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**Out & About Club**

**Autum Programme 2024 (Kyle Area of South Ayrshire)**

**Day and Half Day Minibus Trips in September, October & November**

**All Trips except Friday 20 September will now be on a Saturday**

**Calendar: Quick Look**

**September:**

* Eden Garden Centre, Dundonald
* Seagull Trust, Kirkintilloch
* The View at Monktonhill

**October:**

* Scottish Owl Centre
* Irvine Retail Parks
* Glasgow Police Museum
* Cecchini’s, Ardrossan

**November:**

* Silverburn Shopping Centre
* Gemmell’s Garden Centre
* Livingston Designer Outlet
* Cumnock Factory Outlet
* The Wheatsheaf Inn, Symington

**How to join our club**

**Individual membership**

is open to all residents of South Ayrshire and is completely free. Just fill in a simple form on the bus the first time you travel.

Call us for more information on

**01292 270864**

or find us on Facebook or online at

**sacommunitytransport.org**

**Our Buses**

We use modern minibuses which are fully accessible either by steps or passenger lift, and

have room for wheelchairs and walking frames.

Please tell us if you normally travel with a folding wheelchair or walking frame so that we can make sure we have space to stow it safely.

**How to Book**

Bookings are on a first come, first served basis. So, look at the full trip details on the following pages, choose the ones you want, and give us a call on

**01292 270864**

**or email**

**info@sacommunitytransport.org**

If the trip is fully booked when you call, we’ll keep your name on a reserve list and contact you if a seat becomes available.

If you need to cancel a trip, please give us as much notice as possible so that we can offer the seat to someone on the reserve list.

We’ll call you shortly before your trip to confirm your pickup time.

**If you cancel 3 times you will be moved to waiting list for future trips.**

**What to expect**

***Pick up and drop off*** – We offer a door-to-door service (Ayr, Prestwick, Troon, Coylton Annbank, Mossblown, Tarbolton, Monkton, Symington and Dundonald). Our friendly helpful drivers will call for you at your home address and drop you back there after a great day out.

***Timings*** – We normally start pickups in the morning, roughly between 9am and 11am. On longer trips, we’ll usually stop on the way for a comfort break and/or coffee.

***At the destination*** –At restaurant/café lunches, there’s little or no walking as we’ll drop you as close to the entrance as possible. Elsewhere, you’ll be free to explore on your own, at your own pace, and your driver will agree a return place and time.

***Fares –*** Pay for your trip on the bus, on the day you travel. Carers/support workers and children pay half fare.

**September Trips**

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| **Date** | **Destination** | **Fare** | **Notes** |
| Saturday  7 September | **NO TRIP due to The International Ayr Show – Festival of Flight** |  |  |
| Saturday  14 September | **Eden Garden Centre, Dundonald**  Plants, Garden Supplies, Aquatics, Gifts and Coffee Shop with “*wonderful homemade cakes and a mouth-watering menu”* | £10 | Arrival Time 12:30 |
| **Friday**  20  September | **Seagull Trust, Kirkintilloch**  A lovely relaxing trip on a canal boat which is fully accessible with a lift to board and disembark, and a wheelchair friendly toilet.  And we can arrange for fish and chips to be delivered for you to eat as you sail along.  The cruise (including tea, coffee, and biscuits) is free, although donations are appreciated.  Please let us know when booking if you want us to order fish & chips for you. Pay on the day. | £20 | 13:30 cruise |
| Saturday 28 September | **Local lunch: The View at Monktonhill Restaurant**  New venue for us to visit, lovely café/restaurant and farm shop with plenty of fresh farm produce. | £10 | Arrival Time 12.30 |

\*Arrival times are approximate.

**Unless otherwise stated, fare does NOT include meals, refreshments, or admission charge.**

**October Trips**

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| Saturday  5 October | **Scottish Owl Centre**  Now you can meet face to face the birds that you've only heard as a distant Twit-Twoo. From the giant Siberian Eagle Owl to the tiny Scops Owl you can learn about their habits and habitats and how to help in their conservation. Let these awesome creatures inspire you to make a difference.  Flying Display at 14.30.  Country Café on site. | £25 | Arrival Time 13:00 |
| Saturday  12 October | **Irvine Retail Parks**  Just a short hop away, Irvine has the one and only XS Stock with a huge and ever-changing range of goods for sale. They also have their own in store café for good value meals and snacks.  We’ll stop there and then go on the big retail parks round the corner (Riverway and Rivergate) where you’ll find stores like Sports Direct, Asda, Next, M&S, Home Bargains and many more.  Plenty of places to eat as well. | £15 | Arrival Time 12:00 |
| Saturday  19  October | **Glasgow Police Museum OR St. Enoch Centre**  Explore the hidden gem of the Police Museum, located in the heart of Merchant City. Browse exhibits illustrating the history of police in Glasgow as well as an exhibition on international policing. Free admission.  Museum is on first floor, with only a small lift available (43 inches wide by 38 inches deep). No disabled toilet available.  For over 30 years, St. Enoch Centre has been at the heart of Glasgow. Redeveloped in 2021, it has over 140,000 sq. ft of shops, restaurants and a cinema! | £20 | Arrival Time 13:00 |
| Saturday  26 October | **Local lunch: Cecchini’s Restaurant, Ardrossan**  Situated right on Ardrossan harbourside, Cecchini’s is an authentic Italian restaurant with a menu that has something for everyone including pizza, pasta, burgers, soup, sandwiches, even fish & chips.  Enjoy the spectacular views that stretch past the Marina onwards towards Arran and watch the boats come and go as you eat.  Fully accessible with lift to the upper floor. | £15 | Arrival Time: 12:30 |

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**November Trips**

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| Saturday  2 November | **Silverburn Shopping Centre**  ***Silverburn Shopping Centre*** – a great selection of shops and eating places, all under cover.  **Shopmobility** available free of charge. Please prebook directly with Silverburn.  <https://www.shopsilverburn.com/shopmobility> **Tel. 0141 880 3229** | £20 | Arrival Time 13:00 |
| Saturday  9 November | **Gemmell’s Garden Centre**  A welcome return for this perennial favourite. Situated in the rolling Ayrshire countryside, the garden centre offers everything you need for outdoors while there is a great selection of imaginative and unusual homeware and gifts.  The coffee shop does a good range of light lunches, snacks, and home baking. | £15 | Arrival Time 12:30 |
| Saturday  16 November | **Livingston Designer Outlet**  This will be a full day as it’s a longer journey that we don’t do very often, but it’s worth it to be able to spend time and pick up some bargains at Scotland’s largest Designer Outlet. Over 70 boutiques, restaurants and cafés, and a wide range of stores, offering something to suit every taste.  The Designer Outlet offers free wheelchair hire. Tel: 01506 423 600 for further details or to book.  If that’s not enough for you, then just across the road is “The Centre, Livingston” another shopping mall with over 150 shops and places to eat.  “The Centre, Livingston” has a mobility service offering registered users a range of mobile electric scooters, electric powerchairs and manual wheelchairs free of charge. Pre booking essential. Tel: 01506 442 744 for more information.  We’ll aim to stop somewhere en route for a coffee and a comfort break. | £25 | Arrival Time 13:00 |
| Saturday  23  November | **Cumnock Factory Outlet**  Ayrshire’s very own outlet centre. Lots of fashion brands, footwear, homewares, toys and all sorts of interesting gifts. Plus, a full range of freshly made meals and home baking in the café.  **This may be subject to change if Outlet hasn’t reopened in time.** | £15 | Arrival Time 12:30 |
| Saturday  30  November | **Local lunch: The Wheatsheaf Inn, Symington**  Local lunch at this family run country inn and restaurant at Symington. | £10 | Arrival Time 12:30 |

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