



# Wandsworth Community Transport

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## ROAD RUNNER—SPRING/SUMMER 2025



A very warm welcome to the Spring/Summer newsletter. As usual we have plenty of trips for you to enjoy and by popular demand have brought back Southend-on-Sea and Denbies Winery. New this season we have Bagshot Garden Centre and Bognor Regis, the favourite haunt of George the Fifth who officially gave it the royal suffix "Regis".

### New Members - Shopping and Shopmobility

We often get new members but can't work out why they don't actually go on anything. If that is you and you are not sure how it all works, don't be shy, give us a ring and find out more. The first trip is always free, and everyone else is in exactly the same position as you - you will soon make friends and get to know the ropes.

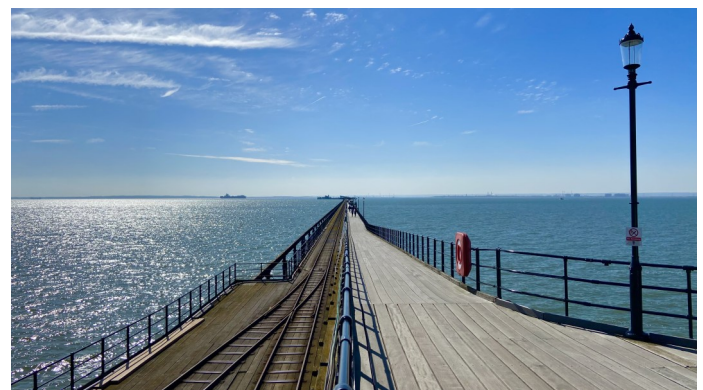
There are still places on our door-to-door shopping shuttle, and if you find it difficult doing your weekly shop we have the solution! Our minibuses will collect you from your home and take you to Sainsbury's at the top of Garratt Lane, opposite the Southside Shopping Centre. The fare is £3 and we operate from Monday to Friday. Southside has loads of great shops and a brand new Lidl's which is proving very popular. Marcia and Malcolm at Shopmobility are there to look after you, and we have brilliant volunteers, wheelchairs and mobility scooters to satisfy your every need. Call us on 020 8675 3812 if interested.

### Shopmobility – Free Voucher

You will also find a free voucher for the Shopping Shuttle or first outing in your newsletter (for first time passengers only) so you can book up and give us a try, or give it to a friend who might benefit.

### Shopmobility Open Day

If you haven't used us yet, or want to find out more, why not come to our open day on Thursday 1st May. You can meet Marcia and Malcolm and some of the volunteers, and try a mobility scooter. We hope the Mayor will be there, who is great fun, and it is the perfect opportunity to see us in action. Below are some of our members trying out a scooter at our last open day. There will be free transport available, but you need to call and tell us you are coming.



*Southend-on-Sea's Famous Pier. No need to walk, take the train.*



*Why not try a Mobility Scooter at the Shopmobility Open Day?*





*The Palm House at Kew*

### **Kew Gardens - Incredible Value**

We are extremely fortunate to get our tickets at a fantastically reduced rate, when the normal cost is £22. It is well worth a visit (at £10 a person, including entry fee) and it will be lovely in the summer with fantastic flowers and more.



*If you are feeling really adventurous, try the tree-top walk.  
Fully-accessible by lift and one of the stops on the land train.*

### **Free Trips to ASDA SW15**

#### **And The Roehampton Travel Club**

Once a month we will be running our ASDA shopping trips, which are **free of charge**. Those of you who live in Roehampton are already enjoying free ASDA trips, and this initiative will extend this to all of you.

Remember no volunteers or mobility aids are available at ASDA - if you need help, stick with Shopmobility and the Shopping Shuttle

### **PHOTOS PLEASE - FREE TRIP VOUCHER**

We always love to see your photos, so do send them in. People, minibuses, places - you know what will fit well in our newsletters and on our website. Any stories to go with them, even better! Was the trip a special celebration, did it bring back memories, did you meet any new friends, what did you have for lunch and did the seagulls steal your fish and chips? But remember you need to check with anyone in the photo, that they will be happy to appear in print.

We will send you a free voucher for any photos we use, so get snapping.



### **Mad Hatters Tea Party**

This is now an annual firm favourite, with a fantastic high tea provided by the Home Café at St Andrew's Church Earlsfield. A good sing-a-long with the Wandsworth Community Transport Choir, Howard the piano man, and a good time are guaranteed for all.

At only £7 it is amazing value, plus £3 if you need transport. Early booking is recommended as places are limited.

### **Free Trips to ASDA**

Wednesday	30th April
Wednesday	28th May
Wednesday	25th June
Wednesday	30th July
Wednesday	27th August
Wednesday	24th September
Wednesday	29th October





### **The Land Train**

Both Kew Gardens (£6.50) and Denbies (£12) have land trains so you can explore them in depth. Expensive but well worth it we feel.

### **Denbies Winery**

Set in idyllic Surrey countryside on the North Downs, Denbies Winery is a great place to visit. They have a great restaurant/café, art gallery, farm shop and much more. You can take a tour of the winery or take the tour on the land train and buy some really delicious English wine.



### **Thanks to WBC, Sainsbury's, and our Volunteers**

A special thanks needs to go to Wandsworth Borough Council, (who fund us of course), and to Sainsbury's who provide us with our fantastic Shopmobility premises. Our partnership with them has made all this possible and they deserve all the praise we can give them. Of course, none of it could happen without our superb team of volunteers who drive the minibuses, help at Shopmobility, support our passengers on outings and act as trustees on our Management Committee. They are all brilliant!

### **INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS**

For those of you who have joined us recently and have not quite worked out how we can help you, the following explains it all!

**Shopping Shuttle** — We collect you from home and take you to our Shopmobility Centre at Sainsbury's. We have volunteers to push wheelchairs and to help.

**Outings** — We run a programme of outings throughout the year. Please refer to the back page for full details.

**Shopmobility** — Based at Sainsbury's in Garratt Lane, provides free wheelchairs, scooters and volunteers.

**Silver Daytrippers** — Trips for people who are 60 plus and able to travel independently to our collection points in the Borough. A wide range of popular destinations.

**Scooters and Wheelchairs** — Always available for rent or to buy — try before you buy and some great lease/purchase options.

### **LONGACRES GARDEN CENTRE - BAGSHOT**

New this spring is the Longacres Garden Centre. Set in picturesque Surrey, it has the full range of items you would expect plus a bakery and a butchers. You can get all sorts of great produce and their Greenhouse Café is not to be missed. Why not give it a try and tell us what you think.

Our old favourite Polhill still features as well as shopping opportunities at Battersea Power Station, Westfield, Southall and Walthamstow Market.

### **RIVER TRIP TO GREENWICH**

Always popular in the summer, passing by the great sights of London. We start at the London Eye and then down river past the Tower of London, Tower Bridge, the Onion, the Globe, The Modern Tate and much more. Greenwich has its great market and the historic naval buildings and the Royal Observatory, not to mention the Cutty Sark below. We return by minibus in time for tea



# ROAD RUNNER SUMMER TRIPS 2025

## SPECIAL

Last Wednesday of every month		Asda's, Roehampton (Shoppers Special) <i>*(see page 2 for further information and dates)</i>	Free
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## April

Tuesday	22	Polhill Garden Centre, Sevenoaks	£8
Thursday	24	Green Street (Shopping)	£6
Monday	28	Richmond Park & Isabella Plantation	£3

## May

Thursday	1	Colliers Wood Retail Park (Shopping)	£4
Tuesday	6	Brighton	£14
Thursday	8	Walthamstow Market (Shopping)	£6
Tuesday	13	Westfield Shopping Centre, Shepherd's Bush	£6
Wednesday	14	Worthing	£14
Monday	19	Jovial Sailor, Ripley (Pub Lunch)	£8
Thursday	22	Bagshot Garden Centre, Bagshot	£8
Tuesday	27	Southend-On-Sea	£14

## June

Tuesday	3	Eastbourne	£14
Thursday	5	RHS Wisley Gardens, Surrey <i>*(entrance fee is an additional £19.50. Free entry for RHS members)</i>	£8*
Tuesday	10	Thames Court, Shepperton (Pub Lunch)	£8
Thursday	12	Southall (Shopping)	£6
Tuesday	17	Bognor Regis	£14
Monday	23	Forest Lodge Garden Centre, Farnham	£10
Thursday	26	Herne Bay	£14

## July

Wednesday	2	Mad Hatter's Tea Party	£10
Thursday	3	Ealing Road, Wembley (Shopping)	£6
Tuesday	8	Rye	£14
Monday	14	Hastings	£14
Wednesday	16	River Trip to Greenwich (plus boat ticket)	£8
Monday	21	Garson's Farm & Restaurant, Esher	£8
Thursday	24	Southend-On-Sea	£14

## August

Monday	4	Kew Gardens (including entry fee)	£10
Wednesday	6	Eastbourne	£14
Friday	8	Battersea Power Station	£3
Tuesday	12	Bognor Regis	£14
Thursday	14	Walthamstow Market (Shopping)	£6
Monday	18	Knights Garden Centre, Chelsham	£8
Wednesday	20	Whitstable	£14
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Denbies Winery, Dorking</b>	<b>£8</b>
Tuesday	26	Bexhill-On-Sea	£14
Thursday	28	Brighton	£14

## September

Wednesday	3	Worthing	£14
Monday	8	River Trip to Greenwich (plus boat ticket)	£8
Thursday	11	Southall (Shopping)	£6
Wednesday	17	Bagshot Garden Centre, Bagshot	£8
Tuesday	23	Fairmile, Cobham (Pub Lunch)	£8
Thursday	25	Westfield Shopping Centre, Shepherd's Bush	£6

**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 book – maximum of 3 trips at any one time