

Is it free for me?

If you're out and about with someone who relies on your help because of their disability or illness, it's worth considering the many venues and travel companies which offer free or concessionary rates for carers.

All sorts of places offer concessions but they don't always advertise them. It's best to phone before your visit to check on individual admissions policies and to explain the disability or illness of the person you are accompanying. You may be asked for proof of their condition.

Many places provide free wheelchair or motorised scooter loan for disabled visitors - it's usually necessary to book in advance.

Rail Travel

Disabled Person's Railcard

Available for people with a disability that makes travelling by train difficult. If you are accompanying someone who has a Disabled Person's Railcard, you are both entitled to 1/3rd discount off most Standard and First Class fares in the UK.

The eligibility criteria, and what is acceptable as evidence of eligibility, can be found online at: www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk. An application can be made online or by telephoning 0345 605 0525; Textphone: 0345 601 0132. This Railcard is not available to buy at the Station.

Senior Railcard

Available to over 60s, giving 1/3rd off Standard and First Class Anytime, Off-Peak and Advance fares. Railcards are available online at www.senior-railcard.co.uk, by telephoning 0345 3000 250. One year cards can be picked up from any staffed rail ticket offices or National Rail- licensed Travel Agent, but cards covering three years will need to be bought online or by phone. Evidence of identity and age will be required.

Family and Friends Railcard

1/3rd discount off most Standard and First Class fares for up to 4 adults and 60% off for up to 4 children aged between 5 and 15 years. 2 adults can be named on one card but do not have to be travelling together. Railcards are available online at www.familyandfriends-railcard.co.uk, by telephoning 0345 3000 250, and a ticket for one year from any staffed rail ticket offices or National Rail-licensed Travel Agent.

Two Together Railcard

1/3rd discount off most Standard and First Class fares for you and the person you travel with the most. This could be your partner, husband, wife or a friend/family member. Railcards are available online at www.twotogether-railcard.co.uk, by calling 0345 3000 250, or from any staffed rail ticket offices or National Rail-licensed Travel Agent.



2 for 1 Train Offers

For travel to a wide range of events, sports, days out across Britain. For further details and booking, visit: www.daysoutguide.co.uk.

Bus travel

Although everyone of pensionable age in England can apply for an older person's bus pass, additional travel concessions can vary throughout the country. For example, West Yorkshire residents may also be entitled to rail concessions when travelling within West Yorkshire.

Passes can be obtained at a variety of outlets such as train and bus ticket sales points, libraries, online or by telephone.

West Yorkshire residents:

Senior Pass is available to people of pensionable age, permanently resident in West Yorkshire. Entitlements include:

- free off-peak bus travel throughout England
- half-fare off-peak train travel within West Yorkshire

A Blind or Disabled Person's Travel Pass is available to West Yorkshire residents of bus fare paying age and who have an eligible disability which is long term or expected to last at least 12 months.

Blind Travel Pass entitlements:

- free bus travel at any time of the day in West Yorkshire and free off-peak travel throughout England
- free train travel at any time in West Yorkshire

Disabled Person's Travel Pass entitlements:

- free off-peak bus travel in West Yorkshire and throughout England
- half-fare, off-peak train travel within West Yorkshire

If you qualify for a Blind or Disabled Person's Travel Pass, and you are unable to travel alone, you may also be entitled to a **Companion Pass**. This gives your travelling companion free off-peak bus travel within West Yorkshire for journeys that start in West Yorkshire and for some return cross-boundary journeys. Your companion is not entitled to free travel for journeys made wholly outside West Yorkshire.

For further details on eligibility, acceptable evidence of eligibility, and how to apply for any of the above contact:

Metro Enquiries: 0113 245 7676; www.wymetro.com

Bradford Metropolitan District Council: 01274 438723; www.bradford.gov.uk



North Yorkshire residents:

Older Persons Bus Pass is available to people of pensionable age, permanently resident in North Yorkshire. Entitlements include:

- free off-peak travel on local bus services anywhere in England

Disabled Persons Bus Pass entitles disabled people, including blind or partially-sighted people to:

- free off-peak travel on local bus services anywhere in England

If a **disabled** person needs a companion in order to travel, a Companion Pass can be applied for via North Yorkshire County Council: 01609 780780; www.northyorks.gov.uk

Coach travel

National Express Coachcards:

There are three different Coachcards available, each offering savings of 1/3rd off all Standard and Fully Flexible coach fares all year round:

- **Senior Coachcard** - For those 60 years or over, with £15 day returns available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- **Young Persons Coachcard** - For those who are between 16 and 26 years.
- **Disabled Coachcard** - For anyone who is registered as disabled.

For further information contact:

Customer Services: 0871 781 8181; Assisted Travel Team: 0371 781 8181;
www.nationalexpress.com

Leisure

Cinema

The *UK Cinema Association* provides a card (CEA card) which gives a disabled cinema guest a complimentary ticket for someone to go with them when they visit a participating cinema. It is not necessary to be accompanied by the same person on each visit. The card holder must be over 8 years of age.

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- a. be in receipt of *Disability Living Allowance* or *Attendance Allowance* or *Personal Independence Payment* or *Armed Forces Independence Payment*
- b. be a registered visually impaired person

There is a £6.00 annual administration charge.

For further information, including details of participating cinemas, contact: 01244 526 016;
Text phone: 18001 01244 526 016.

Application form and further details are also available online at: www.ceacard.co.uk.



Theatres and sports venues

Many venues provide free or concessionary rates for carers. Some provide specialised wheelchair spaces and seating for carers and carees. We recommend contacting the venue to explain your situation before a visit and to check their admission criteria, accessibility and facilities prior to your visit.

National Trust, English Heritage

Admissions policies admit the necessary companion of a disabled visitor free of charge. .

National Trust: 0344 800 1895

English Heritage: 0370 333 1181

Many other **stately homes** which are not run by the National Trust or English Heritage operate similar policies. It is advisable to check admissions criteria, accessibility and facilities prior to your visit.

Max Cards is a national discount card scheme that offers free or discounted entry to a range of attractions for families of children with special educational needs and/or a disability (SEND).

Each child with SEND needs a Card of their own and must be present to obtain the discount. In many cases the discount is extended to carers and accompanying family members, but this varies between venues. Venues reserve the right to ask for proof of identity upon presentation of the card. Please ensure that before you visit the attraction you are certain about how many accompanying adults and children are allowed.

If resident within North Yorkshire contact your local Carers' Resource office in Harrogate or Skipton to obtain a Max Card. Cost £3.

If resident in Bradford Metropolitan District contact the Parents' Forum for Bradford and Airedale to obtain a Max Card. The child or young person needs to be in receipt of Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment at any level. Cost £4 for 2 years. Contact: 01274 397396; <https://pfba.org.uk/resources/>

To view the full list of attractions that support the Max Card go to www.mymaxcard.co.uk.

Carers' Resource Carer's Card

Carers' Resource can provide a photographic Carer ID Card in Bradford, Craven and Harrogate. The card identifies an individual as an unpaid carer, and can be shown to their employer, college or local supermarket to prove that they have caring responsibilities. Find out more about the card by calling Carers' Resource on 01274 449660.



Please note: These details are provided for general guidance and do not imply recommendation by Carers' Resource.

If you need further information or would like to discuss any aspect of your caring role, please contact Carers' Resource:

Harrogate 01423 500555

Unit 3, Grove Park Court, Grove Park Terrace, Harrogate HG1 4DP

Bradford 01274 449660

15 Park View Court, St Paul's Road, Shipley, BD18 3DZ

Skipton 01756 700888

Ronaldsway House, 36 Brook Street, Skipton, BD23 1PP

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We can provide this information in another format. Please contact us to discuss your requirements.

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