

Concessionary bus fare schemes in England

This chapter contains further detail following the publication of *A Bulletin of Public Transport Statistics GB: 2004 Edition* on 25 November. Data from the returns of individual local authorities appear in the tables here.

Key trends

- In 2003, 267 (91 per cent) of the 292 local authorities in England provided the statutory minimum scheme of half fare travel for elderly people (Table 1).
- Four local authorities gave free concessionary elderly bus travel. These were London, Merseyside PTE, Crawley and Redditch (Table 1). Redditch was the only one of these four which had no peak time travel restrictions, although, since the survey, there has been a proposed change to a flat fare scheme during 2004.
- A further four local authorities gave flat fare concessionary travel to the elderly. These were Greater Manchester PTE, South Yorkshire PTE, Oxford and Nuneaton & Bedworth. Of these, Greater Manchester had no peak time travel restrictions.
- 17 authorities had hybrid schemes which combined elements of flat fare schemes with fares capped at a certain level, or variations based on age. For example, West Midlands PTE offered free travel to those aged 65 or over, but a half fare scheme for those aged 60 to 64.
- 151 authorities provided an additional enhanced scheme with a bigger coverage area or relaxation of peak time travel restrictions, over and above their standard scheme. However, it was common for a permit fee to be charged for the enhanced scheme (Table 2).
- In cases where there was an enhanced scheme with a fee for the permit, the cost of an annual permit fee was, on average, around £40.

Background

Concessionary fare reimbursement should be seen as a subsidy to the passenger rather than the operator. Local authorities and Passenger Transport Authorities reimburse operators for revenue lost as a result of their participation in the schemes, taking into account income from the extra travel generated.

The Transport Act 2000 introduced a statutory minimum half fare scheme for local bus travel for older people. It was implemented in June 2001. The age of eligibility for concessionary travel was equalised for men and women from 1 April 2003, at age 60. This equality applies to any concessionary fare scheme which is available in the area where the permit holder is resident. However, local authorities may restrict the availability of concessionary fares to off peak periods. In some areas local authorities also offer enhanced schemes which may lift the time restrictions or provide concessionary travel into an adjacent local authority area, for example county-wide schemes and, in a few areas, travel in adjacent unitary authorities.

Data for the schemes offered by local authorities shown in the following tables are from DfT's occasional surveys of local authorities. Surveys of local authorities and Passenger Transport Authorities were carried out in 1992, 1997 and 2003. The surveys ask for details of each scheme which allow older people to travel at a discount fare on buses, and, in some areas, other public transport including light rail or ferries. Senior Railcard discounts are often available, either in addition, or as an alternative to the local bus concessionary fare scheme.

Schemes for children are not covered by the legislation so there was no recent survey.

Table 1 Types of concessionary bus fare scheme in England in 2003

Area of residence	Type of scheme	Age available	Free travel at age 60	Flat or capped fare (single)	Half fare (statutory)	Time restriction on main scheme
London Greater London	Free travel	60	Yes	-	No	04.30 to 9am
North East						
Northumberland						
Alnwick	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Berwick-Upon-Tweed	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Blyth Valley	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m peak to 9.30am
Castle Morpeth	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Tynedale	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m peak to 9am
Wansbeck	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Darlington UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
County Durham						
Chester-Le-Street	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Derwentside	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Durham	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Easington	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Sedgefield	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Teesdale	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Wear Valley	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Tyne & Wear PTE	Hybrid scheme	60	No	50p off peak	No	a.m. peak to 9am
Hartlepool UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Redcar & Cleveland UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Middlesborough UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Stockton-On-Tees UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
North West						
Cumbria						
Allerdale	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Barrow-In-Furness	Hybrid scheme	60	No	40p	No	None
Carlisle	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Copeland	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Eden	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
South Lakeland	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Blackburn with Darwen UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Blackpool UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Lancashire						
Burnley	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Chorley	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Fylde	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Hyndburn	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Lancaster	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Pendle	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Preston	Hybrid scheme	60	No	-	No	None
Ribble Valley	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Rossendale	Hybrid scheme	60, 90	No, age 90	-	No	None
South Ribble	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
West Lancashire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Wyre	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Merseyside PTE	Free travel	60	Yes	-	No	a.m. peak to 9.30am

Area of residence	Type of scheme	Age available	Free travel at age 60	Flat or capped fare (single)	Half fare (statutory)	Time restriction on main scheme
Greater Manchester PTE	Flat fare	60	No	40p	No	None
Cheshire						
Chester City	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Congleton	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Crewe & Nantwich	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Ellesmere Port & Neston	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Macclesfield	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Vale Royal	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Halton UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Warrington UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Yorkshire & the Humber						
North Yorkshire						
Craven	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Hambleton	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am, eve. peak
Harrogate	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am, eve. peak
Richmondshire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am, eve. peak
Ryedale	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am, eve. peak
Scarborough	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am, eve. peak
Selby	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am, eve. peak
York UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am, eve. peak
East Riding of Yorkshire UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Kingston Upon Hull UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
North East Lincs UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
North Lincolnshire UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
West Yorkshire PTE	Hybrid scheme	60	No	30p off peak	No	a.m.peak-9.30am, 3pm-6pm.
South Yorkshire PTE	Flat fare	60	No	40p off peak	No	a.m. peak to 9am
East Midlands						
Derby City UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Derbyshire						
Amber Valley	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Bolsover	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Chesterfield	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Derbyshire Dales	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Erewash	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
High Peak	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
North East Derbyshire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
South Derbyshire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Nottingham City UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. to 9.30am, p.m. peak
Nottinghamshire						
Ashfield	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Bassetlaw	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Broxtowe	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Gedling	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Mansfield	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Newark & Sherwood	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Rushcliffe	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Lincolnshire						
Boston	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
East Lindsey	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Lincoln	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None

Area of residence	Type of scheme	Age available	Free travel at age 60	Flat or capped fare (single)	Half fare (statutory)	Time restriction on main scheme
North Kesteven	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
South Holland	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
South Kesteven	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
West Lindsey	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Leicester City UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9.30am
Rutland UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Leicestershire						
Blaby	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Charnwood	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Harborough	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Hinckley & Bosworth	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Melton	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
North West Leicestershire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9.30am
Oadby & Wigston	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Northamptonshire						
Corby	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Daventry	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
East Northamptonshire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Kettering	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Northampton	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
South Northants	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Wellingborough	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
West Midlands						
Stoke-On-Trent UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Staffordshire						
Cannock Chase	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
East Staffordshire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Lichfield	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Newcastle-Under-Lyme	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
South Staffordshire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Stafford	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Staffordshire Moorlands	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Tamworth	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Shropshire						
Bridgnorth	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
North Shropshire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Oswestry	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9.30am
Shrewsbury & Atcham	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
South Shropshire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Telford & Wrekin UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9.30am
West Midlands PTE	Hybrid scheme	60-64,65	No, age 65	-	Yes, to 64	a.m. peak to 9.30am
Herefordshire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Worcestershire						
Bromsgrove	Hybrid scheme	60	No	-	No	None
Malvern Hills	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Redditch	Free travel	60	Yes	-	No	None
Worcester City	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Wychavon	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Wyre Forest	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9.30am
Warwickshire						
North Warwickshire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None

Area of residence	Type of scheme	Age available	Free travel at age 60	Flat or capped fare (single)	Half fare (statutory)	Time restriction on main scheme
Nuneaton & Bedworth	Flat fare	60	No	30p off peak	No	a.m. peak to 9am
Rugby	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Stratford-On-Avon	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Warwick	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
East						
Norfolk						
Breckland	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Broadland	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Great Yarmouth	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Kings Lynn & West Norfolk	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
North Norfolk	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Norwich	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
South Norfolk	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Peterborough UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Cambridgeshire						
Cambridge	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
East Cambridgeshire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Fenland	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Huntingdonshire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
South Cambridgeshire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Suffolk						
Babergh	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Forest Heath	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Ipswich	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Mid Suffolk	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
St Edmundsbury	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Suffolk Coastal	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Waveney	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Luton UA	Hybrid scheme	60	No	capped, 40p	No	None
Bedfordshire						
Bedford	Hybrid scheme	60	No	capped, 40p	No	None
Mid Bedfordshire	Hybrid scheme	60	No	capped, 50p	No	None
South Bedfordshire	Hybrid scheme	60	No	capped, 50p	No	None
Hertfordshire						
Hertsmere	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Broxbourne	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Dacorum	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
East Hertfordshire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
North Hertfordshire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
St Albans	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Stevenage	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Three Rivers	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Watford	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Welwyn Hatfield	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Southend-On-Sea UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Thurrock UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Essex						
Basildon	Half fare	60-64,65,70	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Braintree	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am

Area of residence	Type of scheme	Age available	Free travel at age 60	Flat or capped fare (single)	Half fare (statutory)	Time restriction on main scheme
Brentwood	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Castle Point	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Chelmsford	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Colchester	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Epping Forest	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Harlow	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Maldon	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Rochford	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Tendring	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Uttlesford	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
South East						
Oxfordshire						
Cherwell	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Oxford	Flat fare	60	No	30p off peak	No	a.m. peak to 9am
South Oxfordshire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Vale Of White Horse	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
West Oxfordshire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Milton Keynes UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9.30am
Buckinghamshire						
Aylesbury Vale	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Chiltern	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9.30am
South Bucks	Half fare	60, 70	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Wycombe	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
West Berkshire UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9.30am
Bracknell Forest UA	Hybrid scheme	60, 75	No, age 75	-	Yes	None
Reading UA	Hybrid scheme	60-64,65	No, age 65	-	Yes, to 64	None
Slough UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Windsor & Maidenhead UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Wokingham UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Portsmouth UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Southampton UA	Hybrid scheme	60	No	30p off peak	No	a.m. peak to 9am
Hampshire						
Basingstoke & Deane	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
East Hampshire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Eastleigh	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Fareham	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Gosport	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Hart	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Havant	Half fare	60, 70	No	-	Yes	None
New Forest	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Rushmoor	Half fare	60, 75	No	-	Yes	None
Test Valley	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Winchester	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Surrey						
Epsom & Ewell	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Spelthorne	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Elmbridge	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Guildford	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Mole Valley	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Reigate & Banstead	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am

Area of residence	Type of scheme	Age available	Free travel at age 60	Flat or capped fare (single)	Half fare (statutory)	Time restriction on main scheme
Runnymede	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Surrey Heath	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Tandridge	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Waverley	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Woking	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Medway UA	Hybrid scheme	60	No	20p off peak	No	a.m. peak to 9am
Kent						
Ashford	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Canterbury	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Dartford	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Dover	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Gravesham	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Maidstone	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Sevenoaks	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Shepway	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Swale	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Thanet	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9.30am
Tonbridge & Malling	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Tunbridge Wells	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
West Sussex						
Adur	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9.30am
Arun	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Chichester	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Crawley	Free travel	60	Yes	-	No	a.m. peak to 9am
Horsham	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Mid Sussex	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Worthing	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Brighton & Hove UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
East Sussex						
Eastbourne	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Hastings	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Lewes	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Rother	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Wealden	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Isle of Wight UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
South West						
Gloucestershire						
Cheltenham	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Cotswold	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Forest of Dean	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Gloucester	Half fare	60, 75	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Stroud	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	none
Tewkesbury	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Bath & N E Somerset UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Bristol UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
South Gloucestershire UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
North Somerset UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Swindon UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m. peak to 9am
Wiltshire						
Kennet	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
North Wiltshire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None

Area of residence	Type of scheme	Age available	Free travel at age 60	Flat or capped fare (single)	Half fare (statutory)	Time restriction on main scheme
Salisbury	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
West Wiltshire	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Cornwall						
Caradon	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Carrick	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Kerrier	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
North Cornwall	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Penwith	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Restormel	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Isles of Scilly	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Plymouth UA	Hybrid scheme	60, 80	No, age 80	capped, 60p	No	None
Torbay UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m peak to 9am
Devon						
East Devon	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m peak to 9am
Exeter	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m peak to 9am
Mid Devon	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m peak to 9am
North Devon	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m peak to 9am
South Hams	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m peak to 9am
Teignbridge	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m peak to 9am
Torridge	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m peak to 9am
West Devon	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m peak to 9am
Somerset						
Mendip	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m peak to 9am
Sedgemoor	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m peak to 9.30am
Taunton Deane	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m peak to 9am
South Somerset	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
West Somerset	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m peak to 8.30am
Bournemouth UA	Hybrid scheme	60, 80	No, age 80	-	No	None
Poole UA	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Dorset						
Christchurch	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
East Dorset	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
North Dorset	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
Purbeck	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	None
West Dorset	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m peak to 9am
Weymouth & Portland	Half fare	60	No	-	Yes	a.m peak to 9am

Table 2 Coverage of concessionary bus fare schemes in England in 2003

Area of residence	Coverage area of main scheme	Enhanced scheme offered	Cost of permit for enhanced scheme	Enhanced scheme benefit	Population of age 60+ (thousands)
London	Greater London	No	-	-	1,168
North East					
Northumberland					
Alnwick	county	No	-	-	8
Berwick-upon-Tweed	district	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	8
Blyth Valley	district + other routes	Yes	-	option of taxi discounts	16
Castle Morpeth	district + other routes	Yes	-	option of taxi discounts	13
Tynedale	district + other routes	Yes	-	option of taxi discounts	14
Wansbeck	district + other routes	Yes	-	option of taxi discount scheme	14
Darlington UA	UA	Yes	£70.00	free travel in "urban" area	22
Durham Co.					
Chester-Le-Street	county	No	-	-	12
Derwentside	county	No	-	-	20
Durham City	county	No	-	-	18
Easington	district + other routes	No	-	-	21
Sedgefield	district	No	-	-	19
Teesdale	county	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	7
Wear Valley	county	No	-	-	15
Tyne & Wear PTE	PTE area	No	-	-	235
Hartlepool UA	UA	No	-	-	19
Redcar & Cleveland UA	UA + other routes	Yes	£12.00	30p flat fare on permit	32
Middlesborough UA	UA + other routes	Yes	£10.00	30p flat fare on permit	27
Stockton-on-Tees UA	UA + other routes	Yes	£5.00	30p flat fare on permit	36
North West					
Cumbria					
Allerdale	county	Yes	-	Tokens or Railcard alternative	23
Barrow-In-Furness	district	No	-	-	16
Carlisle	county	Yes	-	Railcard alternative	24
Copeland	county	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	16
Eden	county	Yes	£5.00	option of travel vouchers	13
South Lakeland	county	No	-	-	29
Blackburn Darwen UA	UA, Lancs, part WYPTE	No	-	-	24
Blackpool UA	UA, Lancs, part WYPTE	No	-	-	36
Lancashire					
Burnley	Lancs, parts of WYPTE	No	-	-	18
Chorley	Lancs, parts of WYPTE	No	-	-	20
Fylde	Lancs, parts of WYPTE	Yes	£10.00	Railcard or travel tokens	22
Hyndburn	Lancs, parts of WYPTE	No	-	-	16
Lancaster	Lancs, parts of WYPTE	No	-	-	31
Pendle	Lancs, parts of WYPTE	No	-	-	18
Preston	Lancs, parts of WYPTE	Yes	£10.00	free travel at 70 on permit	25
Ribble Valley	Lancs, parts of WYPTE	No	-	-	13
Rossendale	Lancs, parts of WYPTE	No	-	-	13
South Ribble	Lancs, parts of WYPTE	No	-	-	23
West Lancashire	Lancs, parts of WYPTE	Yes	-	Railcard or travel tokens	24
Wyre	Lancs, parts of WYPTE	Yes	-	Railcard alternative	31
Merseyside PTE	PTE area	No	-	-	297

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Greater Manchester PTE	PTE area	Yes	-	Period Saver cards	495
Cheshire					
Chester	county + Halton, W'ton	Yes	-	Railcard discount option	27
Congleton	county + Halton, W'ton	No	-	-	20
Crewe & Nantwich	county + Halton, W'ton	Yes	-	Railcard discount option	25
Ellesmere Port & Neston	county + Halton, W'ton	Yes	-	Railcard discount option	18
Macclesfield	county + Halton, W'ton	Yes	£15.00	extends scheme to rail	36
Vale Royal	county + Halton, W'ton	Yes	-	Railcard discount option	27
Halton UA	UA + Cheshire	Yes	-	Railcard discount option	22
Warrington UA	UA + Cheshire	Yes	-	Railcard discount option	38
Yorkshire & the Humber					
North Yorkshire					
Craven	county + York	Yes	-	Railcard discount option	15
Hambleton	county + York	No	-	-	21
Harrogate	county + York	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	36
Richmondshire	county + York	No	-	-	10
Ryedale	county + York	No	-	-	14
Scarborough	county + York	No	-	-	30
Selby	county + York	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	16
York UA	UA + N. Yorks	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	40
East Riding of Yorks UA	UA + other routes	Yes	-	discounted rail travel	80
Kingston Upon Hull UA	UA + other routes	No	-	-	48
North East Lincs UA	UA + other routes	No	-	-	35
North Lincolnshire UA	UA + other routes	No	-	-	35
West Yorkshire PTE	PTE area + other routes	No	-	-	412
South Yorkshire PTE	PTE area + other routes	Yes	£15 monthly	free travel on SeniorMaster	271
East Midlands					
Derby City UA	Derby UA + Derbyshire	No	-	-	48
Derbyshire					
Amber Valley	county + Derby UA	No	-	-	26
Bolsover	county + Derby UA	No	-	-	17
Chesterfield	county + Derby UA	No	-	-	23
Derbyshire Dales	county + Derby UA	No	-	-	18
Erewash	county + Derby UA	No	-	-	23
High Peak	county + Derby UA	No	-	-	19
North East Derbyshire	county + Derby UA	No	-	-	24
South Derbyshire	county + Derby UA	No	-	-	17
Nottingham UA	UA + other routes	Yes	£5.00	extends range beyond UA	48
Nottinghamshire					
Ashfield	county + other routes	No	-	-	24
Bassetlaw	county + other routes	No	-	-	24
Broxtowe	county + other routes	No	-	-	24
Gedling	county + other routes	No	-	-	25
Mansfield	county + other routes	No	-	-	21
Newark & Sherwood	county + other routes	No	-	-	25
Rushcliffe	county + other routes	No	-	-	22
Lincolnshire					
Boston	county	No	-	-	15
East Lindsey	district + other routes	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	40

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Lincoln	city + other routes	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	17
North Kesteven	county	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	24
South Holland	county	No	-	-	22
South Kesteven	district	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	28
West Lindsey	county	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	21
Leicester City UA	UA + other routes	No	-	-	48
Rutland UA	UA + other routes	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	8
Leicestershire					
Blaby	county + other routes	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	19
Charnwood	county + other routes	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	31
Harborough	county + other routes	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	17
Hinckley & Bosworth	county + other routes	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	22
Melton	county + other routes	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	11
North West Leicestershire	county + other routes	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	19
Oadby & Wigston	county + other routes	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	13
Northamptonshire					
Corby	district	No	-	-	11
Daventry	district + other routes	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	14
East Northamptonshire	district	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	16
Kettering	district	Yes	£10.00	tokens worth £30 for £10 fee	17
Northampton	district	No	-	-	35
South Northants	district + other routes	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	16
Wellingborough	district	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	15
West Midlands					
Stoke-on-Trent UA	UA + other routes	No	-	-	51
Staffordshire					
Cannock Chase	district + other routes	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	18
East Staffordshire	district	Yes	£10.00	free travel on permit	22
Lichfield	county	Yes	-	Railcard discount	22
Newcastle-Under-Lyme	county	Yes	-	Railcard discount	28
South Staffordshire	county	Yes	-	Railcard discount	25
Stafford	county	Yes	-	Railcard discount	28
Staffordshire Moorlands	county	Yes	-	Railcard discount	23
Tamworth	district	No	-	-	12
Shropshire					
Bridgnorth	district	Yes	£16.00	extends half fare to county	13
North Shropshire	district	Yes	£16.00	extends half fare to county	14
Oswestry	borough	Yes	£16.00	extends half fare to county	9
Shrewsbury & Atcham	borough	Yes	£16.00	extends half fare to county	22
South Shropshire	district	Yes	£15.00	extends half fare to county	12
Telford & Wrekin UA	UA	Yes	£88.00	Annual Bus Card for free travel in UA, half fare in Shropshire	29
West Midlands PTE					
West Midlands PTE	PTE area	Yes	-	free travel at 65 or older	523
Herefordshire	UA + other routes	Yes	-	Railcard discount	45
Worcestershire					
Bromsgrove	district	No	-	-	21
Malvern Hills	county	No	-	-	20
Redditch	district	No	-	plan change to flat fare of 30p in 2004	14
Worcester	city	Yes	£8.00	flat fare of 30p with permit	18
Wychavon	district	Yes	-	-	27
Wyre Forest	district	Yes	£6.00	flat fare of 40p with permit	23

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Warwickshire					
North Warwickshire	district	Yes	£10.00	extends half fare to county	13
Nuneaton & Bedworth	district	Yes	£10.00	extends half fare to county	24
Rugby	district	Yes	£10.00	extends half fare to county	19
Stratford-on-Avon	district	Yes	£10.00	extends half fare to county	28
Warwick	district	Yes	£10.00	extends half fare to county	28
East					
Norfolk					
Breckland	county	No	-	-	32
Broadland	county	No	-	-	31
Great Yarmouth	county	No	-	-	24
Kings Lynn W. Norfolk	county	No	-	-	38
North Norfolk	county	No	-	-	33
Norwich	county	No	-	-	25
South Norfolk	county	No	-	-	29
Peterborough UA	UA + other routes	No	-	-	29
Cambridgeshire					
Cambridge	county	No	-	-	18
East Cambridgeshire	county	No	-	-	17
Fenland	county	No	-	-	22
Huntingdonshire	county	No	-	-	30
South Cambridgeshire	county	No	-	-	26
Suffolk					
Babergh	county	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	21
Forest Heath	county	No	-	-	11
Ipswich	county	Yes	-	40p flat fare in Ipswich only	25
Mid Suffolk	county	No	-	-	21
St Edmundsbury	county	No	-	-	22
Suffolk Coastal	county	Yes	£13.50	Railcard discount	32
Waveney	county	No	-	-	32
Luton UA	Luton and Bedfordshire	No	-	-	30
Bedfordshire					
Bedford	Bedfordshire and Luton	No	-	-	30
Mid Bedfordshire	Bedfordshire and Luton	No	-	-	23
South Bedfordshire	Bedfordshire and Luton	No	-	-	22
Hertfordshire					
Hertsmere	county	Yes	£127.00	county-wide free travel at 65	20
Broxbourne	county	No	-	-	18
Dacorum	county	No	-	-	27
East Hertfordshire	county	No	-	-	24
North Hertfordshire	county	No	-	-	25
St Albans	county	Yes	£71.00	zone of free travel on permit	25
Stevenage	county	Yes	£30.00	zone of free travel on permit	15
Three Rivers	county	Yes	£45.00	zone of free travel on permit	18
Watford	district	Yes	£25.00	zone of free travel on permit	14
Welwyn Hatfield	county	No	-	-	21
Southend-On-Sea UA	UA	Yes	-	Railcard discount	38
Thurrock UA	UA	No	-	-	25

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Essex					
Basildon	county	Yes	£195.00	free travel on permit	33
Braintree	county	Yes	£128.00	free travel on permit	27
Brentwood	county	Yes	£54.00	free travel on permit	16
Castle Point	county	Yes	-	Railcard discount	21
Chelmsford	county	Yes	-	Railcard discount	32
Colchester	county	Yes	£196.00	free travel on permit	31
Epping Forest	county	Yes	£9.00	parts of London on permit	27
Harlow	county	Yes	£35.00	free travel on permit	15
Maldon	county	Yes	£186.00	free travel on permit	13
Rochford	county	No	-	-	19
Tendring	county	Yes	-	Railcard discount	46
Uttlesford	county	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	15
South East					
Oxfordshire					
Cherwell	district + other routes	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	25
Oxford	city	Yes	-	commercial bulk discount	22
South Oxfordshire	district + other routes	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	27
Vale Of White Horse	district + other routes	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	24
West Oxfordshire	district + other routes	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	21
Milton Keynes UA	UA	Yes	£3.50	stored value travel card	30
Buckinghamshire					
Aylesbury Vale	county	Yes	-	Railcard or tokens for taxis	30
Chiltern	county	Yes	£150.00	"Chiltern local" tokens	20
South Bucks	county	Yes	£23.00	free travel in district on permit	14
Wycombe	county	Yes	£8.50	travel tokens for buses or taxis	31
West Berkshire	UA + other routes	Yes	-	travel tokens for taxis	26
Bracknell Forest UA	UA + other routes	Yes	£40.00	free travel on permit	17
Reading UA	UA + other routes	Yes	-	free travel at 65 or older	23
Slough UA	UA + other routes	Yes	£36.00	free travel on permit	18
Windsor & Maidenhead	UA + other routes	Yes	£10.00	travel tokens for taxis	27
Wokingham UA	UA + other routes	No	-	-	26
Portsmouth UA	UA + other routes	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	36
Southampton UA	UA	No	-	-	40
Hampshire					
Basingstoke & Deane	county	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	27
East Hampshire	county	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	24
Eastleigh	county	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	23
Fareham	county	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	25
Gosport	county	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	16
Hart	county	No	-	-	16
Havant	district	Yes	-	Railcard or travel tokens	29
New Forest	county	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	50
Rushmoor	county	No	-	-	14
Test Valley	district	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	23
Winchester	county	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	24
Surrey					
Epsom & Ewell	county	No	-	-	15
Spelthorne	county	No	-	-	20
Elmbridge	county	No	-	-	26

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Guildford	county	No	-	-	26
Mole Valley	district + other routes	No	-	-	20
Reigate & Banstead	county	No	-	-	27
Runnymede	county	No	-	-	16
Surrey Heath	county	No	-	-	16
Tandridge	district + other routes	No	-	-	18
Waverley	county	No	-	-	27
Woking	county	No	-	-	17
Medway UA	UA	Yes	£20.00	removes peak time restriction and extends half fare to Kent	44
Kent					
Ashford	county	Yes	£36.25	removes peak time restriction	23
Canterbury	county	No	-	-	34
Dartford	county	Yes	£5.00	20p flat fare in borough	17
Dover	county	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	26
Gravesham	district + other routes	Yes	-	Railcard discount	20
Maidstone	county	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	30
Sevenoaks	county	Yes	£25.00	20p flat fare in district	25
Shepway	district	Yes	-	Railcard discount	25
Swale	county	No	-	-	26
Thanet	county	No	-	-	35
Tonbridge & Malling	county	Yes	-	option of vouchers	23
Tunbridge Wells	county	Yes	£15.00	removes peak time restriction	22
West Sussex					
Adur	county	Yes	-	discount on Railcard	16
Arun	county	Yes	-	discount on Railcard	46
Chichester	county	Yes	-	discount on Railcard	32
Crawley	Crawley	No	-	-	18
Horsham	district + other routes	Yes	-	discount on Railcard	27
Mid Sussex	county	Yes	-	discount on Railcard	28
Worthing	county	No	-	-	27
Brighton & Hove UA	UA + other routes	Yes	-	option of taxi vouchers	49
East Sussex					
Eastbourne	district + other routes	No	-	-	27
Hastings	district	No	-	-	19
Lewes	county	No	-	-	27
Rother	county	No	-	-	30
Wealden	county	No	-	-	39
Isle of Wight UA	Isle of Wight	No	-	-	39
South West					
Gloucestershire					
Cheltenham	district	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	24
Cotswold	district	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	21
Forest of Dean	county	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	19
Gloucester	district	Yes	£7.95	bulk discount on 100 trips	22
Stroud	county	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	25
Tewkesbury	district	No	-	-	19
Bath & N E Somerset UA	UA	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	39
Bristol UA	UA + other routes	No	-	-	72
South Gloucestershire UA	UA + other routes	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	50
North Somerset UA	UA	No	-	-	48

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Swindon UA	UA + Wiltshire	Yes	£40.00	"Tripcard" adds rail to scheme	33
Wiltshire					
Kennet	county + Swindon UA	No	-	-	16
North Wiltshire	county + Swindon UA	No	-	-	25
Salisbury	county + Swindon UA	No	-	-	27
West Wiltshire	county + Swindon UA	No	-	-	28
Cornwall					
Caradon	county + other routes	No	-	-	21
Carrick	county + other routes	No	-	-	24
Kerrier	county + other routes	No	-	-	24
North Cornwall	county + other routes	No	-	-	23
Penwith	county + other routes	No	-	-	18
Restormel	county + other routes	No	-	-	25
Isles of Scilly	Isles of Scilly	No	-	-	1
Plymouth UA	UA	Yes	£40.00	fee joins the Devonwide scheme	51
Torbay UA	UA + Devon	No	-	-	38
Devon					
East Devon	county + Torbay UA	No	-	-	43
Exeter	county + Torbay UA	No	-	-	23
Mid Devon	county + Torbay UA	No	-	-	18
North Devon	county + Torbay UA	No	-	-	24
South Hams	county + Torbay UA	No	-	-	22
Teignbridge	county + Torbay UA	No	-	-	35
Torridge	county + Torbay UA	No	-	-	17
West Devon	county + Torbay UA	No	-	-	13
Somerset					
Mendip	county	No	-	-	24
Sedgemoor	county	No	-	-	27
Taunton Deane	county	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	26
South Somerset	county	No	-	-	39
West Somerset	county	No	-	-	12
Bournemouth UA	UA + other routes	Yes	-	option for travel companion	41
Poole UA	UA + other routes	No	-	-	36
Dorset					
Christchurch	district	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	16
East Dorset	county	No	-	-	28
North Dorset	county	Yes	-	Railcard discount or tokens	17
Purbeck	county	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	13
West Dorset	county	Yes	-	option of travel tokens	29
Weymouth & Portland	county	No	-	-	16

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