

Buddycard Scheme

Ards and North Down Borough Council wants to help disabled people to use its leisure centres.

Why have a Buddycard?

- Many disabled people need someone to help them to use the leisure centre.
- We call this person a Buddy.
- This means that a disabled person has to pay for their helper.
- Your Buddycard allows your helper to get in free.

Who can get a Buddycard?

- Any child or adult with a disability and requires assistance to take part.

How does it work?

- Fill in an application form to get your Buddycard.
- You keep your Buddycard with you.
- You pay for your activity at the leisure centre reception.
- You show your Buddycard to the receptionist and your helper gets in free.
- You don't always have to bring the same helper but each helper **must be verified**.

What does a Buddy do?

- Your buddy needs to stay with you during your activity.

Where can I use the Buddycard?

- You can use your Buddycard in any Council leisure centre.
- You can use it for any activity in the leisure centre.

Where can I get an application form?

- At Aurora Leisure Centre, Queens Leisure Complex, Bangor Sportsplex, Ards Blair Mayne Wellbeing and Leisure Complex, Londonderry Park Pavilion, Comber leisure Centre or Portaferry Sports Centre.
- At reception of the Town Hall, Bangor or Church Street, Newtownards.
- By phoning the Council - it will be posted out. Telephone 0300 013 3333.
- On the Council's website at www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

What do I do with the form when it is completed?

- Bring it to any of the Leisure Centres and hand it to the receptionist.

What happens then?

- Leisure Centre staff will check the details on the form.
- Staff will take your photograph.
- You will be given your buddycard.
- You can start using your buddycard from that day.



Ards and North Down Borough Council BuddyCard Application

Sport and Leisure



Ards and North Down Borough Council BuddyCard Application

Ards and North Down Borough Council wants to help disabled people to attend Arts events. Many disabled people need someone to help them. We call this person a Buddy.

Your Buddycard allows your helper to get in free.

How to get your Buddycard

- Fill in the boxes on this form.
- Sign the declaration at C.
- Get a **verifier** to sign the form at C also.
- Bring the form to any Council leisure centre.
- We will check your form and tell you if you can have a Buddycard.



Verifier

- You need to ask someone who knows you require the assistance of a carer when using the Leisure Centre to sign this form.
- This person is called a verifier.
- The verifier could be your doctor, nurse, social worker or other health worker or a voluntary group or charity you are involved with.



A Personal Details of Buddycard holder.

First Name(s):	<input type="text"/>
Surname:	<input type="text"/>
Address:	<input type="text"/>
Daytime Phone No:	<input type="text"/>
Contact Name: (if different from above)	<input type="text"/>
Telephone No:	<input type="text"/>

B Because of your disability you need a Buddy to help you use the leisure centre. Please tell us in what ways your Buddy will help you.

C Declaration

The information I have given is correct.
If anything changes I will tell the Administration Officer in my leisure centre.
If I lose my card I will tell the Administration Officer in my leisure centre. [Replacement cards cost £5.50 each.]
I accept that Ards and North Down Borough Council can check my details at any time.
I understand that the Buddycard only allows my Buddy to get in free to help me.

To be signed by or on behalf of Applicant (if signing on behalf of, please state relationship)

Signed	<input type="text"/>
Print Name	<input type="text"/>
Date	<input type="text"/>
Relationship to Applicant	<input type="text"/>

To be signed by Verifier

Signed	<input type="text"/>
Print Name	<input type="text"/>
Name of Organisation	<input type="text"/>
Position in Organisation	<input type="text"/>
Date	<input type="text"/>

Thank you for filling in this form.
Forms can be brought to any Leisure Centre.
Your photograph will be taken and you will be given your membership card when you are there.