



# North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum Fforwm Trafnidiaeth Gogledd Penfro

## September News Briefing, 2019

### Buses - Renewal of Concessionary Travel Passes

#### 1. Transport for Wales (TfW) Advice and Assistance

TfW is working with all Welsh local councils and Welsh Government to roll out new-style Concessionary Travel Cards by the end of December 2019.

The travelcard website (<https://tfw.gov.wales/travelcards>) reports that these cards will replace the current green 'bus passes' across Wales. The old-style cards will not be recognised by electronic readers on buses after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

The new-style cards offer the same free travel rights and benefits as the current bus passes. The new cards are designed so that they can work as part of an integrated travel network in the future.

Advice and support with the application process is also available from your local council, Age Cymru and other community organisations. Find out where you can find help in your local area by contacting our help desk at [travelcards@tfw.wales](mailto:travelcards@tfw.wales) or call 0300 303 4240.



#### 2. Pembrokeshire County Council (PCC) Advice and Assistance

'If you are unable to renew your bus pass online and do not have anyone to do it on your behalf, we will be holding drop-in sessions in November for you to attend and receive assistance.

You will need the following information:

- The 19-digit card number printed on the front of your (green) bus pass
- Your date of birth
- The postcode your current card is registered to,
- Your National Insurance number, if you're over 16, which is on pension statements, disability statements or payslips.'

#### Library Drop-In Sessions

|                                  | Morning                    | Afternoon                 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Monday 11th November             | Tenby (10am - 1pm)         | Neyland (2pm - 4pm)       |
| Tuesday 12th November            | Fishguard (10am - 1pm)     | St Davids (2pm - 5pm)     |
| Wednesday 13th November          | Haverfordwest (10am - 1pm) | Milford Haven (2pm - 4pm) |
| Thursday 14th November           | Narberth (10am-1pm)        | Saundersfoot (2pm - 5pm)  |
| Friday 15th November             | Pembroke (11am-1pm)        | Pembroke Dock (2pm - 5pm) |
| Monday 18th November             | Milford Haven (10am-1pm)   | Pembroke Dock (2pm - 5pm) |
| Tuesday 19th November            | Haverfordwest (10am - 1pm) | Crymych (3.30pm - 5.30pm) |
| Wednesday 20th November          |                            | Newport (2pm - 4pm)       |
| Thursday 21st November           | Fishguard (10am - 1pm)     |                           |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November | Tenby (10am - 1pm)         | Haverfordwest (2pm - 5pm) |

## Cycling and Walking

### 1. *Cycling Without Age UK*

Having heard about this remarkable initiative and found further information on its website, the Forum felt it worth sharing this information with our News Briefing readers.

'Cycling Without Age United Kingdom is part of 'Cycling Without Age' a non-profit global initiative, founded in Copenhagen in 2012. England has a growing number of local chapters, many of which came about through the power of social media sharing. Each local chapter is run by volunteers with our guiding principles of generosity, slowness, storytelling, relationships and without age.

Our volunteer pilots take local elders and care homes residents out on 'trishaw' cycle rides to feel the wind in their hair. We bring generations closer together using special trishaws (three-wheel cycles with a passenger cab out front). They have electrical power assist, so no need to be super-sporty to be a volunteer cycle pilot. Our rides are comfortable, fun and free. They enable people to experience the city and nature close-up from the bicycle. There's opportunity to regain social connection and for people to tell their story in the environment where they have lived their lives. Our work builds bridges between generations and reinforces trust, respect and the social glue of our society. Our cycle pilots and passengers alike enjoy the physical and emotional well-being benefits. The joy of riding in the trishaw cab stimulates spirits to fly and stories to flow!

If you would like to start a chapter of Cycling Without Age in your city, we would be delighted to help you get started. We have launched a simple, royalty-free affiliate model for communities worldwide to become part of the movement. Proceed to the [affiliate page](#) or if you have any questions, [write us an email](#). We already have a wealth of experience in working with nursing home staff and management, city councils, other volunteer organizations, cyclists federations as well as great ideas of how to get the initiative off the ground and locals excited about it'.

Visit <https://cyclingwithoutage.org.uk/> for further information.

### 2. *A suggested source of funding for cycling and walking improvements*

A Forum member has emailed information about The Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant. The grant uses funds raised via the Second Homes Tax to provide funding for new projects that help address the negative impact of second homes and in doing so adds value to our communities.

The Fund's website ([www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/grants/the-enhancing-pembrokeshire-grant](http://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/grants/the-enhancing-pembrokeshire-grant)) states that outcomes are structured around five Well-being objectives:

- Raising overall standards of achievement.
- Healthy communities: Communities supported by affordable and appropriate housing; improving social care.
- Increase the economy's productivity and address regeneration issues.
- Safeguarding our environment.
- Self-sustained and vibrant communities.

Our member, a keen cyclist who commutes to work on a bike, suggests that if the grant could be accessed to fund things that would encourage cycling (bikes and electric bikes) in our area, it could bring economic benefits, social benefits, tourism, etc. Suggested examples include: bike repair stands, bike pumps and charging points for electric bikes.

We would like to find out if it would be possible to team up with others in the North Pembrokeshire area to work on this suggestion. We would also be interested in receiving your comments about cycling and walking in our area and any additional suggestions you might have. If so, please contact the North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum' Secretary (see the contact details below).

The Forum's work is supported by:

Individual Members (£5 p.a.), Family Members (£8 p.a.) & Corporate Members (£12 p.a.)

(Corporate members include town and community councils, transport operators, and groups, organisations and associations with a transport interest)

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