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LONDON, UK The London Taxi Drivers' Charity for Children (LTCFC) has completed its historic 98th annual summer outing, taking a convoy of London taxis to Hertfordshire Zoo for the fourth consecutive year.

Over the last four years, the annual trip to Hertfordshire Zoo has taken nearly 1,000 London school children predominantly those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) on a day out tailored entirely to them.

Organising trips for children with complex needs can be an overwhelming hurdle for parents. By providing stress-free transport and coordination at the venue alongside classmates and families, the charity aims to create memories that the children and their families will look back on for the rest of their lives.

Mark Wiltshire, a contact from one of the participating schools, shared feedback on the day:

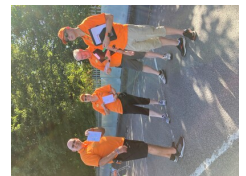
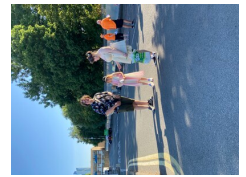
"Our children had a fabulous time at Hertfordshire Zoo! The event was well-organised, inclusive and run with tireless enthusiasm. The greatest care was taken with pupil's safety and wellbeing. Our driver really looked after us and gave us a superb, smooth ride."

Highlights from the children on the day included:

- "I've never been in a taxi before!"
- "This was the best day ever. Can I come next year?"
- "Thank you LTCFC. It's always a pleasure to come on this trip."

The LTCFC extends its gratitude to the sponsors, volunteers, and partners on its 2026 Roll of Honour who made the operation possible:

- **Peter & Roger Wilkinson (Worshipful Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers):** For sponsoring the outing and handing out posters, info packs, water, and Louie toys at Asda.
- **DCL Insurance:** For funding the drivers's fuel to ensure a smooth journey.
- **The Volunteer Drivers:** Who gave up their time, vehicles, and hearts for the children.
- **Hannah & Jordan at Hertfordshire Zoo:** Along with all zookeepers, caterers, ice-cream sellers, and the car park team.
- **Molly & Family:** For handmade friendship bracelets and cards given to every driver.
- **SPD & Mirna:** For invaluable support and hard work behind the scenes.
- **A&S Motors (Julie, Stephanie Prayer, Shelley, Elliot, and family):** Long-time supporters of the cab trade.
- **The AA:** For escorting the convoy and providing peace of mind on the road.
- **Josh (Motorbike Rider):** For riding ahead to put up direction signs and keep the convoy on track.
- **Metropolitan Police:** For seeing the convoy out of Asda safely.
- **LMS Medical Team:** For essential medical cover throughout the day.

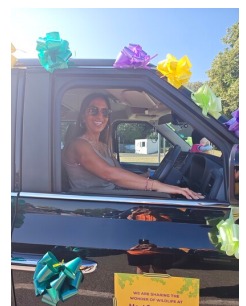
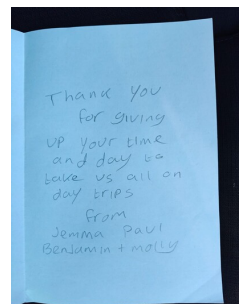


- **Ears PLC Radio:** For keeping communications running seamlessly.
- **Asda & Big Yellow:** For hospitality and logistical support.

Planning is already underway for summer 2027.

Funded entirely by voluntary donations and run by volunteer London cab drivers, the LTCFC provides free outings, entertainment, and equipment for children with special educational needs, disabilities, or disadvantaged backgrounds

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