

Millions of free bus journeys taken in Edinburgh

Recent figures show that 35,785,216 bus journeys were made in Edinburgh in the year 2023/24 by those with a bus pass.

The Edinburgh Pentlands MSP, Gordon Macdonald points out that these journeys are all supported by The Scottish Government which has protected free passes for all qualifying groups, whether they are over 60, have disabilities or are injured veterans, or are under the age of 22.



Gordon Macdonald MSP for Edinburgh Pentlands PHOTO The Edinburgh Reporter

Gordon Macdonald MSP said: “The delivery of almost 36 million free bus journeys across Edinburgh this year is a fantastic achievement, that demonstrates the SNP Government’s commitment to improving mobility for our youngest, oldest, and most vulnerable citizens.

“These free bus passes are a lifeline for many, helping people access essential services, education, and employment.

“While the UK Labour Government is determined to strip pensioners of their Winter Fuel Payment – the SNP Government is supporting our pensioners by protecting the free bus pass from age 60 – unlike in England, where it’s issued at age 66.

“While the UK Labour Government is busy increasing tuition fees in England, we’re supporting our young people by introducing free bus passes to support them going to work, school, education or further training.

“The SNP is committed to continuing to support all of Scotland – and it’s important to celebrate the difference that SNP policies are making here in Edinburgh, with 35,785,216 of free bus journeys made this year under the free bus travel schemes – part of over 178 million free bus journeys made across Scotland this year.”



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