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| Date        | 8 June 2026 14.00 |
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**Date:** 30 May 2026 at 16:09:52 BST  
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**Subject:** Re: Halstead to Clacton

Good afternoon James,

Many thanks for your email. Thank you for your suggestion, which has been passed to me for consideration. Although this would be operationally feasible, funding would be required to operate this service. The service could operate on specific days of the week if desired, and would cost approximately £500-£600 per day to provide (for a 78 seat vehicle).

I recognise that the Town Council may not have immediately available budget for this project, which may preclude operating the service during 2026. However, Essex County Council operate a "Love Your Bus" scheme allowing Town and Parish Councils to bid for funding for bus services such as this. The scheme unfortunately has closed for 2026 but a further scheme is planned, so this may be something we could collaborate on for 2027.

<https://www.travessex.co.uk/love-your-bus>

If you did want to look into the Town Council funding a service directly during 2026, we would be happy to support this; please let us know.

Kind regards,

Peter

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From: **James Bond** <[James.Bond@halsteadtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:James.Bond@halsteadtowncouncil.gov.uk)>

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Good morning

It has been suggested that, in light of free travel for children in the summer, the idea of a direct bus to Clacton from Halstead (possibly from other town too) be laid on for the summer holidays. We have a significant portion of our population who fall in the disadvantaged category and this may allow them time to go for days out.

Would this be feasible? Many thanks.

James Bond MBE

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