



Community Minibus - Billingshurst Division

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NEWSLETTER October - November 2021

Hello all.

Hello All,

Our Newsletter is making a welcome return. Please see our schedule for October and November overleaf.

We know that since our restart of services following relaxing of Covid restrictions, numbers on trips have yet to recover to 'normal' levels. We've persisted with a range of trips in July, August and September but have concluded that we need to reduce the number of trips offered in the Autumn. However, we've also reduced the minimum number of passengers we require to run some trips. Given the numbers of trips we've had to cancel, this is fair to both passengers and crew alike.

We hope that we'll see a resurgence of interest in the New Year. You can also help by giving us your feedback on what you want from our services and voicing any concerns or suggestions you might have about trips in the current environment and going into next year. You can also spread the word to potential new passengers.

Please feel free to get in contact with me or Geraldine if you have any feedback.

Kind regards, Steve O'Dowd : Divisional Organiser (Telephone 784428)

Bookings for trips in this newsletter cannot be made until Thursday 30th September 2021 after 08.30am.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Annual subscriptions for 2020 have been carried forward to this year since the minibus did not run during the Covid pandemic. New members wishing to pay for this year will have their subscription cover the period from now to the end of 2022. Note it is a legal requirement that all our passengers have a subscription for insurance purposes. The Annual Subscription cost is £8. Subs can be paid to the escort on your next journey. Alternatively cheques for £8 can be made out to "Community Minibus Association (West Sussex)" and sent to Billingshurst Community Minibus at 10, Kingsfold Close, Billingshurst, RH14 9HG.

Audrey Hart Memorial. (29 October) An opportunity to remember Audrey – Please advise Geraldine before 1st October if possible so that the relatives may be told how many people to expect to attend.

Paradise Gardens at Newhaven is a place we have called at for afternoon tea when returning on some of our trips to Eastbourne. Some members have suggested this would be a good destination for a day trip. The garden centre and restaurant are open free of charge which will provide an opportunity to have lunch as well as to start early Christmas shopping. The gardens containing plant houses, small lakes with waterfalls and fountains as well as the planet Earth Museum may be visited for a charge of £8.99 for Senior citizens. The gardens are described as some of the finest in Sussex.

Although Covid restrictions have been relaxed, at present mask wearing is still strongly recommended on our services. We also encourage use of hand sanitiser when boarding.

For volunteer, associate membership, donation or sponsorship enquiries email
billingshurst.minibus@btinternet.com or ring Steve on (01403) 784428

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**Billingshurst Community Minibus Schedule :
October and November 2021**

| Date | Day | Time | Destination | Cost |
|--------|-----|----------|--|--------------|
| 7 Oct | Thu | 1.15pm | TESCOs | £3 |
| 8 Oct | Fri | 1.15pm | Shoreham airport | £6 |
| 13 Oct | Wed | 10.00 am | Chichester Market Day | £6 |
| 14 Oct | Thu | 9.00am | Sainsburys & Horsham | £3 |
| 19 Oct | Tue | 9.30am | Worthing | £6 |
| 21 Oct | Thu | 1.15pm | TESCOs | £3 |
| 28 Oct | Thu | 9.00am | Sainsburys & Horsham | £3 |
| 29 Oct | Fri | 12. 15pm | Audrey Hart Memorial – Cricketers Arms Wisborough Green | No Charge |
| 2 Nov | Tue | 9.30am | Worthing | £6 |
| 4 Nov | Thu | 1.15pm | TESCOs | £3 |
| 9 Nov | Tue | 9.30am | Paradise Gardens | £8 |
| 11 Nov | Thu | 9.00am | Sainsburys & Horsham | £3 |
| 17 Nov | Wed | 10.00 am | Chichester Market Day | |
| 18 Nov | Thu | 1.15pm | TESCOs | £3 |
| 23 Nov | Tue | 9.30am | Worthing | £6 |
| 25 Nov | Thu | 9.00am | Sainsburys & Horsham | £3 |

BOOKINGS GERALDINE 01403 786147 FROM 30th September AFTER 08:30 AM