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Ref: Concessionary Travel

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Dear

Staffordshire County Council in partnership with the Department of Transport are promoting Concessionary Bus Travel for older and disabled people who live in Staffordshire.

Concessionary bus journeys are below pre-pandemic levels and we want to encourage people to apply for a concessionary bus pass if they are eligible and use it for free off peak travel.

Boosting concessionary travel will support the wellbeing of older and disabled people, back sustainable bus services and help to grow the economy.

Please can you display the attached poster in your parish and mention the campaign at your next Parish Council meeting?

I have also enclosed an information sheet about the scheme and how people can apply for a pass.

Kind regards,

Lisa Conn
Connectivity Officer

Who can apply for a concessionary bus pass?

The England National Concessionary travel scheme (ENCTS) entitles people of pensionable age (currently aged 66+) and those with a qualifying disability to a bus pass.

The bus pass allows for free travel in England between 9:30am and 11pm on Monday to Friday, and all day on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Disabled people can travel for free in the Staffordshire County Council area before 09.30 until they reach pensionable age. At pensionable age, their pass will be changed to an older person's pass.

How to apply for a concessionary bus pass

Visit www.staffordshire.gov.uk/buspasses

or visit your local Staffordshire County Council managed library.

What is needed to apply for a bus pass

Applicants will need to provide evidence of their identity, address and either age or disability depending on which pass they are applying for.

Online applicants will also need to have a photograph of themselves on their computer to upload as part of the process. If applying in a library the staff will take a photo using a webcam.

To apply for a disabled bus pass you would need to apply under one of the following categories (see the website for more information):

- Blind or partially sighted
- Severely or profoundly deaf
- Without speech
- Walking disability
- Medically refused a driving licence
- Loss of the use of both arms
- Learning disability

We also offer Companion passes for people that cannot travel alone, please see the website to see what evidence is needed to apply for a companion pass.



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