

PASSPORT TO LEISURE

WHY DO WE DO IT?

One of the ways in which South Somerset District Council aims to improve the quality of life of its citizens is by ensuring that as many people as possible are able to access leisure and cultural facilities within the district. Our Passport to Leisure Card will help to remove the price barriers that sometimes stop our residents from choosing an active and healthy lifestyle.

WHAT IS IT?

The South Somerset Passport to Leisure scheme allows residents who are on low incomes to obtain discounts on the cost of certain leisure and cultural activities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You must be a resident of South Somerset and be in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Attendance allowance
- Carer's allowance
- Council tax benefit
- Disability living allowance
- Housing benefit
- Incapacity benefit / Employment and Support Allowance (income based)
- Income Support
- Industrial disablement allowance
- Job Seekers allowance (income based)
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Pension Savings Credit
- Severe disablement allowance
- Widow's benefit
- Working tax credit

Or if you are:

- A non-earning dependant of any of the above (providing they have a valid Passport to Leisure).
- A student aged 16 - 18 in full or part time education.
- A referral from the ProActive scheme who is on one of the above benefits or at the discretion of the leisure centre once you have completed your course.
- A referral from the B Active Scheme once you have completed the programme.
- A referral from Social Services or other professional e.g. Connexions (due to temporary disability/health/social needs or other illness).
- Training for work (Apprenticeship Learning, Entry2Employment, Programme Led Pathways, New Deal, Pathways to Education Training and

Employment Project).

- A group/organisation providing support to people with social/health needs.

Note: If you are aged 60 or over, you no longer need a Passport to Leisure card to receive discounts at participating facilities and activities participating in the scheme – just show evidence of your age to continue to receive a discount. If you are aged 60 or over and in receipt of either Pension Guarantee Credit or Pension Savings Credit, you are eligible for a Passport to Leisure card which may entitle you to receive a higher level of discount in some of the facilities.

WHERE CAN I USE MY CARD?

Discounts are available for many activities at the following venues:

Crewkerne Aqua Centre 01460 77665
Goldenstones Leisure Centre, Yeovil 01935 845888
Octagon Theatre, Yeovil 01935 422884
South Somerset District Council Holiday Activity programme 01935 462283
St Michael's Hall, Yeovil (badminton, trampolining) 01935 845888
Wincanton Sports Centre 01963 824400
Yeovil Recreation Centre (athletics, golf) 01935 462616

For full details on which activities offer Passport to Leisure discounts and the level of discount offered, please contact each facility direct. Charges and criteria will be determined by the facility management or activity co-ordinator, who reserve the right to change conditions or withdraw the scheme without prior notice.

CAN I GET DISCOUNT IN OTHER FACILITIES?

Leisure centres in South Somerset run by Adult Learning and Leisure (Preston and Buckler's Mead in Yeovil; Stanchester; Wadham; CRESTA; Huish Episcopi; and Caryford) do not participate in the Passport to Leisure scheme and operate their own discount scheme. Contact 01458 251055 for more details.

Facilities outside the district (e.g. other Somerset authorities, Dorset) also do not currently participate in the Passport to Leisure scheme – please contact your local Council for details.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- A Passport to Leisure card is **Free**.
- Your card is valid for 1 year, after which you can apply to have it renewed.
- You need to provide 1 recent passport sized photograph for each applicant.
Please write the name of each applicant on the back of each photograph.

- Complete the attached application form and send it, with proof of eligibility and your photograph to:

Administration Team, Community Health and Leisure, South Somerset District Council, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 2HT. 01935 462283

Or, take your completed application form, with proof of eligibility and your photograph to one of the following locations, who will forward your application form to South Somerset District Council for processing:

- **Any Council Office:** Brympton Way and Petters House, Yeovil; Wincanton; Bruton; Castle Cary; Langport; Somerton; Chard; Crewkerne; Ilminster.
- **Participating Facilities:** Goldenstones; Octagon Theatre.

CONDITIONS OF USE:

- Applicants must be a resident of South Somerset.
- The Passport may only be used by the named cardholder.
- If the cardholder ceases to qualify to the scheme, the Passport must be returned to South Somerset District Council.
- It is your responsibility to inform us of any changes to the information provided on this form.
- Discounts must be claimed on arrival at the facility and before any payment.
- The level of discount and the activities to which discounts apply are at the discretion of each provider.

CAN I GET HELP WITH TRANSPORT TO THE FACILITIES?

South Somerset Association for Voluntary and Community Action Ltd (SSVCA) runs a Community Transport Service. This scheme offers a wide range of vehicles for group and individual needs. Most of the vehicles in this scheme are modern and accessible and capable of carrying wheelchairs or other mobility aids. SSVCA is also working with Somerset County Council to operate a demand responsive dial-a-ride service in the Somerton and Langport areas under the name of South Somerset Links, providing a service to those who cannot access public transport in these rural areas. This organisation also runs a Community Car Scheme.

For further details contact

Office Hours: 9.00am - 5pm 01935 475914

APPLICATION FORM

All adults should complete a separate form.

Any children/dependants listed on the form will also be issued with a card.

PLEASE ATTACH AN INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPH FOR EACH APPLICANT

MAIN APPLICANT:

PLEASE PRINT

Title Surname

First name Further initials

Date of birth ___ / ___ / ___
Day Month Year

Address
.....
.....Postcode.....

Telephone number

E mail address

CHILDREN/NON EARNING DEPENDANTS

First Name	Surname	Date of birth

GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Name of Organisation

Contact

Number in Group

Address
.....
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Post code.....

Telephone number

E mail address

I live at the address quoted, I am currently eligible for Passport to Leisure and agree to abide by the conditions of the scheme.

Signature of main applicant:

Signed.....

Date.....

IF RENEWING YOUR PASSPORT:

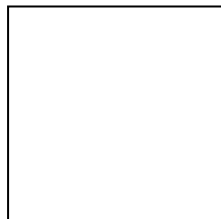
Please allow at least 2 weeks processing time before expiry of your current card. You will need to complete a new application form, provide proof of eligibility and return your original Passport or provide a new photograph.

Previous passport number

PLEASE NOTE: If you qualify under any of the following categories your GP/Social Services or any other referring officer **MUST** complete and sign the referrer details below and provide a surgery stamp or similar to prove originality.

- A referral from the ProActive Scheme
- A referral from the B Active Scheme
- A referral from Social Services or other professional

OFFICIAL STAMP



REFERRER DETAILS

Name: (please print)

Signed

Position:

Date.....

Surgery/Place of work/Organisation

Date of referral:

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Officer to sign and circle documentation shown as proof of eligibility and centre initials where application was checked.

Officer Name (please print)

Signed

Date

Documentation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21

Office reference	BR	BW	CC	CH	CR	GS	IL
	LA	OCT	PH	SO	WI		

Card Number Issued

Date card issued.

Alternative Format

If you need this information in large print, Braille, audio or another language, please contact Administration Team, Community Health and Leisure on 01935 462283

Please tick under which category you are applying and provide appropriate proof:

If you qualify under more than one category, you only need to tick one, except if you have completed a ProActive Course and are on benefits, please tick both boxes and provide your ProActive ID number.

Category	✓	Proof Required
1. Job seekers allowance, income based only		Payment Book or official letter from Job Centre.
2. Income support		Payment Book or official letter from Department Of Work and Pensions.
3. Working tax credit (N.B Receipt of child tax credit alone does not meet criteria)		Official letter from HM Revenue and Customs.
4. Council tax benefit		Letter or statement / bill from South Somerset District Council
5. Housing benefit		Letter or statement / bill from South Somerset District Council
6. Incapacity benefit / Employment and support allowance – income based only		Payment Book or official letter from Department Of Work and Pensions.
7. Disability living allowance		Payment Book or official letter from Department Of Work and Pensions.
8. Severe disablement allowance		Payment Book or official letter from Department Of Work and Pensions.
9. Industrial disablement allowance		Payment Book or official letter from Department Of Work and Pensions.
10. Carer's allowance		Payment Book or official letter from Department Of Work and Pensions.
11. Attendance allowance		Payment Book or official letter from Department Of Work and Pensions.
12. Widow's benefit		Payment Book or official letter from Department Of Work and Pensions.
13. Pension Guarantee Credit		Payment Book or official letter from Department Of Work and Pensions.
14. Pension Savings Credit		Payment Book or official letter from Department Of Work and Pensions.
15. A non earning dependant of any of the above		Same documentation as main applicant.
16. A student aged 16 – 18 in full/part time education		National Union of Students card or letter from educational establishment.
17. A referral from the ProActive scheme		As per eligible benefit. If referred by Leisure Centre, representative must countersign application form.
18. A referral from the 'B' Active Scheme		B Active ID number _____
19. A referral from Social Services or other professional		Official letter from Social Services or referral agency. Counter-signature on application form and official stamp or similar.
20. Training for work (Apprenticeship Learning, Entry2Employment, Programme Led Pathways, New Deal, Pathways to Education Training and Employment Project)		Official letter/proof of identification.
21. A group/organisation providing support to people with special health/social needs		Proof of organisation.

EQUALITIES MONITORING QUESTIONS

South Somerset District Council practices a policy of equitable and barrier free provision of products and services to all groups. Please help us to meet your needs and monitor who is receiving our services by completing the information below.

Are you?

- Male
- Female
- Transgender
- Prefer not to say

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

- Yes
- No

How would you describe your disability?

- Physical disability
- Visual disability/difficulty
- Hearing disability/difficulty
- Learning disability/difficulty
- Mental health/Mental distress

ETHNIC ORIGIN

Please tell us your ethnicity:

White

- British
- Polish
- Irish
- Portuguese
- Other, (please state)

Mixed

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Asian
- White and Black African

Asian or Asian British

- Indian
- Bangladeshi
- Pakistani
- Other, (please state)

Black or Black British

- Caribbean
- African

- Other, (please state)

Chinese or Other

- Caribbean
- African
- Other, (please state)

Roman, Gypsy or Traveller

- Gypsy
- Traveller or European Heritage
- Traveller or Irish Heritage
- Other, (please state)

How did you hear about PASSPORT TO LEISURE?

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All documentation is treated with strictest confidence and not retained.

The information on this form will be held under the Data Protection Act 1998 and will be used by the Council for purposes associated with your Passport to Leisure card membership.

Community Health and Leisure may also use the information you provide to send you details of relevant events and special offers. If you do not wish to receive such information, please tick this box