



**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.

## **March**

18<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday - – **SPACES AVAILABLE**

**White Elm Garden Centre & Tea Room, Bicknacre, Nr. Maldon**

Walk around a very well-stocked garden centre with lots of various shops & outlets, indoor & outdoor plants, gifts and a beautiful tearoom with homemade cakes and lovely lunches.

**Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm**

**Minibus Cost: £13.50**

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

**Rayleigh Town Shopping - FULL**

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

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

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**

**2 x buses**

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22<sup>nd</sup> March – **Sunday -**

**Meadow Croft Garden Centre, Wickford - 2 X buses FULL**

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

**Minibus Cost: £10.50**

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23<sup>rd</sup> March – Monday

**Ruxley Manor Garden Centre, Orpington, Kent – 2 x buses FULL**

**Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm**

**Minibus Cost: £17.00**

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26<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday

**Easter Parde Show - Chalkwell Park, London Road, Westcliff on Sea - FULL**

**Show/meal arrive 11.50am leave:4.00pm**

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

**Chelmsford Shopping – FULL**

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

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

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

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

**Minibus Cost: £13.50**

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## **April**

01<sup>st</sup> April – Wednesday

**Romford Market - 4 x SPACES AVAILABLE**

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.

Please note at least a 10 minute walk from the carpark and you will need to go under the underpass to walk to the market. This is the only parking we can find the closest legally to drop off.

**Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm**

**Minibus Cost: £15.50**

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01<sup>st</sup> April - Wednesday

**Rayleigh Town Shopping – FULL RESERVE LIST**

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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02<sup>nd</sup> April – 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**

**2 x buses LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE**

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08<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday

**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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09<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday

**Thurrock Garden Centre, South Ockendon – LIMITED SPACES**

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.

**No cash, card only.**

**Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm**

**Minibus Cost: £12.00**

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09<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday

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

**Arrive: 11.00am Southend or 11.20am Morley Garden Centre**

**Return: 14.00pm Morley Garden Centre then 14.20pm**

**Southend Minibus Cost: £10.50**

**Morley Gardens Minibus: £11.00**

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10<sup>th</sup> April - Friday

**Chelmsford Shopping – FULL RESERVE LIST**

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.



**No concert at the Cathedral**

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

**Minibus Cost: £13.50**

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15<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday

**Summerhill Garden Centre, Billericay – SPACES AVAILABLE**

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**

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15<sup>th</sup> April - Wednesday

**Rayleigh Town Shopping – SPACES AVAILABLE**

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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16<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday

**Olivers Nurseries, Maldon Rd, Maldon, Essex CM8 3HY – SPACES AVAILABLE**

Lovely garden centre with indoor and outdoor plants, shop and a lovely Café called "The Strawberry Tea Room serving Breakfasts, hot lunches as well as sandwiches. The tearoom has pleasant views over the pick your own field. If you have a party of 6 or more, booking is required. Please call 01375618167.

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

**Minibus Cost: £13.50**

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17<sup>th</sup> April – Friday

**Longacres Garden Centre, Chelmsford – LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE**



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**

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20<sup>th</sup> April – Monday - **NEW TRIP**

**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**

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22<sup>nd</sup> April – Wednesday

**Battlesbridge Antiques Centre and the Barge Inn Pub**

**– LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE**

Walk around all the different Antique Centre's and then sit and relax in The Barge Inn Pub for a drink or lunch, or we could drive a very short distance to The Hawk Pub.

**Arrive: 11.00am – Leave:14.30pm**

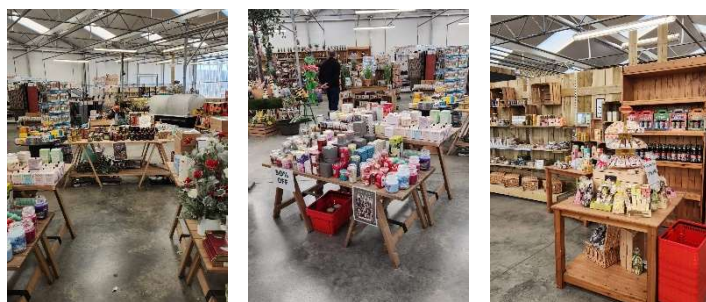
**Minibus Cost: £10.50**

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23<sup>rd</sup> April – Thursday

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

**- SPACES AVAILABLE**



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**

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23<sup>rd</sup> April – Thursday - **NEW TRIP**

**Lathcoats Farm, Beehive Lane, Galleywood, Chelmsford**

Visit a new location - Lathcoats Farm is a third-generation family fruit farm growing over 40 varieties of delicious English apples and a wide variety of summer fruits since 1912. The farm shop, sells their own apple juice and mouthwatering range of produce from small, trusted, often family businesses from around our region. The Bee Shed Coffee House offers fresh coffee, homemade cakes, breakfasts, light lunches also directly opposite is **Abercorn Plant & Garden Centre** with lots of indoor plants and a wide range of outdoor plants. Various home, living and gifts available. The Abercorns café serves tasty cakes or if you fancy a meal filled jacket potatoes, salads, paninis, or toasties available as well as breakfasts.

**Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm**

**Minibus Cost: £12.00**

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24<sup>th</sup> April - Friday

**Chelmsford Shopping – 2 X BUSES**

**LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE**

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.**

**Andrew Garrido (Piano)**

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

**Minibus Cost: £13.50**

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29<sup>th</sup> April - Wednesday

**Rayleigh Town Shopping – FULL RESERVE LIST**

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

**Minibus Cost: £10.00**

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29<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday

**Burnham on Crouch – SPACES AVAILABLE**

Have a lovely browse through the antique shops and enjoy a walk along the estuary.

Why not have a bite to eat at any of the lovely pubs or cafes in the local area.

Every **Tuesday** the High Street in Burnham hosts a small market.

**Arrive: 11.00 – Leave: 14.30pm**

**Minibus Cost: £11.00**

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30<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday

**Tiptree Jam Museum Tea Rooms and Perrywood Garden Centre, Tiptree**

- **LIMITED SPACES**

Arrive at Perrywood Garden Centre 11.00am and then onto the Tiptree Museum and Tea rooms at 13.15pm for tea/coffee & cake. You will be able to walk around the small museum and buy your Tiptree Jams.

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**

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## May

### NEW TRIPS

1<sup>st</sup> May – Friday

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**Minibus Cost: £12.00**

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6<sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday

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

**Minibus Cost: £10.00**

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7<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday

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

**We will be visiting 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**

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8<sup>th</sup> May – Friday

**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 are 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**

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13<sup>th</sup> May - Wednesday

### **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.

**Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm**

**Minibus cost: £10.00**

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14<sup>TH</sup> May – Thursday

### **Kent Life Heritage – Maidstone, Kent**

Walk around and visit the Vintage Village, 1950's buildings, WW1 Lenham cottages, Hop gardens, Dotty's tearoom.

Kent Life as it's known is one of the remaining places in Britain where Hops are grown, harvested, dried & packed in its magnificent Oast house, by hand using only time honoured, traditional techniques.

Adult entry £12.50 please pay on the date or online before you attend.

**Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm**



**Minibus Cost: £21.50**

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15<sup>th</sup> May - Friday

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

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**Hannah Ambrose & Sam Bristow (Soprano & piano)**

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

**Minibus Cost: £13.50**

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18th May - 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**

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20<sup>th</sup> May - Wednesday

### **Buckhatch Nursery & Garden Centre, Rettendon Common, Chelmsford**

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**

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**Minibus Cost: £10.00**

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22nd May – Friday

### **Heybridge Basin, Maldon**



Enjoy a day along the river Chelmer and Blackwater, a chance to have a lovely lunch at The Lock Tea Rooms or The Jolly Sailor Pub.

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

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27<sup>th</sup> May - Wednesday

### Romford Market

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**2 x buses**

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

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

**Bruno Heinen (Jazz piano)**

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

**Minibus Cost: £13.50**

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Variety show and meal Total £33.50 including minibus

May 21<sup>st</sup> VE81 Show – PAYMENT NOW DUE

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. **LIMITED SPACES**

Dates for your diary

28<sup>th</sup> Nov – music Michael Bublé  
Festive menu Mimi £40, Full £45.00

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19<sup>th</sup> December – music Rob Stewart  
Festive menu Mini £40, Full £45.00

Lise Lous Afternoon tea and entertainment

**LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE**

6<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Wednesday

VE Day 1<sup>st</sup> set Vera Lynn etc and 2<sup>nd</sup> set best of British - By Maddie Cole

Mini afternoon tea only £35.00

Deposit £20.00



27<sup>th</sup> June 2026 - Saturday

Movies & Musicals – by Maddie Cole

Deposit £20.00 (the remaining money to be paid on the day)

£35.00 Mini afternoon tea

£40.00 Full afternoon tea



## 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:                   **11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026    8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> April**  
                                  **13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> May**

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.