



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.

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

SPACES AVAILABLE

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

1 X SPACE AVAILABLE

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

1 x space available

25th September - Friday

Chelmsford Shopping - FULL

Chelmsford Cathedral Lunch time concert begins 12.00 noon.

Free admission, teas & coffees from 11.30am.

(Galliard Trio)

Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm

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. New restaurant has been opened. All your lovely meals and roast dinners are now available, 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

Minibus 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

1 x space available

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. New food hall is now open.

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

Minibus Cost: £13.50

7th October – Wednesday

Rayleigh Town Shopping - FULL

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

Spaces available

8th October - Thursday

Freeport, Braintree Shopping Centre - FULL

OR

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

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 - FULL

Chelmsford Cathedral Lunch time concert begins 12.00 noon.

Free admission, teas & coffees from 11.30am.

(Gaudeamus Choir)

Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £15.50

14th October – Wednesday

Lakeside Shopping Centre/Retail Park/Ikea - FULL

Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £15.00

15th October - Thursday

Thurrock Garden Centre, South Ockendon - FULL

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

Minibus Cost: £12.50

Spaces available

21st October – Wednesday

Rayleigh Town Shopping

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Arrive: 11.00am-leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £12.00

2 x spaces available

22nd October – Thursday

Polhill Garden Centre, Sevenoaks, Kent - FULL

3 x BUSES

Arrive: 11.00am – Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £20.50

28th October – Wednesday

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: £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.

New Hall Farm shop & café opening at Hockley Market Garden soon.

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

Spaces available

30th October - Friday

Chelmsford Shopping - FULL

Chelmsford Cathedral Lunch time concert begins 12.00 noon.

Free admission, teas & coffees from 11.30am.

(Cor Aduniad Choir)

Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £15.50

November - New trips

4th November – 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

5th November Thursday

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



6th November – 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, also have a



lovely café. 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: £16.50

9th November - Monday

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

11th November – Wednesday

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: £19.00

12th November – Thursday

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

13th November - 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.

(Forrest School – Chamber Orchestra)

Arrive: 11.00am - Leave: 14.30pm

Minibus Cost: £15.50

16th November – 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: £20.00

2 X MINIBUSES

18th November – 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

19th November – Thursday

Tiptree Jam Museum Tea Rooms and Perrywood Garden Centre, Tiptree

Arrive at Tiptree Museum 11.00am, you will be able to walk around the small museum and buy your Tiptree Jams and then onto Perrywood Garden Centre.

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: £19.50

20th November – Friday

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: £13.00

26th November – Thursday

Annie Riley famous variety lunches at Park View, Chalkwell Park, London Road, Westcliff on Sea.

Christmas Cracker – A super-duper fun filled Variety Show.

All guests are served a roast Beef lunch, pudding and tea or coffee

Vegetarian option available.

Arrive: 11.50 Lunch served 12.00 noon – Show Ends 16.00pm

Cost: (Inclusive of lunch) £22.00 Minibus £14.00 Total £36.00

1 x spaces available please contact the office as soon as possible.



27th November - 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.

(Stephen Raine – Piano)

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

1 x space available, please let the office know if you're interested as soon as possible.

30th November - Monday

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: £22.00

2 X MINIBUSES

December

2nd December – 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

3rd December - Thursday

Meadow Croft Garden Centre, Wickford



The German Market has more than 30 stalls, products including carved wooden decorations, delicate glassware and baubles, traditional cuckoo clocks and much more.

Each year, we go out to Germany to find new crafts and suppliers and many of the products on our stalls are hand-produced by local craftsmen, whom we've met personally. Many festive chalet style stalls, soak up the festive atmosphere and get in the mood for the holiday season whilst the smells of Bratwurst, Gingerbread and Glühwein waft through.

At the heart of the German Market, we serve lots of mouth-watering, specialist German foods such as Frankfurter, Sauerkraut, Waffles, Apple Strudel & the incredibly popular

Schokokusse (chocolate kisses) which everyone can enjoy. We also serve German bottled beers, our delicious homemade spiced apple drink.

The garden centre is still full of winter plants which are grown in their own glasshouses on-site. 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

2 X MINIBUSES

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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One more magazine due out in November, which will then take us up until January 2026.

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 October 11th, 25th November 9th, 23rd December**
(Times may change on 23rd December)

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	18th December is the last shopping date in December.
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.