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**Out & About Club**

**Winter Programme 2023/24 (Kyle Area of South Ayrshire)**

**Day and Half Day Minibus Trips in December, January, and February**

**Calendar: Quick Look**

**December**

* Arts & Crafts Fair, Geilsland, Beith
* Hayes Garden Land, Symington
* Pantomime, Palace Theatre, Kilmarnock
* Glasgow Christmas Markets

**January**

* Braehead Shopping Centre
* The Blair, Auchentiber
* Gemmell’s Garden Centre

**February**

* Kelvingrove Art Gallery
* Boswell’s Coach House
* East Kilbride Shopping Centre
* National Museum of Rural Life
* Cecchinis, Ardrossan

**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**

Please note, we cannot accept group bookings for these trips. Please contact us for more information on our separate

Group Membership scheme.

**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, 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**

**or email**

[**info@sacommunitytransport.org**](mailto: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 after this, we may ask you to pay the fare if we’re unable to refill the seat.**

**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 pick ups 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.

**DecemberTrips**

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| **Date** | **Destination** | **Fare** | **Notes** |
| **Saturday**  2/12 | **Scottish Arts & Crafts Fair, Geilsland Estate, Beith**  Scotland’s biggest indoor monthly arts and craft market. Even bigger this month for the charity Christmas event with 52 stalls and thousands of quality handmade items. Free admission.  We’ll aim to get there early so that you have your pick of the stalls, plenty of time for a good look around and maybe a morning coffee or snack in Mocha JaK’s café.  On the way home, we can stop at Stevenston Retail Park where you can get something more substantial to eat in Morrison’s or McDonald’s  **NB THIS IS A SATURDAY TRIP** | £15 | \*Arrival time  11am |
| Friday  8/12 | **Hayes Garden Land, Symington**  We’re keeping it local with a visit to one of our favourite garden centres, just off the main road at Bogend Toll.  We’ll arrive in time for an early lunch (or late breakfast!) in The Bakery Café, with time for a good look around the gift shop and plant areas. | £10 | \*Arrival time  11.30am |
| Friday  15/12 | **Christmas Pantomime, “Jack and the Beanstalk”**  at  The Palace Theatre, Kilmarnock  Fully booked, but we may have some late availability if there are cancellations. Call the office for further details | £10 | Performance starts at  6.30 pm |
| Friday 22/12 | **Glasgow Christmas Lights and Markets**  The Christmas markets return to George Square and St Enoch Square offering a wide selection of festive gifts and delicious street food.  We should also be able to see some of the festive lights as we drive around the city.  **NB THIS IS AN EVENINGTRIP** | £20 | Pick ups from 2pm onwards |

\*Arrival times are approximate.

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

**January Trips**

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| Date | **Destination** | **Fare** | **Notes** |
| Friday  5/1 | No trip. |  |  |
| Friday 12/1 | **Braehead Shopping Centre**  Scotland’s premier retail and leisure destination. A chance to hit the January sales with lots of big name shops – Primark, M&S, Boots, Apple Store – all under one roof, plus loads more – Ikea, Curry’s, Next, Halfords to name but a few, in the surrounding retail park  There’s even a **Dobbies Garden Centre** just round the corner.  Plenty of food and drink outlets to refuel and recharge. Pace yourself to make the most of the day!  Non shoppers can check out all the leisure activities, and even more restaurants, at **Xsite** next door to the shopping centre.  ***Shopmobility available. For more information, or to book in advance, please call 0141 885 4630*** | £20 | \*Arrival time  1pm |
| Friday 19/1 | **The Blair, Auchentiber**  A lunchtime visit to this restaurant, located on the outskirts of Kilwinning, offering quality all day dining in a comfy and cosy environment.  All dishes are made using fresh local produce, and you can choose from a menu that includes traditional main courses as well as a range of “lite-bite” options. | £15 | Lunch booked for 1230pm |
| Friday  26/1 | **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 | Tables  booked for 12noon |

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**February Trips**

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| **Date** | **Destination** | **Fare** | **Notes** |
| Friday  2/2 | **Kelvingrove Art Gallery**  One of Glasgow’s “must see” attractions: a firm favourite with both local people and visitors.  We should arrive in time to catch the 1pm organ recital in the central hall, and you’ll be free to explore the 22 galleries showcasing everything from art to animals, and much more!  There’s a museum gift shop and restaurant, or you could grab a bite at one of the many eateries nearby.  Free admission. | £20 | \*Arrival time  1230pm |
| Friday  9/2 | **Boswell’s Coach House**  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! | £15 | Lunch booked for 1230pm |
| Friday  16/2 | **East Kilbride Shopping Centre (EK) – OR –**  **The National Museum of Rural Life**  **EK** is the largest undercover shopping and leisure destination in Scotland with over 150 retail, leisure and catering brands including M&S and Primark in its mile of malls. Plenty of places to eat and drink, and there’s even an ice rink!  ***Shopmobility available. Please book direct*** ***with the Older & Active team on 01355 571300 or visit***[***www.olderandactive.co.uk***](https://olderandactive.co.uk/)  **OR -** Just a 10 minute drive away, the **Museum of Rural Life’s** exhibits will show how 300 years of farming and rural life have shaped the countryside. A tour of the period farmhouse will give a sense of what farm life was **really** like. A wheelchair accessible tractor-trailer runs between museum and farmhouse (subject to availability)  Admission fees apply: free for carers and NTS members. ***For more information email*** [***info@nms.ac.uk***](mailto:%20info@nms.ac.uk)***or call 0300 123 6789***  **Please tell us when booking which venue you want.** | £20 | \*Arrival time 1pm |
| Friday  23/2 | **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 | Lunch  booked for 1230pm |

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