



All day travel trial

for holders of disabled person's passes of school or working age
1 August 2023 to 31 March 2027

What is the all day travel trial?

Councillors have agreed to a trial of all day travel for disabled person's pass holders to increase access to education, employment and training. This started on 1 August 2023 and has now been extended to last until 31 March 2027. The expiry date of your pass has not been extended.

What does it mean for me?

If you hold a disabled person's bus pass you can continue to travel free before 9am on weekdays, so long as you are getting on a bus in Warwickshire.

If you have an older person's pass there is no change to the travel times and you can still start your free travel from 9am on weekdays within Warwickshire.

Outside Warwickshire, you still can't use your pass before 9.30am and after 11pm on weekdays. This hasn't changed. You can still only use it on the bus – you can't use it on the trains.

Any passholder can still use their pass at any time at weekends and on bank holidays, anywhere in England.

Once you reach state retirement age (currently your 66th birthday) you will be issued an older person's pass. This is because the trial has only includes people below state retirement age and stated aims of the trial are access to education, employment and training.

What should I do when my bus pass expires?

We have not extended your bus pass. If it expires before 31 March 2027, you will need to renew it to keep taking advantage of free bus travel. If you have reached state retirement age then you will be issued an older person's bus pass.

If it expires after 31 March 2027 you can carry on using it until it expires but the times you can use it may change. The up-to-date travel times can always be found on our website at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/usingabuspass>

Why can't older people's pass holders have all day travel as well?

The council must reimburse the bus companies every time a pass is used. This can be more expensive at peak time if the company has to provide larger or more frequent buses as a result of extra passengers travelling free with their bus p[asses]. The council does not have the money to pay for everyone to travel free before 9am.

How does this affect people with Companion (+1) passes?

It does not make a difference. Your pass will still either have an orange stripe or a blue stripe and your carer can travel with you whenever you use your +1 pass.

What happens after 31 March 2027?

The cost and results from the trial will be evaluated during 2026 and a report will be taken to councillors. Councillors will decide whether or not the trial can be extended or made permanent.



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