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**Out & About Club**

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

**Day and Half Day Minibus Trips in June, July and August**

**Calendar: Quick Look**

**June**

* Seagull Trust, Kirkintilloch
* Kilmarnock Retail Parks
* Mugdock Park/ Caulders Garden Centre
* Souter’s Inn

**July**

* The Kelpies Falkirk
* Girvan, Music on the Prom
* Loch Lomond Shores
* Red Squirrel Restaurant, Stevenson

**August**

* Craigiemains Garden Centre
* Dalgarven Mill Museum
* Portpatrick
* Dunlop Dairy
* Scotts, Troon

**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, 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**

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 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.

**June Trips**

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| **Date** | **Destination** | **Fare** | **Notes** |
| Friday  7 June | **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 |
| Friday  14 June | **Kilmarnock Retail Parks.**  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. | £10 | Arrival Time: 12:30 |
| Friday  21 June | **Caulders Garden Centre Mugdock Country Park**  Set within this lovely country park, Caulder’s has a plant centre, gift shop and The Garden House Restaurant which offers great coffee, delicious homemade cakes, and lots of fresh lunch options.  Right next door is the park Visitor Centre, and gift shop. There’s also a separate coffee shop, tearoom and “Mugdock Makkers” where you can browse through an extensive range of original, hand produced arts and crafts. | £20 | Arrival Time:  13:00 |
| Friday 28 June | **End of the month: Local Lunch – Souter’s Inn Kirkoswald**  We’re booked in for lunch in this thatched roof inn which last year was voted best in South Ayrshire in the National Pub and Bar Awards  Choose from a menu that includes modern and traditional dishes, everything from substantial mains to soup and a sandwich. | £10 | Lunch booked for 13:00 |

\*Arrival times are approximate.

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

**July Trips**

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| Friday  5 July | **Falkirk Wheel and The Kelpies.**  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 £15.50).  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.  You can also book a short tour to see inside (\*Tickets from £7.00) | £25 | Arrival Time:  13:00 |
| Friday  12 July | No trip today as we’re going to Girvan **on Sunday** – see below |  |  |
| **Sunday**  14 July | **Girvan: Music on the Prom**  A day at the seaside with the added attraction of a free music concert. Elvis Tribute act “Paul Thorpe” will provide the entertainment.  You’ll have time to grab yourself something to eat (fish & chips and ice cream from Graziano’s maybe?) before strolling down to the prom.  No obligation to join in: you could just have a seat by the harbour and watch the world go by. | £15 | \*Arrival time 1200  Music starts 1pm |
| Friday  19 July | **Loch Lomond Shores**  Enjoy the natural beauty of the loch, sit, and enjoy a meal while gazing out at the view, visit The Loch Lomond Sea Life Aquarium or Bird of Prey Centre, or shop a range of stores, including Jenners Department Store.  Or book yourself on a short cruise of the loch with Sweeney’s  <https://www.sweeneyscruiseco.com/loch-lomond/> . Tel 01389 752376  A 50 minute “Into the Highlands” cruise departs from the visitor centre. Book either the 1300 or 1400 departure.  Or we can get you round to Balloch for the 1hour “Experience Cruise” departing at either 1300 or 1415 and pick you up again afterwards.  **Please check accessibility with Sweeney’s and book with them direct.**  Advance booking of all attractions recommended | £25 | Arrival Time:  13:00 |
| Friday  26 July | **End of the month: Local Lunch**  **The Red Squirrel, Stevenston.** 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. | £10 | Lunch booked for 13:00 |

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**August Trips**

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| Friday  2 August | **Craigiemains Garden Centre, Ballantrae**  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.  *“Products will be sourced locally where possible and served with a smile.”* | £15 | Lunch booked for 13:00 |
| Friday  9 August | **Dalgarven Mill Museum of Ayrshire Country Life and Costume**  By popular request, a return visit to this small, but perfectly formed museum in Kilwinning, with three floors of exhibition spaces to tell the story of the Ayrshire rural economy of the last century.  **NB this is an old building with several staircases, and not all of the country life sections will be accessible if you have mobility issues.**  The costume collection, located on the ground floor, has over 2000 pieces including textiles as well as women’s, men’s and children’s clothing.  To compensate for the limited accessibility to the upper floors, we’ve arranged for a special presentation and talk from the curator(s) about additional items from the costume collection not currently on display.  Light lunches, homemade soup and cakes are available in The Miller’s Kitchen Coffee Room. Admission charge **£7.50** | £15 | Arrival Time:  12:30 |
| Friday  16 August | **Portpatrick**  Spend a lovely day in this small seaside town on the western shore of the Rhins of Galloway.  A former port for transportation to and from Ireland, it’s now a peaceful holiday resort. The picturesque harbour still sees its share of Irish visitors, but they’re usually just sailing across for the day.  To quote the Visit Scotland website it has “*most likely, more places to eat than any other village in South West Scotland!”*  Relax, sit out and watch the boats coming and going, or check out the quirky gift shops on the streets around the harbour. | £25 | Arrival Time:  13:00 |
| Friday  23  August | **Lunch at Dunlop Dairy, West Clerkland Farm, Stewarton**  Dunlop dairy is a traditional Ayrshire Dunlop cheesemaker, using the milk from their own goats and cows. We’ll have lunch in the tearoom which offers the very best of simple fresh homemade food.  We can arrange a short presentation on the cheesemaking process and a visit to the dairy if you haven’t done this before, and you can stock up with cheeses and other deli items from the shop before we leave. | £15 | Lunch booked for 13:00 |
| Friday  30  August | **End of the month: Local Lunch – Scotts, Troon Yacht Haven**  Part of the well-respected “local Buzzworks” group of restaurants, Scotts, is a stylish all-day destination at the yacht club and marina in Troon. It’s all about simple dishes with big flavours. Menu choices include small plates, sandwiches, light lunches, and classic mains. They also offer a good value light lunch menu. | £10 | Lunch booked for 13:00 |

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