

Subsidised fares for Young People in the Wrexham C B C area

From April 1, 2006 there will be two subsidised fare schemes operating in the Wrexham County Borough Council area. The Welsh Assembly Government has sponsored Wrexham, in conjunction with Flintshire and Denbighshire to introduce a half fare scheme to persons aged between 16 and 18 from April 2006. Persons within the age range will be invited to apply for a bus pass, provided free, which will entitle them to half fare on all local bus journeys which start or finish in the three local authorities of North East Wales.

Further information on this scheme is available on the Councils website www.wrexham.gov.uk, also at www.16218.org, alternatively by email public.transport@wrexham.gov.uk or by telephoning 01978 297131

In addition Wrexham County Borough Council administer a local scheme "Wrexxtreme" that offers subsidised journeys on certain local bus services for persons aged 19 – 22. The scheme is available to residents of North East Wales for use on ARRIVA local bus services – the concessionary rate, in this case, is provided commercially by ARRIVA Buses.

What do the passes give me?

The 16218 passes will entitle you to travel at half the adult fare on all local bus services operating in North East Wales. The Wrexxtreme (19 to 22) scheme will qualify the holder to a minimum of 23% off the adult fare.

How do I use my pass?

Your pass will have your photograph on it and must only be used by you. You will need to show your pass to the driver each time you board the bus to receive your discount. It must be shown to an inspector if requested. Failure to show your pass will result in the discount being refused and the full fare for the journey being charged. Travel using your pass is subject to the rules and regulations of the bus company. The pass does not give you any rights other than those enjoyed by any full fare-paying passenger. Your pass remains the property of Wrexham County Borough Council and may be withdrawn by the Council or the operator if misused.

Where and when can I use my pass?

Your pass will be valid all day, every day on services operated by ARRIVA on any journey that starts or finishes in North East Wales. For example: If you were travelling from Wrexham to Chester, Mold or Oswestry you will be entitled to the discounted fare provided that you got on the bus in North East Wales. Similarly, if you were traveling back to Wrexham, your pass will be valid provided that you get off the bus within North East Wales.

Are there any other benefits?

It is hoped that, in the near future, holders of the 16218 card will be able to qualify for discounts in some well known high street shops – log on to www.16218.org to be kept informed. You can apply for a young persons concessionary travel pass in person at Wrexham Bus Station on King Street, Wrexham or alternatively by post via:

Transport Co-ordination
Wrexham County Borough Council
Crown Buildings
Chester Street
Wrexham
LL13 8BG

Please do not send any original documents as proof of entitlement with postal applications. You will need to obtain photocopies.

You will need :

Proof of age
Proof of residency
A recent passport sized colour photograph