

Getting around in Kent

For people with Learning Disabilities



Easier to read guide
www.kent.gov.uk/learningdisability

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Hello

We would like to tell you about travel help in Kent.

There are ways of getting around cheaper, easier and quicker. This information tells you how.

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Disabled Person's Bus Pass

A disabled person's bus pass lets you travel for free around Kent.

You can also apply for a disabled person's companion bus pass. This lets someone travel with you if you need help getting around.

You need to give proof that you are eligible (can get help).

You might qualify if you have: a problem seeing, a problem hearing, have epilepsy or are in receipt of a disability-related benefit.

Telephone: 03000 41 83 83

Text relay: 18001 03000 41 83 83

Website: www.kent.gov.uk/buspass

Email: buspass@kent.gov.uk



Disabled Person's Rail Card

If you have a disability that makes traveling by train difficult you might be able to get a disabled person's railcard.

The railcard gives you 1/3 off most rail fares throughout Great Britain. If you are traveling with an adult companion they also can get 1/3 off their rail fare.



You need to give proof that you are eligible for a railcard. You might qualify if you have: a problem seeing, a problem hearing, have epilepsy or are in receipt of a disability-related benefit.

Website: www.disabledpersons-railcard.co.uk



Check if a station has disabled access

You can check to see if a train station has disabled access.

Website: www.nationalrail.co.uk



Disabled Person's Coach Card

National Express offer a Disabled Coachcard

It gives you 1/3 off standard fares to hundreds of UK towns, cities and airports.

Website: www.nationalexpress.com



Blue Badge Scheme

If you are disabled you might be able to get a blue badge.

This normally lets you park for free in a bigger car space. The spaces are nearer entrances to buildings.

Telephone: 03000 41 62 62

Text relay: 18001 03000 41 62 62

Email: bluebadgeteam@kent.gov.uk

Website: www.kent.gov.uk/bluebadge



Vehicle Tax exemption and reductions

If you are disabled you may be able to get reduced or free vehicle tax.

Website: www.gov.uk/vehicle-exempt-from-car-tax



The Kent Karrier Scheme

The Kent Karrier service is available across the whole of Kent, taking people from their door to a number of useful places in their local area or nearest main town. All vehicles are wheelchair accessible and drivers can give you assistance with access if you need it.

You are eligible for membership if you have a mobility impairment or other medical condition that makes traveling on public transport difficult or if you live in a rural area more than 500 metres away from a bus stop or railway station. Carers or companions can also travel.

Apply to: Kent Karrier, KCC Transport Integration, Aylesford Highways Depot, St Michaels Close, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7TZ

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Website: www.kent.gov.uk/travelaroundkent



Travel help for people receiving support from adult social care services.

If you receive a service from Kent Adult Social Care Services, then transport will be considered as part of your care assessment. Many people make their own travel arrangements but others might require some support with transport to access services.

For more information talk to your care manager.

Travel training

Travel training helps you learn how to use transport more independently.

If you would like to know more speak to your care manager.





National Federation of Shopmobility UK

Most towns and shopping centres have a Shopmobility scheme. They lend manual wheelchairs, powered wheelchairs and scooters.

Schemes operate differently from place to place with some charging and others free.

Website: www.shopmobilityuk.org

Traveline



Traveline can help you to plan a journey. They can give a mixture of bus and train routes.

Website: www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk

Motability



The Motability Scheme enables disabled people to use their government-funded mobility allowance to lease a new car, scooter or powered wheelchair.

If you receive either:

- Higher Rate Mobility Component of Disability Living Allowance (HRMC DLA)
- Enhanced Rate of the Mobility Component of Personal Independence Payment (ERMC PIP)

You may be eligible to join the Motability Scheme.

Website: www.motability.co.uk

The Kent County Council Website



Our website has lots of useful information on it including:

- Bus travel
- Cycling
- Walking
- Driving and parking
- Train travel
- Ferries
- Airports
- Mobility Scooters
- Accessibility

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