

## Free Bus Travel

Allerdale Borough Council are providing the borough's pensioners and disabled with free bus travel to any part of Cumbria from 1st April.

Although the Government promised all pensioners free off-peak bus travel from April 2006, Allerdale Borough Council has tried to give the borough's over 60's a better deal, with the availability of free bus travel throughout Cumbria, every day. From 1st April, residents qualifying for concessionary travel will be able to own a NoWcard (NorthWest card), which will allow them free bus travel.

Residents who are eligible for concessionary travel, or not sure if they are eligible, and still haven't applied for the new NoWcard, are asked to contact their nearest council office for help and application forms as soon as possible.

Proof of eligibility and a recent passport size photo are required. Up until April, residents can still use their existing bus pass. Alternative concessions are still being offered by Allerdale Borough Council. Residents may choose a rail card or tokens where applicable, instead of the NoWcard:

Registered local bus services operated by Stagecoach or other operators will accept NoWcards and tokens. Northern Rail will accept rail cards for travel by train and allow up to 1/3 off most fares. In addition, residents may use tokens towards the issue of a rail card or fare. Taxis – some taxi firms will accept tokens. Residents should check

with the firm before booking.

Distribution of the NoWcards will be directly to applicants through the post. Replacement cards will be available at a charge of £10.00

Alternative concessions will be available for you to collect at all our council offices from Monday 20 March 2006.

Council offices opening hours:  
Workington  
Allerdale House & Finkle Street:  
Mon - Thur 0900 - 1645  
Friday 0900 - 1615  
Cockermouth Fairfield:  
Mon - Thur 0900 - 1645  
Friday 0900 - 1615  
Keswick, Main Road:  
Mon - Thur  
0900 - 1230 & 1330 - 1645  
Friday  
0900 - 1230 & 1330 - 1615  
Maryport, Senhouse Street:  
Mon - Thur  
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0900 - 1230 & 1330 - 1615  
Wigton, King Street:  
Mon - Thur  
0900 - 1230 & 1330 - 1645  
Friday  
0900 - 1230 & 1330 - 1615

Any resident who has a problem getting to their local council office can contact Allerdale Borough Council on 01900 326241 for help.

Between Spring and Autumn this year, buses will be equipped with smart card readers which will read the NoWcard. Notices will be displayed on the buses to tell residents when this is going to happen. Until then, the bus driver will just accept the NoWcard and will not charge for the journey within the boundaries of Cumbria.

For further information about NoWcard applications or travel concessions, please contact Allerdale Borough Council on 01900 326246.

## After the Storm



Postcard supplied by Geoff Bland

This fascinating postcard looking towards Silloth Pier was apparently taken from among the Pines near North House. The slope below the trees shows an enormous pile of fencing and other debris, it seems there must have been an enormous amount of damage to the sea defences all along the promenade.

It seems that our modern storms must be quite tame really, compared to sixty years ago.

## Funding for Local Projects

Do you need cash for a Community Project?

The Solway Coast Neighbourhood Forum could be the answer!

What are Neighbourhood Forum Grants?

Cumbria County Council makes grants available in your area through Neighbourhood Forums. Grants can be made to voluntary, non-profit making groups for community based projects and to individuals who represent the area.

A copy of the full grant criteria is available from your Neighbourhood Development Officer (NDO) who will also

be able to help identify other local funding sources.

How do we apply?

You will need to complete an application form available from Area Support 2nd Floor Workington Library, Workington CA14 2ND or call 01900 325011 or we can email it to you. Applications must be received two weeks before a Neighbourhood forum meeting.

Grant recommendations are made at quarterly meetings of the Forum. You can view the dates and venues of Forums in your area by logging onto the Cumbria County Council website at [www.cumbria.gov.uk](http://www.cumbria.gov.uk)

Examples of projects funded by Solway Coast Neighbourhood Forum include:

The Carnival Committee and other festivals such Silloth Vintage Rally and Silloth Community Craft Show Sports Clubs including football, rugby and athletics.

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