



**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 your 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 week 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.

# January

21<sup>st</sup> 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**

**Spaces available**

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22<sup>nd</sup> January - Thursday

## **Polhill Garden Centre, Sevenoaks, Kent - FULL**

**Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm**

**Minibus Cost: £17.50**

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26<sup>th</sup> January – Monday

## **Summerhill Garden Centre, Billericay - CANCELLED**

**Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm**

**Minibus Cost: £10.50**

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28<sup>th</sup> January – Wednesday

## **Lakeside Shopping Centre/Retail Park/Ikea – FULL**

**Arrive: 11.00am- Leave: 14.30pm**

**Minibus Cost: £12.00**

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29<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Limited spaces**

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30<sup>th</sup> January - Friday

## **Chelmsford Shopping**

**Chelmsford Cathedral Lunch time concert begins 12.00 noon.**

**Free admission, teas & coffees from 11.30am.**

**Simone Tavoni (Piano)**

**Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm**

**Minibus Cost: £13.50**

**Limited spaces**

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# **February**

4<sup>th</sup> February - Wednesday

## **Rayleigh Town Shopping – 2 x buses**

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**

**Limited spaces**

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5<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday

## **Notcutts Garden Centre and Newnham Court Shopping Village, Maidstone, Kent - FULL**

**Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm**

**Minibus Cost: £18.00**

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6<sup>th</sup> 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**

**Limited spaces**

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9th February - Monday

## **Harlow Garden Centre – FULL Reserve List**

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**

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11<sup>th</sup> February – Wednesday

## **Poplar Nurseries, Marks Tey near Colchester - FULL**

**Arrive: 11.00am – 14.30pm**

**Minibus Cost: £16.50**

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12th February - Thursday

**Morley Nurseries, Great Wakering or Southend Shopping - FULL**

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

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13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday

**Chelmsford Shopping - FULL**

**Chelmsford Cathedral Lunch time concert begins 12.00 noon.**

**Free admission, teas & coffees from 11.30am.**

**Brentwood School big band**

Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £13.50

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18<sup>th</sup> February - Wednesday

**Rayleigh Town Shopping**

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Arrive: 11.00am- Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £10.00

**Spaces available**

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18<sup>th</sup> February – Wednesday

**Romford Market – Wed, Fri & Sat – FULL Reserve list**

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

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19<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday

**Perrywood Garden Centre, Tiptree Only – 2 x FULL minibuses**

Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £16.50

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20<sup>th</sup> February – Friday

**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 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

**Limited spaces**

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23<sup>rd</sup> February – Monday

**Scotts of Southend Nurseries & Garden Centre Matalan, Southend - FULL**

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

**Minibus Cost: £12.00**

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26<sup>th</sup> February - Thursday

**Enfield Garden Centre, Enfield - FULL**

**Arrive: 11.00am-14.30pm**

**Minibus Cost £16.50**

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27<sup>th</sup> February - Friday

**Chelmsford Shopping - FULL**

**Chelmsford Cathedral Lunch time concert begins 12.00 noon.**

**Free admission, teas & coffees from 11.30am.**

**Andrew Liddell (Violin)**

**Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm**

**Minibus Cost: £13.50**

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## **March**

04<sup>th</sup> 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**

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05<sup>th</sup> 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, relax, and have a lovely lunch with a cup of tea/coffee.

**Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm**

**Minibus Cost: £11.50**

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## **NEW TRIP**

9<sup>th</sup> March – Monday

**Alton Garden Centre, Wickford, Essex**

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

All Seasons Restaurant which includes your classic favourites plus an excellent 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**

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12<sup>th</sup> March - 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**

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13<sup>th</sup> March - Friday

**Chelmsford Shopping**

**Chelmsford Cathedral Lunch time concert begins 12.00 noon.**

**Free admission, teas & coffees from 11.30am.**

**Christian Dawson (Piano)**

**Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm**

**Minibus Cost: £13.50**

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**Arrive: 11.00am- Leave: 14.30pm**

**Minibus Cost: £10.00**

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19<sup>th</sup> March - 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**

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23<sup>rd</sup> March – Monday

**Ruxley Manor Garden Centre, Orpington, Kent –**

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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**

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26<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday

### Easter Parade Show

Chalkwell Park, London Road, Westcliff on Sea -

Show plus everyone is served with 2 course meal with Tea/Coffee. **£22.00** plus £11.50 for the minibus. **Total cost: £33.50**

**We have 14 seats reserved – first come first served**

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27<sup>th</sup> March - Friday

### Chelmsford Shopping

**Chelmsford Cathedral Lunch time concert begins 12.00 noon.**

**Free admission, teas & coffees from 11.30am.**

**King Edward VI Grammar School (KEGS)**

Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm

**Minibus Cost: £13.50**

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**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.**



Variety show and meal Total  
£33.50 including minibus

March 26<sup>th</sup> Easter Parade Show

May 21<sup>st</sup> VE81 Show

July 22<sup>nd</sup> Summer Variety Show

September 10<sup>th</sup> Annie Riley &  
Friends

November 26<sup>th</sup> Xmas Cracker

Please call the office to reserve a seat on the minibus.

## 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: **28<sup>th</sup> January 2026**  
**11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026**      **11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Route	Tesco Extra - Pitsea		Aldi/The Range & Pitsea Market
Drop off time	<b>10.15</b>		<b>10.30</b>
Pick up time	<b>12.15</b>		<b>12.30</b>
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 <b>9.00am</b> 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	<b><u>10.30</u></b>	Times changed slightly
Pick up time	<b><u>12.30/12.45</u></b>	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.