



Local People Helping Local People



Castle Point Social Car Scheme Ltd

Trips

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

Over 60 years, Live in Castle Point area or disabled

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. Please ask at the office for details.

Booking Conditions

- **PLEASE PAY AT LEAST TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE.**
- **PLEASE NOTE: It is the responsibility of the member to call the office to make payment for your trips, so please make a note when payment is to be made. (I'm sure you can appreciate it is very time-consuming contacting all the clients for payment), failure to do so may result in your place being allocated to another person.**
- **If a space is reserved and no longer required, please cancel at your earliest opportunity.**
- **Seats are limited and will be booked on a first come first served basis so please book early.**
- **Should we have insufficient numbers, unfortunately, we will have to make the decision to cancel the trip. We would always try to give two week's notice of the cancellation unless it is due to unforeseen circumstances.**
- **Unfortunately, payments are non-refundable unless the Car Scheme cancels the trip.**

Due to high interest in the trips, we have started a reserved list. 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, and in the event where we have enough people we will try to arrange a second bus.

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.

Price increase from August, please see letter sent out with the magazine in July 2026.

August

21st August – Friday **FULL – RESERVE LIST**

Buckhatch Nursery & Garden Centre, Rettendon Common, Chelmsford

Arrive: 11.00am- leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £14.00

24th August – Monday

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 – leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £20.00

SPACES AVAILABLE

24th August – Monday – **FULL – RESERVE LIST**

Morley Nurseries, Great Wakering or Southend Shopping

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

Return: 14.00pm Morley Garden Centre then 14.15pm Southend

Minibus Cost: £14.00

25th August – Tuesday

Maldon Promenade Park, Maldon

On the River Blackwater, stroll along the water's edge or around the lovely park grounds. Visit the local pubs for a bite to eat.

You can also take a very short walk into the town Centre or the driver can drop you off in the town to do some shopping.

Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £16.00

SPACES AVAILABLE – possible 2nd bus

26th August – Wednesday **FULL**

Lakeside Shopping Centre/Retail Park/Ikea

Arrive: 11.00am- Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £15.00

27th August - Thursday

“Visit a new town Centre”- Brighton

Brighton is an English seaside resort town. It's a popular day-trip destination. Its broad shingle beach is backed by amusement arcades and Regency-era buildings and Brighton Pier. The town is also known for its arts scene, shopping, just off the town centre is the North & South Lanes with lots of quaint, unusual shops.

Arrive: 11.30- Leave: 15.00pm

Minibus Cost: £35.00

This trip can only go ahead if we have 8 clients

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE



28th August - Friday

Chelmsford Shopping FULL – RESERVE LIST

Chelmsford Cathedral Lunch time concert begins 12.00 noon.

Free admission, teas & coffees from 11.30am. (No concert listed for August)

Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £15.50



September

2nd September – Wednesday **FULL**

Rayleigh Town Shopping

Arrive: 11.00am-leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £12.00

2nd September – 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 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: £16.50

SPACES AVAILABLE

3rd September – Thursday **FULL - RESERVE LIST**

Tiptree Jam Museum Tea Rooms and Perrywood Garden Centre, Tiptree

Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £19.50

7th September – Monday

Claremont Garden Centre, Maldon, Essex

Indoor plants with a vibrant tropical indoor house selection, also with a large area of outdoor plants, delightful homeware and giftware. Enjoy yourself in the TinRoof Cafeteria & bakery.

Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £16.00

10th September – Thursday **FULL**

Thurrock Garden Centre, South Ockendon

No cash, card only.

Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £14.50

11th September - Friday

Chelmsford Shopping

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Chelmsford Cathedral Lunch time concert begins 12.00 noon.

Free admission, teas & coffees from 11.30am.

(No concert listed for August onwards)

Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £15.50

NEW TRIPS

21st September – Monday

Meadow Croft Garden Centre, Wickford

Quality plants which 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.

Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £12.50

23rd September - 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: £12.00

24th September - 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: £15.00

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Minibus Cost: £15.50

30th September – 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, opposite is another garden centre called Springtime Nurseries which is also worth a look.

Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost 20.50



30th September – Wednesday

Alton Garden Centre, part of British Garden Centres, Wickford, Essex

They are the largest garden centre in Essex and they stock literally thousands of fantastic outdoor and indoor plants. Temporary restaurant while a must larger new restaurant is being constructed. All your lovely meals and roast dinners will be available soon, with all your freshly ground coffees and cups of tea, lights snacks and cakes. New at Altons, Pavers shoes next to The Edinburgh Woollen Mill clothes shop.

Arrive: 11.00am- leave 14.30pm

Mini-bus Cost: 12.00



October

1st October - 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: £20.00

5th October - Monday

Scott's 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: £13.50

7th October – 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: £12.00

7th October – Wednesday

Olivers Nurseries, Maldon Rd, Witham, Essex CM8

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: £16.00

8th October - 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: £19.50

We will drop off at Cherry Lane Garden Centre first for 45mins/1 hour and then onto Braintree Garden Centre. Anyone going to Freeport will be dropped off after the first garden centre and pickup last.

9th October - 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 concert listed for August onwards)

Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £15.50

14th October – 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 adjust 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: £15.00

15th October - Thursday

Thurrock Garden Centre, South Ockendon – 2 x buses

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: £14.50

19th October – Monday

Summerhill Garden Centre, Billericay

Lots of different types of outdoor bedding and houseplants. Several 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 have all enjoyed.

Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm

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21st October – Wednesday

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Minibus Cost: £12.00

22nd October – 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.

2 x BUSES

Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £20.50

28th October – 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 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: £14.00

29th October - Thursday

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

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

We will be visiting both garden Centre's which are only a few minutes away from each other, we will be 45mins/1hour at Hockley Market Garden then onto Cherry Lane for the reminder.

Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £13.00

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(No concert listed for August onwards)

Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £15.50

28th November – Saturday FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED

Lise Lous, Basildon – Michael Bublé Tribute

Full 'Festive' afternoon tea including singing & dancing.

All served with unlimited Yorkshire tea & instant coffee.

Arrive for 12.50pm for 1pm start (live singing 2pm till 4pm)

Please call the office for any more information. To hold a place and we will require a £20.00 deposit & payment for the bus. The remainder you will pay on the day please have cash if possible. **Please note if cancelled less than 48 hours' notice you will need to pay the full balance for the afternoon tea.**

Mini afternoon tea: £40.00 + Minibus: £12.00 = Total £52.00

Full afternoon tea: £45.00 + Minibus: £12.00 = Total £57.00

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

19th December – Saturday FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED

Lise Lous, Basildon – Dave Parker Festive Music & Bingo

Last day a Lise Lous before they shut for Christmas, so lot & lots of fun expected. Hampers & gifts from the shop as prizes for the bingo.

All served with unlimited Yorkshire tea & instant coffee.

Arrive for 12.50pm for 1pm start (live singing 2pm till 4pm)

Minibus: £12.00

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LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

Variety show and meal Total £36.00 including minibus



September 10th Annie Riley & Friends

November 26th Xmas Cracker

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

FULL PAYMENT 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: **26th August 9th, 23rd September 14th, 28th October**

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 (except bank holidays)**

Due to popular demand, you can only book up to 1 month in advance. Hopefully this will help to resolve any further issues. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

	Morrisons - Canvey	
Drop off time	<u>10.30</u>	
Pick up time	<u>12.30/12.45</u>	Times changed slightly
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 let the office know if you have a walker or shopping trolley. Please be ready from 9.00am onwards and be outside ready for the bus 12.35pm.