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## Out & About Club Autumn Programme 2022

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

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#### Calendar: Quick Look

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##### September:

- Red Squirrel Carvery, Stevenston
- Scottish Football Museum, Hampden
- The People's Palace, Glasgow Green,
- Craigmains Garden Centre, Ballantrae
- Kilmarnock Retail Parks
- Dumfries

##### October:

- Whitelee Windfarm
- Boswell's Coach House, Ochiltree
- The Forge Market, Parkhead, Glasgow
- Mystery Tour

##### November:

- Falkirk Wheel & Kelpies
- Cumnock Factory Outlet
- The Kirkmichael Arms
- Garrion Bridges Garden Centre

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#### How to Book

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

**01292 270864**

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.

Please tell us if you're travelling with a folding wheelchair or walking frame so that we can make sure we have space to stow it safely. Pay for your trip on the bus, on the day you travel.

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#### How to join our club

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##### 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

##### For DIY outings,

If you and your friends are already individual members and want to go somewhere not on the programme, please speak to us about how to hire your own bus.

Or check out our

##### Group Membership

which is open to all community groups in South Ayrshire. Use your own driver (or one of ours), go where and when you want.

Call us for more information on

**01292 270864**

or find us online at

**[sacommunitytransport.org](http://sacommunitytransport.org)**

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#### Our Buses

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We use modern minibuses which are fully accessible either by steps or passenger lift, and have room for wheelchairs and walking frames.

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#### What to expect

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We'll call you shortly before your trip to confirm your pickup time. Then our friendly helpful drivers will call for you at your home address and drop you back there after a great day out. On longer trips, we'll usually stop on the way for a comfort break and/or coffee.



#### Boring but Important!

- Unless otherwise stated, fare does NOT include meals, refreshments, or admission charges.
- If you need to cancel a booking, please give us as much notice as possible. We reserve the right to charge a fee for late cancellations where we can't refill the seat.

## September Trips

Date	Destination	Fare	Half or Full day
2/9	<p><b>Lunch at The Red Squirrel, Stevenston.</b> A “Marstons” pub, restaurant, and carvery offering a wide range of menu choices. Shopping in the retail park across the road, on request, and at driver’s discretion.</p>	£10	Half day
9/9	<p><b>Glasgow Museums</b> choice of either –</p> <p><b>A. The Scottish Football Museum, Hampden Park or</b>  <b>B. The People’s Palace, Glasgow Green</b></p> <p><b>A.</b> With a five star rating from Visit Scotland, the Football Museum is one of the top Scottish visitor attractions. Its 14 galleries transport the visitor from the game’s very humble 19th century beginnings to the modern day. You can also take a tour of the stadium to experience Hampden Park as the players do on match days. The stadium café serves a range of hot and cold refreshments and light snacks. We’ll arrive in time for the 1230 stadium tour. Please book and pay for your tickets directly with Hampden Park  <a href="https://scottishfootballmuseum.org.uk/book/">https://scottishfootballmuseum.org.uk/book/</a> Tel 0141 6166139.</p> <p><b>B.</b> The People’s Palace is set in historic Glasgow Green. It’s home to a collection of objects, photographs, prints and film which give a unique view into how Glaswegians lived, worked and played in years gone by to the present day. The museum café serves hot and cold drinks, light lunches and a range of sweet treats. Free admission: no need to book.</p> <p>First drop off at Hampden, then on to People’s Palace. Please let us know your chosen destination when booking your seat, thanks.</p>	£15	Full day
16/9	<p><b>Craigmains Garden Centre, Ballantrae</b>            We’ll take a leisurely run down the coast to this small independent garden centre, arriving in time for lunch in the coffee shop which serves delicious food prepared and baked in-house. <i>“Products will be sourced locally where possible and served with a smile.”</i></p>	£15	Full (ish) day
23/9	<p><b>Kilmarnock Retail Parks.</b> We can stop at both Queen’s Road and Glencairn Retail Parks so you can visit some of the shops that don’t have branches in South Ayrshire eg Dunelm and The Range, both of which have in store cafes, where you’ll have time for lunch or a snack.</p>	£10	Half (ish) day
30/9	<p><b>Dumfries</b>            Dumfries is a historic market town that more than lives up to its local nickname, the Queen of the South. It’s also where Robert Burns spent the final years of his life. You’ll have plenty of time to explore the town’s many attractions - museums, arts centre, historic bridges, camera obscura (if it’s open!) and/or the pedestrianised high street and town centre with its selection of shops, pubs and cafes.            We’ll plan a comfort break stop on the way in Sanquhar</p>	£20	Full day

## October Trips

Date	Destination	Fare	Half or Full day
7/10	<p><b>Whitelee Windfarm</b></p> <p>Learn about the windfarm in a newly refurbished exhibition. Find out how green you really are, feel the force of the wind, take a virtual bike ride through the windfarm and learn all about our race to net zero. Free admission.</p> <p>The Café serves a selection of paninis and sandwiches, hot soup, teas and coffees and delicious cakes all from local suppliers.</p> <p>Take a spin on a brand-new electric bus to get up close to the turbines. The bus tour is wheelchair accessible. Seating is limited, tickets (£4 adults, £3 concessions). Please let us know if you'd like to take this tour, and we'll book you a seat in advance.</p>	£15	Half day
14/10	<p><b>Lunch at Boswell's Coach House, Ochiltree</b></p> <p>Tucked away in the heart of the Auchinleck Estate, which has been owned by the Boswell family since 1504, the Coach House has been converted into a comfortable restaurant, farm shop and gift shop. The menu covers everything from soup and sandwiches to hot dishes of the day, and, of course, the obligatory home baking!</p>	£10	Half day
21/10	<p><b>The Forge Market, Parkhead, Glasgow</b></p> <p>Scotland's largest indoor market with over 80 individual traders selling a huge range of goods and services. You won't go hungry, because as well as a 200-seater restaurant, there's a coffee shop, seafood bar and various take aways.</p>	£15	Full day
28/10	<p><b>Mystery tour</b></p> <p>We'll aim to seek out the "roads less travelled" and hopefully find some autumn colours as we drive through the countryside to our mystery destination for a tasty café lunch.</p>	£10	Half day
Friday 9 December	<p style="text-align: center;">   <b>Advance Booking for Christmas Pantomime</b>            Snow White at The Palace Theatre, Kilmarnock.            Evening performance, 6.30 pm.            Stalls (fully accessible) Tickets £20, Concessions £18            Please book by Friday 28 October to guarantee your seat, and please let us know if you require us to book a wheelchair space   </p>	£10	Evening

## November Trips

Date	Destination	Fare	Half or Full day
4/11	<p><b>Falkirk Wheel and The Kelpies.</b></p> <p>We'll arrive at The Falkirk Wheel in time for lunch in the Visitor Centre. You can have a look around for free or take an afternoon *barge trip on this amazing feat of engineering. (*Tickets from £12).</p> <p>We'll then drive round to The Kelpies where you can sit with a cuppa in the comfort of the Visitor Centre with a great view of these huge metal sculptures.</p> <p>Now that the clocks have gone back, we hope to see them lit up at dusk. No charge to view them from the outside. You can also book a *short tour to see inside (*Tickets from £6.50)</p> <p>*Barge trips and Kelpie Tours are subject to confirmation of winter opening hours.</p>	£20	Full day
11/11	<p><b>Cumnock Factory Outlet</b></p> <p>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.</p>	£10	Half day
18/11	<p><b>Lunch at The Kirkmichael Arms.</b></p> <p>By popular request, a return visit to this traditional Scottish pub and restaurant in the heart of the Ayrshire countryside. Great food served daily, using locally sourced ingredients where possible.</p>	£10	Half day
25/11	<p><b>Garrion Bridges Garden and Antique Centre.</b></p> <p>Nestling on the slopes of the Clyde Valley, this is so much more than just a garden centre. A unique shopping experience with a great café/restaurant as well. At this time of the year, there's sure to be lots of Christmas gift and decorating ideas to inspire you.</p>	£20	Full day