

Wandsworth Community Transport

ROAD RUNNER SUMMER TRIPS 2022

May			
Tuesday	3	Green Street, East Ham (Shopping)	£5
Thursday	5	Richmond Park & Isabella Plantation	£4
Wednesday	11	Denbies Wine Estate, near Dorking	£7
Monday	16	Whitstable, Kent	£12
Thursday	19	Polhill Garden Centre, Near Orpington	£8
Tuesday	24	Eastbourne, East Sussex	£12
Monday	30	Worthing, West Sussex	£12
June			
Tuesday	7	Walthamstow Market, Walthamstow (Shopping)	£5
Wednesday	8	Hastings, East Sussex	£12
Monday	13	Brighton, East Sussex	£12
Wednesday	15	Mad Hatter's Tea Party (see inside for details)	£3
Tuesday	21	Denbies Wine Estate, near Dorking	£7
Thursday	23	Forest Lodge Garden Centre, Farnham	£8
Monday	27	Kew Gardens, Kew (including entry fee)	£9
Wednesday	29	Whitstable, Kent	£12
July			
Tuesday	5	Ealing Road, Wembley (Shopping)	£5
Monday	11	Eastbourne, East Sussex	£12
Wednesday	13	Worthing, West Sussex	£12
Tuesday	19	Hastings, East Sussex	£12
Thursday	21	Denbies Wine Estate, near Dorking	£7
Monday	25	Garson's Farm & Restaurant, Esher	£6
Wednesday	27	Brighton, East Sussex	£12
August			
Tuesday	2	Whitstable, Kent	£12
Thursday	4	Southall (Shopping)	£5
Monday	8	Polhill Garden Centre, Near Orpington	£8
Wednesday	10	Eastbourne, East Sussex	£12
Tuesday	16	Worthing, West Sussex	£12
Monday	22	Hastings, East Sussex	£12
Thursday	25	Kew Gardens, Kew (Including entry fee)	£9
Tuesday	30	Brighton, East Sussex	£12
September			
Tuesday	6	Green Street, East Ham (Shopping)	£5
Wednesday	14	Forest Lodge Garden Centre, Farnham	£8
Monday	19	Westfield Shopping Centre, Stratford	£5
Wednesday	21	Kew Gardens, Kew (including entry fee)	£9
Tuesday	27	Dobbies Woodcote Green Garden Centre, Wallington	£5
October			
Tuesday	4	Walthamstow Market, Walthamstow (Shopping)	£5
Wednesday	12	Garson's Farm & Restaurant, Esher	£6
Monday	17	Chessington Garden Centre, Chessington	£5
Thursday	20	Westfield Shopping Centre, Shepherd's Bush	£5
Wednesday	26	Squires Garden Centre, Shepperton	£5

Please note:

We reserve the right to cancel any trip should we consider it is not economically viable. Fares do not include admission prices unless otherwise indicated.

Please call 020 8675 3812 to make your bookings – maximum of 3 trips at any one time

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ROAD RUNNER

Welcome to the Spring 2022 edition of Road Runner. Things are steadily getting back to normal and we hope you are feeling more secure and ready to get out and about. We had a great response to last year's programme and we expect this year to be bigger and better! And don't forget the Mad Hatter's Tea Party which has been re-arranged for 15th June (see inside).

Shopping and Shopmobility—Free Voucher

We are leading with an appeal to get people to use the Shopping Shuttle and Shopmobility to get our passenger numbers back to pre-pandemic levels. It still costs only £2.50 for a return trip, (including a wheelchair, volunteer or mobility scooter if you need help) - fantastic value for a door-to-door service. You can go weekly or fortnightly and you get one hour and 45 minutes, which gives time for a chat and a cup of tea or a trip over to Southside Shopping Centre. We are including a free voucher for your first trip (first time users only) so there is no excuse not to at least give it a try. We know many of you have got used to home deliveries and other people doing your shopping during lock down, but you can't beat the real face to face experience of getting out and meeting people and having fun.



Shoppers waiting for their bus home at Shopmobility

Emails and Keeping In Touch

Another result of lock down was more and more people relying on emails to keep in touch. If you have an email address but haven't been receiving our regular updates, you need to send us an email right now so we can add you to our email list. This is our address

w.c.t@btconnect.com



Shopmobilty and Sainsbury's—it's not far to walk!

Outings

Last year's outings went like hot cakes, so do have a look at this year's list on the back page and see what you fancy. Everyone needs to get out of London from time to time and get some sea and sunshine!



The Land Train at Denbies.

The New Scooter Club

The new scooter club will run outings just for scooter users to Shopmobilitys at places of interest like Bluewater, Brighton and Hastings. They will have scooters lined up for you and ready to go, and you can then head off into the distance with your new friends. We normally haven't got the space to take scooters with us on our minibuses, but this will solve the problem!

More and more people are driving mobility scooters these days, and they give you a tremendous sense of freedom and the ability to cruise all day around the shopping centre or along the sea front. But normally there are two main drawbacks – storage and being scared of trying to drive one. We can help on both accounts. If you can get to Shopmobility, you can borrow one for free **AND** we can teach you how to drive it safely. We promise you they are really easy to use and totally safe. And if you want to use one on an outing, join the scooter club and have a day out with like-minded adventurers.

Scooters are no longer seen as just for people with disabilities. More and more people who can't walk too far are finding they can start doing things they gave up years ago!

If you want to find out more, call Manuel for a chat.



New this summer—Whitstable on the Kent coast, famous for its fish and chips and oysters.



Vaccination Transport

The latest booster vaccination appointments are now in full swing, and we are again offering transport. We helped many of you last year and we know how much the service was appreciated. If you find it difficult getting to your appointment, give us a ring and we will try and help.

THE OUTINGS AND COVID

We have chosen destinations that are less COVID sensitive, like trips to the coast and garden centres, where people can spread out and maintain social distancing. We are asking people to keep their masks on whilst travelling on the minibuses and to take the usual precautions.

Denbies Vineyard (pictured) is back on the list, and with a large dining area and trips around the estate on the road train, it is an excellent choice. The optional road train costs £9.50 and is wheelchair accessible. You can book it on arrival.



The Famous Glass House at Kew Gardens

Kew Gardens is another favourite, and with our special discounted price of £9 including transport is not to be missed (normal entry fee £20). They too have a road train so you can see everything and don't forget the famous glass houses too!

Whitstable is new on the list and a great place to visit. **But be warned!** It is a long drive.



Let the train take the strain! The land train at Kew Gardens

THE MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

On Wednesday afternoon, 15th June, we are having a celebratory tea party at the Home Community Cafe, St Andrew's Church, Garratt Lane SW18 4SR. This has been organised by our new Chairperson, the wonderful Hicky Kingsbury, who many of you know from her time at Age UK.

It is a free event and places are limited, so book early. Transport will cost £3.

We hope to organise some entertainment and a fantastic high tea and a lot of fun is guaranteed for all. We also hope you will go along with the theme and wear your favourite hat, but stress this is optional.

There was tremendous disappointment when we had to postpone this event last year, but never fear, it will have been worth waiting for!



THANKS TO WBC

A special thanks needs to go to Wandsworth Borough Council. They fund us of course, and were happy for us to divert our resources last year into providing the additional COVID related transport like vaccination transport shopping from home and emergency food deliveries.

Our partnership with them has made all this possible and they deserve all the praise we can give them.

Don't worry, not really what we are talking about when we say the "Scooter Club"