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COMET AND HANDYBUS SHOPPING TRIPS TO HENLEY

(stopping at Waitrose/Tesco/Town Hall decided by passengers on the day)

Comet Bus on 1st and 3rd Thursdays

HandyBus trips available on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month

extra Comet Bus trips added from Jan-March dates are included below

Comet Bus starts picking up passengers from 9.30am and the

Handy Bus from 10.30. Both offer a home/driveway pickup.

* Number of passengers will be a maximum of 14 persons
* Current Bus pass must be shown
* Bookings to be made, in advance with **Claire** Harwood (via email above or phone: **01491 640805**)

Claire will manage the bookings fairly which will allow regular users and new users an opportunity to visit the shops to do their own shopping, subject to availability.

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| 2023 | Comet Bus | Booked on trip | Handy Bus | Booked on trip |
| **January** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Thursday 5th  |  | Tuesday, 10th  |  |
|  | Thursday 19th  |  | Tuesday, 24th  |  |
| **February** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Thursday, 2nd  |  | Tuesday, 14th  |  |
|  | Thursday, 9th  |  |  |  |
|  | Thursday, 23rd  |  |  |  |
| **March** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Thursday, 2nd |  | Tuesday, 14th |  |
|  | Thursday, 9th |  | Tuesday, 28th  |  |
|  | Thursday,23rd |  |  |  |
| **April** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Thursday, 6th |  | Tuesday, 11th  |  |
|  | Thursday, 20th |  | Tuesday, 25th  |  |
| **May** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Thursday, 4th  |  | Tuesday, 9th  |  |
|  | Thursday, 18th  |  | Tuesday, 23rd  |  |
| **June** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Thursday, 1st |  | Tuesday, 13th |  |
|  | Thursday, 8th |  | Tuesday, 27th |  |
|  | Thursday, 22nd  |  |  |  |
| **July** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Thursday, 6th |  | Tuesday,11th  |  |
|  | Thursday, 20th  |  | Tuesday, 25th |  |
| **August** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Thursday, 3rd |  | Tuesday, 8th |  |
|  | Thursday, 17th |  | Tuesday, 22nd  |  |
|  | Thursday, 31st |  |  |  |
| **September** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Thursday, 7th |  | Tuesday, 12th |  |
|  | Thursday, 21st  |  | Tuesday, 26th  |  |
| **October** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Thursday, 5th  |  | Tuesday, 10th  |  |
|  | Thursday, 19th  |  | Tuesday, 24th  |  |
| **November** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Thursday, 2nd  |  | Tuesday, 14th  |  |
|  | Thursday, 9th  |  | Tuesday, 28th  |  |
|  | Thursday, 23rd  |  |  |  |
| **December** |  |  |  |  |
|  | Thursday, 7th |  | Tuesday, 12th |  |
|  | Thursday, 21st |  |  |  |
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The Comet bus charges £65. For each return journey paid for by all Parish Councils at the beginning of the year. The Handy-bus is free to users.

A few details about the services:

* Free shopping trip service twice a month to Henley with pick up and return from passenger’s doorsteps.
* Passengers need to sign up for the coming week by noon on the Sunday before travel.
* Address details, phone number and postcode will need to be supplied at the time of booking.
* Claire will liaise with the bus driver to give number of passengers, pick up locations and suggested route.
* The service is aimed at people that are unable to drive for one reason or another (don’t drive, don’t own a car or have a medical condition which means they cannot drive).
* A current bus pass is required to travel.
* Both the Comet and Handy-bus will stop in Henley at Waitrose car park and/or drop off at Tesco, Henley. Details decided by the passengers on each trip.
* The Comet Bus offers a service on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. However, where there is a 5th Tuesday in a month, the Comet can be booked for additional journeys on a Thursday, with prior arrangement. These dates have been included in the above timetable for 2022 trips and are highlighted in red.
* The Handy-bus runs it’s fortnightly service on Tuesdays (2nd and 4th of each month).

Further information please email Sue Abbott at susan@theabbotts.co.uk (07968870408) or telephone Claire Harwood 01491 640805.