

WOKING LEISURE CENTRE 50+ CLUB



WEDNESDAY 03 SEPTEMBER 2025

As a day trip to be offered to 50+ Club members, we have planned a visit to the BMW MINI Assembly Plant in Oxford, for a tour of the production line. This will take place on Wednesday, 03 September 2025.

The day trip, by coach from the Leisure Centre, will be limited to 30 persons and **will cost £41.00 per head** to cover coach transport to the BMW plant and later to Oxford City, and the tour of the BMW plant.

We will begin the 100 minute tour with a welcome from the expert BMW Plant guides and an introduction to the plant's rich history and significance. For over a century, cars have been built at this site – now the only place in the UK that builds the MINI, an iconic British car beloved worldwide. Today the plant employs some 3700 associates who manufacture up to 900 MINIS every day and has contributed over 2.25 million MINIs to the tally of over 11.65 million cars that the plant has produced since 1913. Who can forget the original and revolutionary BMC Minis designed by Alec Issigonis, and that became such an icon identified with Swinging London in the 1960s! Feel the heritage come alive as you hear how a humble Oxford factory has evolved into a state-of-the-art facility crafting a very modern version of a true automotive legend. Inside the assembly hall you will be shown the birth of new MINIS as thousands of parts come together on the production line in the build process from the "Body in White" stage, where the car's bare metal shell is welded together, and then

brought to life as parts are seamlessly joined by teams of skilled engineers and robots.

Tours of the plant, which sell out fast, are strictly controlled by BMW and are restricted to tour parties of 15 people each. We have managed to book **two tour groups for a total of 30 people** with the tours starting at 12.20 pm on Wednesday 03 September 2025.

BMW have a number of instructions for visitors to the plant, and these are attached, as Page 3, for your guidance. Please make sure you read them.

There are no refreshment facilities, such as a café, for guests at the plant, so after the tours are finished, we plan to go on to the centre of Oxford to enable passengers to be dropped off to find a late lunch or tea and/or have some time to explore the centre of Oxford before we return to Woking.

Pick up from the designated pick-up point in Oxford for the return coach journey to Woking will be at 4.30pm and we expect to arrive back at the Leisure Centre at 6.30 pm or shortly before this time.

As this day trip is limited to 30 people we recommend that you book promptly to secure your place. Bookings will be taken on a first come, first paid basis. Please complete the attached booking form and send it with your payment to Alan Gibbs, Fylingdales, 567 Woodham Lane, Woking, Surrey GU21 5SH.

Closing date for bookings is Tuesday, 12 August 2025

Cancellation Policy – As we have to pay in full up front for the tours, and in accordance with long standing 50+ Club policy, there will be no refunds made where a member wishes to cancel a booking made unless an immediate substitute with full payment paid to the 50+ Club is found by the cancelling party. On their part, BMW reserve the right to cancel the plant tours for operational reasons, and should this happen, they would offer us alternative dates or a refund of the plant tour costs.

The Co-ordinator of this day trip is Alan Gibbs (E-mail: ahsgibbs@hotmail.com, Mobile Tel. No. 07815603882, Land Line 01483-714383).

Alan Gibbs, Chairman Woking Leisure Centre 50+ Club

BMW MINI PLANT, OXFORD

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR VISITOR GROUPS COMING ON GUIDED TOURS OF THE PLANT

- 1) Not recommended for people with heart problems or other serious medical conditions.
- 2) Visitors should have a moderate physical fitness level. This is a walking tour and a certain level of mobility is required to cover the distance around the site.
- 3) Please note that electromagnetic radiation is used in one of our assembly halls, which may affect the function of medical devices such as insulin pumps, or pacemakers and could pose a risk for pregnant people.
- 4) **Closed -toed shoes must be worn during the tour. Long sleeve clothing is recommended for the tour due to sparks.**
- 5) For a full tour experience, visitors are provided with audio guides and headphones. Wearing headphones is **compulsory**.
If you have a medical condition that prevents you from wearing headphones, please advise your tour Co- Ordinator promptly so that he can contact the BMW Booking Centre for further information **prior to your visit**
- 6) Assistive listening technology can be provided for individuals with reduced ranges of hearing (Inductive Neck Loops) – Please advise us in advance of any such requirements
- 7) Current global events can have a significant impact on our vehicle production. As a result, tours may have to be cancelled for operational reasons. Should this happen, we will offer alternative dates as soon as possible.
- 8) **Please be prepared to provide valid identification, if requested, as your group has booked a special concession tour – 65 years plus**
- 9) **The Visitor Centre opens 30minutes before the start of the tour. While you are waiting, you can join our museum tour and take photographs of our historic exhibits. However, the use of cameras and mobile phones for taking pictures inside the plant during the plant tour is not permitted**

BOOKING FORM FOR WLC 50+ CLUB DAY TRIP TO THE BMW MINI PLANT, OXFORD

Date: WEDNESDAY 03 SEPTEMBER 2025

Departure Time for Coach departure from Woking Leisure Centre

3 G Carpark: 9.00 am Sharp

Cost: £41.00 per person covering Coach Hire and Guided Tour of BMW Mini Plant
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Note: 50+Club Members and Guests attending/participating in 50+ Club Events and Functions do so entirely at their own risk.

I/We wish to join the Woking Leisure Centre 50+ Club day Trip to the BMW Mini Plant, Oxford.

I/We have read the BMW guidance notes for the guided tour of the BMW Mini Plant

Name (1) _____

Name (2) _____

Address _____

Home Tel. No. _____ **Mobile No.** _____

E-Mail Address _____

Payment enclosed: CASH _____ **CHEQUE*** _____

***Please make Cheques payable to WOKING LEISURE CENTRE 50+ CLUB**

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS IN CASE OF NEED

Name :

Home Tel. No.----- **Mobile No.**-----

I/We will require parking permits, for my/ our cars to be parked for the day at the 3G Car Park at Woking Leisure Centre and which I/We will pay for when advised by the Trip Co-ordinator

Please send your completed booking form, with payment, to Alan Gibbs, Fylingdales, 567 Woodham Lane, Woking, Surrey GU21 5SH

