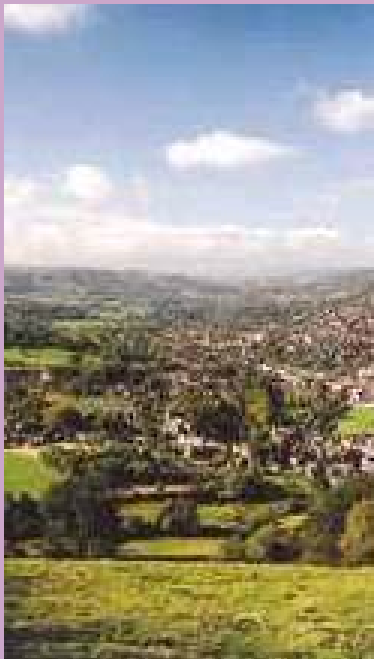


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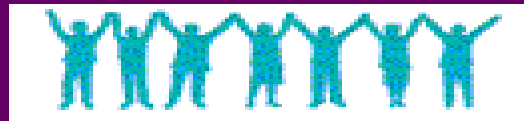
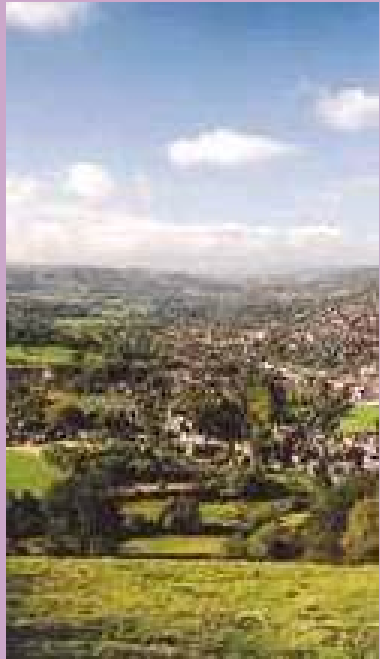
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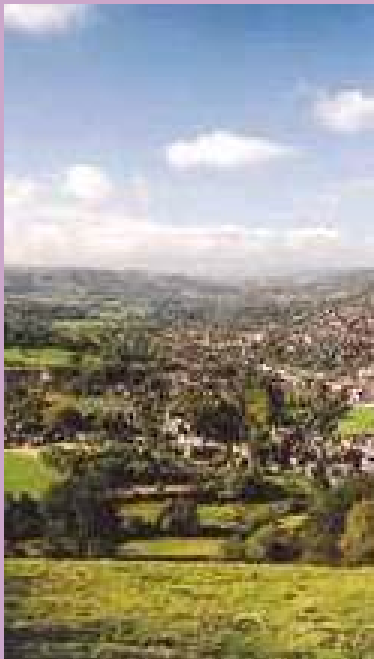
From 1st April 2008, if you're:

- resident in England,
- aged 60 or over,
- or eligible disabled,
- you'll be able to enjoy free off-peak travel (that's 9.30am until 11pm Monday - Friday, and all day weekends and bank holidays) on local buses anywhere in England.
- To take advantage of this you'll need a new pass. Full details and application forms are available from local district council offices.



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# What do the new passes look like?



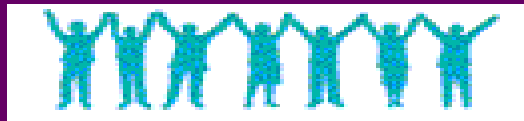
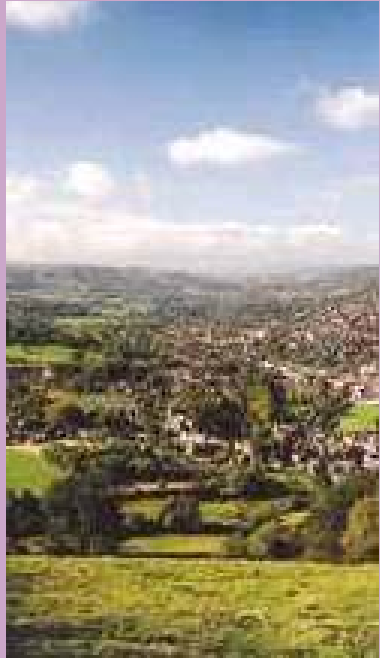
**New National Bus Pass for people aged 60 or over.**



**New National Bus Pass for eligible disabled people.**

# What does the national concession entitle eligible people to?

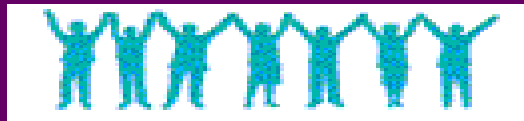
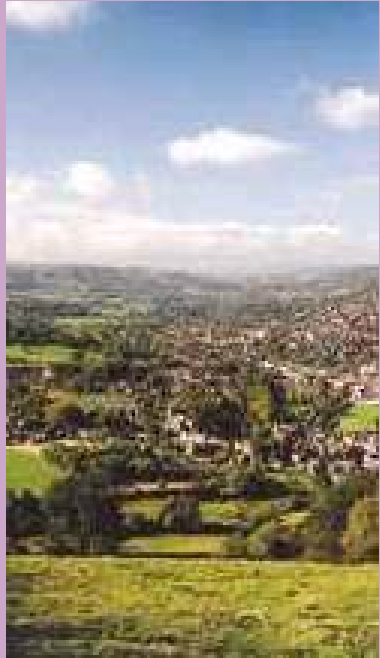
- Eligible residents are entitled to free local off-peak bus travel across England. A local bus is a timetabled service that runs locally.
- Reminder - Eligible residents are those who are 60 or over, or eligible disabled people.
- People with Enduring Mental Ill Health were not included in the ENCTS from 1st April 2008. DCC has worked with the Derbyshire Mental Health NHS Trust to agree alternative methods of approval of eligibility ensuring the majority of people with enduring mental ill health can claim an ENCTS gold card pass.
- Reminder - Off-peak is 9:30am until 11pm Monday to Friday, all day weekends and bank holidays.



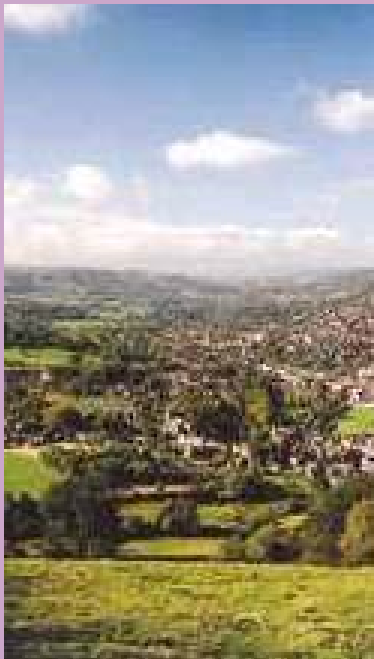
# Local Travel additions

- The following were free prior to 1 April 2008 but not included in the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme (ENCTS). DCC have provided the funding to allow these concessions to remain for ENCTS Derbyshire gold card holders only.
  - Free travel on Community Transport Dial a Bus Services.
  - Half fare travel on Rail in Derbyshire and some services ending outside the county and includes the Robin Hood line.

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# Additional benefits for local pass holders

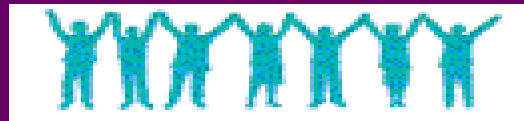
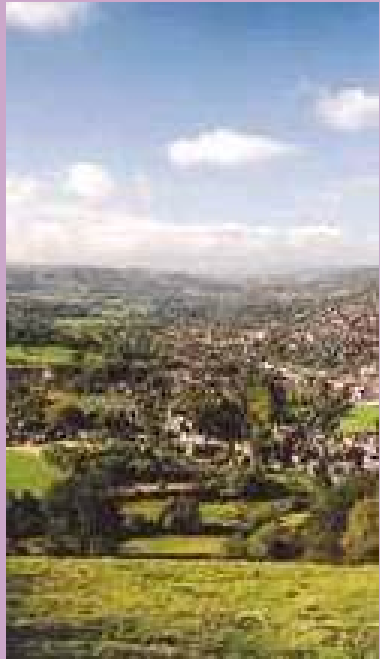


- Gold Card entitles the holder to discounts, usually around 10% in local shops, restaurants and services.
- Also acts as a Library Card.



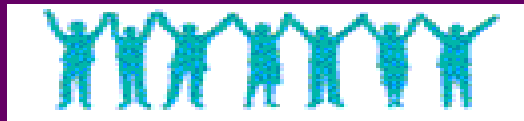
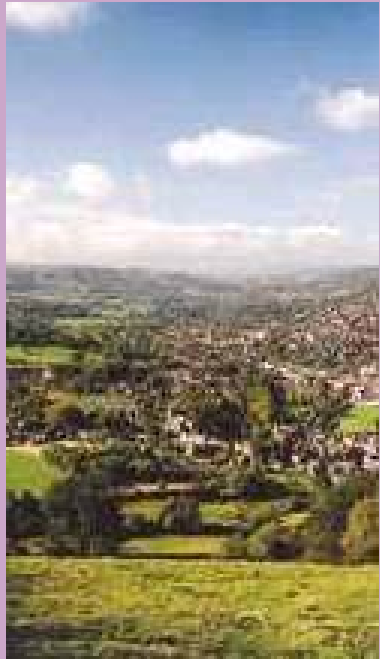
# What *doesn't* the pass entitle local residents to?

- travel on trams – except SYPTE allowing use of the Sheffield Tram system – see [www.sypte.co.uk](http://www.sypte.co.uk).
- the London Underground,
- long distance express coach services,
- tours and special excursions,
- travel in Scotland, Wales or Ireland.



# What do local residents need to do to get a pass?

- Application forms available from the district/borough council's offices and a checking service is also available from local participating Post Offices.
- You can apply up to 7 days before your 60 birthday
- Have an application form sent by post.
- More details:  
[www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/goldcard/](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/goldcard/) or Tel. 01629 761100 for further details.



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