



North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum Fforwm Trafnidiaeth Gogledd Penfro

News Briefing – September 2012

Go Green - Go Electric

Information about the first electric car charging station in Pembrokeshire was provided in *The Western Telegraph* on 5th September. Located on the ground floor of the Haverfordwest Riverside multi-storey car park, the charging post can serve two cars at a time, providing around six hours of journey time, depending on the make and model of the vehicle. The new charging point has been installed by Pembrokeshire County Council with funding from the Welsh Government as part of the Sustainable Travel Centre Project. The special access cards required to use the station can be obtained from the County Council for a one-off £5 fee. However, motorists will be able to park and charge for free during an initial introductory period. For more information visit www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk or call 01437 764551.

Go Green - Walks for All

Press reports this month drew attention to the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority's updated Walks for All guide. Easy, wheelchair-accessible, walks along the coast feature in the new guide which was prepared with advice from the Pembrokeshire Access Group. A search for Walks for All on www.pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk will provide full details. The walks vary in difficulty and are ideal for families with young children or pushchairs, less able bodied people, and anyone that just wants a leisurely stroll.

'Easy Access Walks' are the most accessible. Surfaces are hard and smooth and gradients are gentle: any gradients steeper than 1:20 (5%) are mentioned in the directions and indicated on the walk map. 'Adventure Walks' are longer, surfaces can be varied and gradients less gentle, although all gradients steeper than 1:12 (8.3%) are mentioned in the directions and indicated on the walk map.

Information is also provided about accessible beaches and viewpoints. It is important to note that some routes include stretches along the cliff-tops, where great care needs to be taken, especially in wet or windy weather. Path users are advised always to keep well away from the cliff edge.

Go Green - Get on Board a Train - Special Offers

1. *New Arriva Club 55*. Special offers for anyone aged 55 or over. Carry passport, driving license, pension book or bus pass as proof of age when you travel. Go anywhere on the Arriva Trains Wales network or on selected additional routes with an 'add-on' fare. Travel between 2nd September 2012 and 18th December 2012 and between 5th January and 24th March 2013. *Ticket types*:

- Arriva Club 55 Website. Return travel any day of the week (apart from exemptions). Website special offer only at www.arrivatrainswales.co.uk/55. Price: £17 or £16 with a Senior or Disabled Railcard. Free membership of Arriva Club 55; be the first to know about future Club promotions; access to 'Members only' special offers and incentives; free newsletters with information on travel tips, etc.
- Arriva Club 55 Not Friday. Return travel Monday to Thursday, Saturday & Sunday. Purchase at rail stations with sales facilities, other retail outlets, onboard trains or call 08709 000 773 (between 8.00am and 10.00pm Monday to Saturday & between 9.00am and 5.00pm on Sunday). Price: £19 or £18 with a Senior or Disabled Railcard.
- Arriva Club 55 Anyday. Return travel any day of the week (apart from exemptions). For those who want the ultimate flexibility - just buy a ticket and go! Purchase at rail stations with sales facilities, other retail outlets, onboard trains or call 08709 000 773 (between 8.00am and 10.00pm Monday to Saturday & between 9.00am and 5.00pm on Sunday). Price: £24 or £23 with a Senior or Disabled Railcard.

Tickets may be purchased on the day of travel (from your nearest rail ticket outlet or on the train), but this will be more expensive than using Arriva's website. Passengers may also purchase as many NEW Arriva Club 55 tickets as they want within the offer period. Payment is by debit or credit cards only. Personal cheques are not accepted at ticket offices or on the trains.

Arriva Trains Wales has joined up with a select number of other train companies to help people travel even further with an Arriva Club 55 ticket and an 'add-on' fare. New destinations and 'add-on' fares include: £1 Merseyrail, £1.50 Northern Rail, £5 London Midland, £11 Cross Country, and £20.50 Chiltern Railways. (An interchange between Arriva Trains Wales services and Chiltern Railways is available using

London Midland between Smethwick Galton Bridge to Birmingham Moor Street as part of the Chiltern upgrade fare).

For full information (including all travel date exceptions) visit www.arrivatrainswales.co.uk/55, call 08709 000 773 (between 8.00am and 10.00pm Monday to Saturday & between 9.00am and 5.00pm on Sunday), or inquire at railway stations or onboard trains from conductors. *Club 55 leaflets with full details are available at the TICs in Fishguard and Ocean Lab, Goodwick.*

2. Pembrokeshire Railcard. Special offer for Pembrokeshire residents. The Pembrokeshire Railcard is available on all journeys within Pembrokeshire and extends as far as Swansea via Carmarthen. The card holder is entitled to a 34% discount on local rail travel, and there is no minimum fare. The railcard costs £5.00, is valid for one year and will quickly pay for itself - the more you travel, the more you save!

The railcard is available to residents, aged 16 or over, in the following postcode areas: SA34 0; SA61 1; SA61 2; SA62 3; SA62 4; SA62 5; SA62 6; SA63 4; SA64 0; SA65 9; SA66 7; SA67 7; SA67 8; SA68 0; SA69 9; SA70 7; SA70 8; SA71 4; SA71 5; SA72 4; SA72 6; SA73 1; SA73 2; SA73 3.

Pembrokeshire Railcard leaflets, which include the application form, can be downloaded from www.arrivatrainswales.co.uk/ATWRailcards. Pembrokeshire railcards are available by post and, in person, from Haverfordwest and Carmarthen railway stations. Proof of residence (a driver's license, council tax demand or utility bill) is required along with payment. Payment by cheque is no longer accepted at stations or on trains. To apply by post, please include, with the above, a stamped addressed envelope and a note of your phone number (so that they may call you back to process a card payment) in an envelope marked 'Pembrokeshire Railcard Application', to either:

- Booking Office, Haverfordwest Railway Station, Cartlett Road, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire SA61 2LH (Mon-Sat 0645 to 1330, Sun 0945 to 1700);
- Booking Office, Carmarthen Railway Station, Station Approach, Carmarthen SA31 2BE (Mon-Sat 0635 to 1735, Sun 1000 to 1735); *or*
- Arriva Trains Wales Business Travel Service, 47 Penarth Rd, Cardiff, CF10 5DJ (Please note, cheques can be accepted using this facility).

Pembrokeshire Railcards cannot be used for the following:

- For the purchase of Season Tickets at discounted prices
- On bus services (except in the case of certain rail-bus through ticketing facilities)
- On special excursion trains (i.e. not shown in the public timetable)
- With any Rail Rover products (e.g. West Wales Day Ranger and Explore Wales Pass)
- In conjunction with a Small Group Day discount
- In conjunction with special promotion tickets - unless specifically advised
- Travel beyond Swansea in the direction of Cardiff
- In conjunction with any other national or local Railcard (i.e. Heart of Wales Line or Cambrian Lines)
- Anywhere on the Heart of Wales Line north of Llanelli.

Community Transport Appointment

Emma Lewis has been appointed Operations Co-ordinator with the Preseli Rural Transport Association. She will be working to develop and manage community transport services in Pembrokeshire and across West Wales. The post is funded through the European Regional Development Fund, through the Welsh Government.

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The North Pembrokeshire Transport Forum is an independent voluntary group that works for the provision of an effective integrated transport system in the North Pembrokeshire area, promotes the benefits of public transport and works towards the greater use of public transport systems.

The Forum is a member of Bus Users UK Cymru, the Environmental Network for Pembrokeshire and the Pembrokeshire Rail Travellers Association.

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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