

# The Trojan Horse ID Card - **ACT NOW!**

If you care about your freedoms and liberties you should read this information leaflet very carefully - and then make sure that your political representatives know the truth about what is happening at present and will take urgent action - NOW.

## Read this:

### 1. The Trojan Horse

The previous New Labour Government was so fanatically determined to introduce identity cards into this country that it was prepared to do absolutely anything to bring this about.

You may be aware that in March 2006 it passed its Identity Cards Act, despite considerable opposition from all other parties in the Commons and the Lords. Not satisfied with this, it had already been setting about introducing its identity cards in a much more insidious way - by doing it **by stealth**.

### 2. The Scottish identity cards scandal



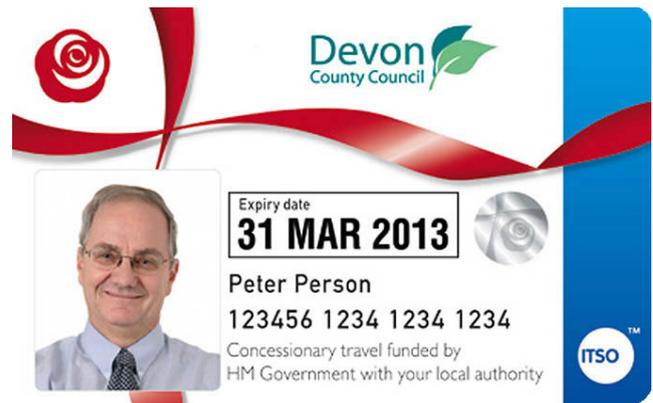
Since 1st April 2006 around a quarter of the Scottish population have been using ID cards - and they don't even know it! True to form, the Labour government had been using deliberate stealth and spin to con the elderly and disabled into taking possession of a 'smartcard' entitlement card, pretending that it was merely a new kind of bus pass. But make no mistake, this is a multi-purpose identity card.

Orwellian spin was even used to hide the truth from pensioners that their personal details were going to be stored on a vast central database. Instead, they were merely told that they were to be given a

'citizen's account', whatever that might be!

Indeed, so intrusive is this so-called 'bus pass' and its associated central database that it would not be permitted as an identity card in Germany, a country which actually uses ID cards.

### 3. The English identity card



This Labour government project was, in fact, just a rerun of the Poll Tax. Having tried out their Trojan Horse ID cards in Scotland they then rolled them out in England. And so from 1st April 2008 around a quarter of the English population have also been in possession of an identity card - and, of course, without realising it.

And by the way, don't be lulled into thinking that if you're not elderly or disabled this isn't affecting you. Since January 2007 school students in Scotland have been invited to apply for a new 'national entitlement card' - the Young Scot card - which, surprise surprise, bears a striking resemblance to the pensioners' bus pass! And so, despite the changes to the Westminster and Holyrood governments, it all goes on, little by little.

### 4. The future

So make no mistake, if this Labour-inspired project continues unhindered we shall all eventually be required to use these smartcards for access to all our state provided entitlements - and by then the cards will, of course, become compulsory.

The very dark side of this picture is that this card and its associated central database will bring about 'cradle to grave' surveillance. In such a world the

state and its civil servants (inevitably, as well as internet criminals) will have ready access to every detail about you and your personal life: where you travel, what books you read, what illnesses you suffer from, your educational record, where you shop, what you buy - and indeed anything else the government thinks it might find useful.

And to think that all this will have developed from a harmless looking 'bus pass', first issued by a duplicitous Labour government in 2006.

## 5. So can this nightmare be avoided?

One response would be to bury our heads in the sand, and pretend that nothing bad is going to happen. But this would be extremely foolhardy indeed, for from recent history we know only too well what can happen when people turn a blind eye to what is taking place and allow governments to progressively erode their democratic freedoms.

Fortunately, there are many things that we can all do as citizens. In particular, you can inform those nearest to you about what is happening. And you should seek to inform your MP, councillor and other political representatives - because shockingly many of these have been duped by government spin and continue to remain totally in the dark. And even the SNP and Coalition governments have been thoroughly duped, despite their claimed firm opposition to ID cards!

In addition, you can take positive action, as many are already doing. Ultimately, as the Poll Tax fiasco demonstrated, governments can only exercise their powers with the consent and co-operation of the people. They also need to be regularly reminded that they are there to serve the people, and not the other way round.

## 6. What action can I take?

### If I already have a card

When the card was issued, you were deliberately misled into believing that it was just a plain old bus pass. Well, take them at their word, and insist that you're only prepared to use it as a plain old bus pass. Of course, they are likely to come along at some stage, and say, for example, that "you may now use it as a library card". Stick your heels in, be firm and vehemently **refuse** this. (Likewise, you should insist that any new library card issued to you is not

somehow cunningly linked in to the 'citizen's account' system, but is entirely separate.)

And your refusal is important for two reasons. Firstly, once you cross the line and use your bus pass **for any other purpose** it will have transformed its function - and will now be operationally an ID card and not just a bus pass. But secondly, as a matter of principle, you will be condoning blatant government dishonesty. If they can get away with such gross deception the sky will then be the limit.

### If I want my local authority to take action

It's not too late to kick up a fuss. Write to **your councillor** and local authority - use <http://www.writetothem.com> - demanding that free and reduced-fare travel should not be used as a Trojan Horse for central government's data-sharing ID agenda. Point out that there's no need for your local authority to withdraw entirely from the scheme, but that it should **contractually** commit to using the cards for the single purpose of concessionary travel - as advertised.

In addition, it is vital that all future cards, should carry the clear, unambiguous legend 'BUS PASS' or 'TRAVEL PASS', so that nobody will be in any doubt about what these cards are for. The deliberate titleless anonymity of the current entitlement card in Scotland is a disgrace, and this devious practice should no longer be tolerated.

### Demand honest government. Take action now - and we will win!

Further information:

English cards: [tinyurl.com/2wjcl](http://tinyurl.com/2wjcl)  
Scottish cards: [tinyurl.com/2mactu](http://tinyurl.com/2mactu)  
Report (12 pages, pdf, 180Kb):  
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