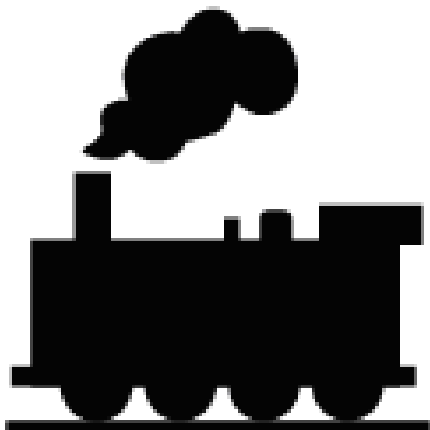


# BHASVIC

## STUDENT TRAVEL GUIDE

2011/2012



# **INTRODUCTION**

**The aim of this guide is to give you an idea of travel costs and discounts available for travelling to and from BHASVIC.**

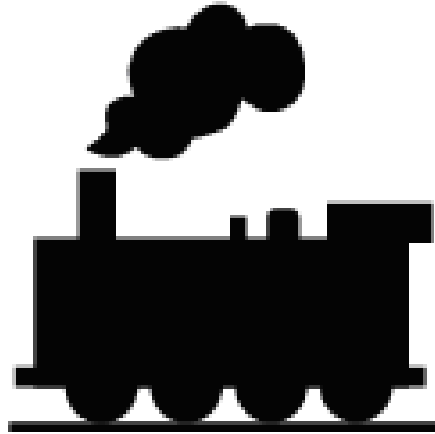
**The information in this booklet is a guide only and is correct at the time of print. Please be aware that services, prices and timetables may well change. Please check direct with the travel companies concerned to ensure that you get the most up to date information.**

**Please also bear in mind that many of the discounts listed depend on where you live, so make sure you know which Local Authority you come under, and check what support/subsidies they offer.**

**And, finally, please be aware that you may also have to pay the full price for your travel at the start of term as you have to be enrolled at College – and have completed the relevant application forms etc - before you can access the discounts/support available.**

**Further information can be found online at <http://www.bhasvic.ac.uk>, under the Student Services section, or by visiting the Welfare Office in the Student Services Centre Mon, Tue, Wed and Fri between 9am and 3pm.**

# BHASVIC BY TRAIN



## SUSSEX STUDENT CARD

### What is it?

The Sussex Student Card is a discount rail ticket scheme, subsidised by East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton & Hove Councils\*, for full-time students aged 16-19 living in West Sussex or Brighton & Hove who attend a sixth form or further education college

The card gives students one third off rail season tickets subject to a minimum period of one month and a minimum fare equivalent to £30.80 per month.

## **How does it work?**

The discount applies to any train journey within the Southern Railways area. You can only access the discount with the card (this gives you a unique number you use to buy tickets online via the Sussex Further Education Season Ticket website [www.southernrailway.com/further-ed](http://www.southernrailway.com/further-ed)) and you must carry the card with you when using a rail season ticket purchased under the scheme.

## **How do I get a card?**

To apply for the card you need to complete an application form. These are available from the Welfare Office in the Student Services Centre, or from West Sussex and Brighton & Hove Councils (you can download forms from their websites – see pages 14-16 for contact details.)

The form must be countersigned by College (staff in the Welfare Office) and then sent to the address at the bottom of the form, along with a photograph and self-addressed envelope. Your Sussex Student Card will be sent to your home address to enable you to buy season tickets online as outlined above.

# UNIZONE

## What is it?

Unizone is a special season ticket scheme for students which offers unlimited train travel in and around the Brighton or Worthing areas.

The stations included in the Brighton Unizone area are:

- Falmer
- Moulescoomb
- London Road
- Preston Park
- Brighton
- Hove
- Aldrington
- Portslade
- Fishergate
- Southwick
- Shoreham-by-Sea
- Lancing

The stations included in the Worthing Unizone area are:

- Shoreham-by-Sea
- Lancing
- East Worthing
- Worthing
- West Worthing
- Durrington-on-Sea

- Goring-by-Sea
- Angmering
- Littlehampton
- Ford
- Barnham
- Bognor Regis
- Chichester

### **How does it work?**

To qualify for a Unizone ticket you must be a member of the National Union of Students (NUS) and must present your valid NUS card, along with your College photo-ID card, when purchasing your ticket. Unizone tickets are only available from staffed train stations within the Unizone area.

### **How much does it cost?**

Brighton Unizone Weekly ticket: £13.00  
 Brighton Unizone Monthly ticket: £50.00  
 Brighton Unizone Quarterly ticket: £149.80\*

Worthing Unizone Weekly ticket: £15.00  
 Worthing Unizone Monthly ticket: £57.60  
 Worthing Unizone Quarterly ticket: £172.80\*

\*Quarterly tickets are valid for a 13 week term.

These fares are valid from January 2011 until further notice. For current information check online at [www.southernrailway.com/further-ed](http://www.southernrailway.com/further-ed).

# **BHASVIC BY BUS**



## **BUS ID (Brighton & Hove)**

### **What is it?**

Bus ID is an identity card for 5 -19 year olds which gives reduced fares (up to 50%) and travel offers on Brighton & Hove bus services.

A Bus ID card is completely free and is valid until 31<sup>st</sup> October after your 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Cards are only available to residents aged 5 -19 living permanently in the area served by the Brighton & Hove Bus Company.

## How does it work?

Production of a valid Bus ID card gives the following reduced fares:

1 Day City SAVER	£2.00 (on the bus)
1 Week SAVER*	£9.50 (on the bus)
3 Month SAVER	£80 (on-line or from 1 Stop Travel)

\*7 Day Bus ID SAVERS bought in advance, either on-line or from a 1 Stop Travel Shop, cost **£8**.

Holders of a Bus ID can also travel for 50p per journey after 6pm on schooldays and anytime at weekends and designated school holidays.

With the exception of the 3 Month SAVER, which can only be purchased at a 1 Stop Travel Shop or the Brighton & Hove Bus Company office in Conway Street, tickets are available from all Brighton & Hove bus drivers on production of a valid Bus ID card.

NB It is always worth checking on-line for savings on advance tickets and special offers at [www.buses.co.uk](http://www.buses.co.uk)

## How do I get one?

You will need a recent passport photo and one of the following as proof of your age: birth certificate; passport; NHS medical card; or driving licence.

You need to complete an application form and post or drop it off with proof of age and a passport photo to any of the following addresses:

1 Stop Travel  
16 Old Steine  
Brighton  
BN1 1EN

1 Stop Travel Centre  
Brighton Station  
BN1 3XP

Brighton & Hove Bus Co  
43 Conway Street  
Hove  
BN3 3LT

Application forms are available from the outlets listed above or online at [www.buses.co.uk](http://www.buses.co.uk). They are also available from the Welfare Office in the Student Services Centre.

## **19+ STUDENTS**

You can buy SAVER tickets for College Students, on production of a University, City or College registration card but these must be bought from a 1 Stop Travel Shop. These fares work out at:

1 Week SAVER	£10.50
3 Month SAVER	£100

## **YOUR 3-IN-1 CARD (WEST SUSSEX)**

### **What is it?**

The “Your 3-in1 Card” is a scheme administered by West Sussex County Council which gives those aged 5–19 and in full-time education: 1) cheaper bus fares; 2) ID/proof of ages; and 3) discounts with certain retailers. Cards cost £50 but are free to those with low-income exemption (see the ‘how do I get one’ section below.)

### **How does it work?**

If you are 5-19 and in full-time education you will be issued with a 3-in-1 Card which will give you half fare travel at all times/days of the week for journeys wholly or partly within West Sussex.

You can get the discount on single, return tickets, day and any weekly tickets which can be purchased on the bus.

To qualify for the half fares you must show your 3-in-1 Card to the driver.

(You should find that all bus operators within West Sussex accept the 3-in-1 Card but it is worth checking with your local bus company for the discounts they offer.)

## How do I get one?

Cards cost £50 but are free to those who meet the following income criteria/are in receipt of:

- Income support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit where the household income is £16,190 or less
- Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Application forms can either be downloaded at [www.your3in1.co.uk](http://www.your3in1.co.uk) or obtained from the Welfare Office in the Student Services Centre. You should take your completed application form along with a passport style photograph, with your name on the back, to the Welfare Office to be counter-signed.

Once you have done this you should send your application, along with your payment/low income exemption application form to:

YourCard CitizenCard Scheme  
West Sussex County Council  
Communities and Infrastructure  
County Hall, West Street  
Chichester, West Sussex  
PO19 1RQ

Tel: 01243 777330

Your 3-in-1 Card will be sent to your home address in about 4-6 weeks.

## **CHOICE iD CARD (EAST SUSSEX)**

### **What is it?**

If you are under 19 – in school, further education, employment or unemployed – you can get cheaper bus travel throughout East Sussex with a free Choice iD card. (You can now get a Choice iD card even if you are not resident in East Sussex.)

### **How does it work?**

With a Choice iD card you can buy an East Sussex Freedom bus ticket for £14 from the bus driver. The Freedom ticket gives you unlimited travel on almost any bus in East Sussex for seven days in a row, including weekends .

You can use your Freedom bus ticket in the evenings and at weekends as well as to get to college. For more details visit:

<http://www.connexions360.org.uk/travel/publictransport/pages/traveldiscounts.aspx>

## How do I get one?

Cards are free and application forms can either be downloaded on line at:

<http://www.connexions360.org.uk/travel/publictransport/pages/traveldiscounts.aspx>

or obtained from the Welfare Office in the Student Services Centre.

Once you have filled in the form you can take it to any East Sussex library along with a recent passport-sized photo and proof of your age (birth certificate, medical card, passport, driving licence, or College stamp on the application form.)

Alternatively you can send your application to:

Passenger Transport Team  
East Sussex County Council  
County Hall  
St Anne's Crescent  
Lewes  
East Sussex BN7 1UE

# LOCAL AUTHORITY (LA) TRAVEL SUPPORT

It has previously been standard practice for local authorities to offer financial support with travel costs to and from College to students in certain low-income circumstances. Generally, these circumstances were if:

- You were starting a full-time FE course
- You were aged under 19 on the 31<sup>st</sup> August before your course started
- You or your family were receiving one of the following benefits:
  - Income support
  - Income based Job Seekers Allowance
  - Child Tax Credit where the household income is £16,190 or less
  - Employment and Support Allowance
  - Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

and if

The journey travelled to College was more than 3 miles by the shortest walking route and there was no other College closer to home offering your course. (Students would be expected to pay the first £10 of their weekly travel costs.)

Following the recent Government public spending cuts, however, Local Authorities are reviewing their services/provision and we do not yet know what these might be for the coming year, or what financial support (if any) will be available.

So if you think you may have qualified for financial assistance with travel to College previously, and/or you meet the above criteria, you should contact your Local Authority (council area) for up-to-date information and advice.

Contact details are as follows:

## **BRIGHTON & HOVE LOCAL AUTHORITY -**

### **Brighton & Hove City Council:**

Student Support Team  
Brighton & Hove City Council  
PO Box 2503  
Kings House  
Grand Avenue  
Hove  
BN3 2SU

Tel: 01273 293603

E-mail: [student.support@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:student.support@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

Or visit: Student Support at  
[www.brighton-hove.gov.uk](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk)

## **WEST SUSSEX LOCAL AUTHORITY –**

### **West Sussex County Council:**

Student Support Office,  
West Sussex County Council  
Ambassador House, Crane Street  
Chichester ,West Sussex  
PO19 1RF

Tel: 01243 752172/3

E-mail: [student.support@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:student.support@westsussex.gov.uk)

Or visit the West Sussex Grid for Learning:

<http://wsgfl.westsussex.gov.uk/schooltransport>

## **EAST SUSSEX LOCAL AUTHORITY –**

### **East Sussex County Council:**

Admissions and Transport Team  
County Hall  
St Anne's Crescent  
Lewes, BN7 1SG

Tel: 0345 6080190

Email: [admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk)

Or visit:

[eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/  
transport/financialhelp](http://eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/transport/financialhelp)

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## **NUS CARD**

When you enrol at BHASVIC you will be issued with an NUS Card by the Student Union.

As well as enabling you to buy Unizone tickets, your NUS card can offer various discounts on travel and also in many shops, restaurants and entertainment venues across the city.

You will need to check with your travel operator to get up to date information on the prices available for holders of an NUS card.

## **NUS EXTRA CARD**

### **What is it?**

The NUS Extra Card is a student discount card giving you access to a range of discounts, offers and promotions.

## **How much does it cost?**

It costs £11 and is valid from 1 September to 31 August.

## **How do I apply?**

NUS Extra cards can be bought on-line at [www.nus.org.uk/nus-extra](http://www.nus.org.uk/nus-extra)

## **16-25 RAIL CARD**

### **What is it?**

A 16-25 Railcard is a card for students aged between 16-25, or a mature student, over the age of 26 and in full-time education.

### **How does it work?**

A 16-25 Railcard will save you 1/3 on most rail fares throughout Great Britain for a whole year. You can use it anytime on weekends, Public Holidays and during the week. there may be restrictions if you travel before 10.00am Monday to Friday

## **How much does it cost?**

It costs £28 for one year, or £65 for three years .

## **How do I apply?**

Application forms are available from your local staffed train station or online at [www.16-25railcard.co.uk](http://www.16-25railcard.co.uk). You will also need a passport sized photograph, proof of age and proof that you are in full time education (eg your NUS card).

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