adjacent to the garden centre is the farm shop with seasonal produce from local farmers and producers of food. Variety of local growers, artisan delicacies and deli offerings, along with fresh fish from Wivenhoe trawlers and Billingsgate Fish Market.

Enjoy a meal in the beautiful restaurant serving home-cooked specials.

Arrive: 11.00am – 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £16.50



12th February - Thursday

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

13th February - Friday

Chelmsford Shopping

Enjoy walking around all the different shops and restaurants. Visit both the indoor and outdoor markets. Most banks are easily accessible in the high street.

Chelmsford Cathedral Lunch time concert begins 12.00 noon.

Free admission, teas & coffees from 11.30am. No concerts are advertised

Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £13.50

18th February - Wednesday

Rayleigh Town Shopping

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Arrive: 11.00am- Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £10.00

18th February – Wednesday

Romford Market – Wed, Fri & Sat

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

Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £14.50



19th February – Thursday

Perrywood Garden Centre, Tiptree Only

Perrywood Garden Centre – has lots of plants and gift shop with crockery, cookware, 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

20th February – Friday

Calcott Hall Farm Shop & Ongar Garden Centre, Brentwood

We will visit Calcott's farm shop and stay for up to 1 hour as we have been advised by clients that have visited it is 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.

Arrive: 11.30am- Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £13.50

23rd February – Monday

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

26th February - Thursday

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

27th February - Friday

Chelmsford Shopping

Enjoy walking around all the different shops and restaurants. Visit both the indoor and outdoor markets. Most banks are easily accessible in the high street.

Chelmsford Cathedral Lunch time concert begins 12.00 noon.

Free admission, teas & coffees from 11.30am.

No concerts are advertised

Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £13.50

March

04th March - Wednesday

Rayleigh Town Shopping

Pop to the High Street for a lovely time browsing the shops and both the outdoor market and indoor markets (Rayleigh Lanes). Enjoy a lovely lunch at one of the many restaurants on the high street.

Arrive: 11.00am- Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £10.00

05th March – Thursday

Cherry Lane Garden Centre. Hullbridge

Garden Centre has gifts, home ware and pet, bird, and wildlife centre. They also have lovely restaurant 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

**You can now make payment over the phone. No need to send a cheque into the office.
Membership or Renewals can also be taken over the phone.**



**Don't forget to please pay
2 weeks before your trip date.**



March 26th Eatser Parade Show

May 21st VE81 Show

July 22nd Summer Variety Show

September 10th Annie Riley & Friends

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: **14th, 28th January 2026**
11th, 25th February 2026

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 9.00am onwards.		Please let the office know if you have a walker or shopping trolley.

Canvey/Benfleet Customers – Shopping timetable – Friday

Dates: **Every Friday 2025 (except bank holidays)**

You can only book 1 months in advance, due to popular demand we are having to limit how far ahead you can book, hopefully this will resolve any issues, sorry for any inconvenience caused.

	Morrisons - Canvey	
Drop off time	<u>10.30</u>	Times changed slightly
Pick up time	<u>12.45</u>	Times changed
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 9.00am onwards and be outside ready for the bus 12.35pm.	Please let the office know if you have a walker or shopping trolley.

If anyone has any unwanted paperback books, please could you give them to the driver on the bus or cars for our table sale at The Tyrells Centre.

All donations go to CPSCS.



If you see the CPSCS nominated charity sign being advertised in the local Tesco stores, please add your little blue tokens into the correct area.

Please can spread the word with your friends and family the more tokens we get the bigger the donation.