

Case Study

Basic Profile

Lisa is a parent of 12 year old 'A' who has a diagnosis of Autism, ADHD, Global Developmental Delay and Hypermobility. He is also being investigated for Marfans Syndrome. He attends a special needs school in Chichester and has had a Compass Card since May 2016.

Date 1 May 2018

- **Before involvement**

'A' is a very active young man who enjoys being outside but with a range of additional needs, getting out and about was not always easy. At this point Lisa was not driving so the expense of taking 'A' out and either getting buses or taxis was not only stressful, it was financially difficult.

- **Participation**

Once Lisa received the Compass Card she began taking 'A' to Aldingbourne Country Centre. Because of the 'free carer' deal, Lisa could afford transport there and back and this has become one of their favourite things to do. They have also attended some of Aldingbourne's fun days including the 'Knights and Princesses' day and the 'Mad Hatters Tea Party'.

"A really looks forward to getting to Aldingbourne and likes seeing the eagles and the walk through to feed the ducks."

Another place 'A' really enjoys is the Picturedrome Cinema in Bognor Regis and they visit regularly to take advantage of their 'free carer' offer.

Looking forwards, Lisa is planning to visit Littlehampton Swimming and Sports Centre, which offers free swimming, free teen fitness and free gym, and she is pleased that there are other Compass Card offers close by so that she and 'A' can have a full day out. Lisa was already aware of Mewsbrook Park Café and was pleased to hear that the Littlehampton Miniature Railway, which is situated within the park, also provides a free carer offer. Lisa and 'A' are hoping to spend a day with friends taking advantage of the Compass Card offers in the area.

Lisa has recently passed her driving test so is looking forward to travelling a little further afield to try out some new Compass Card offers

- **Impact**

- “It has put less pressure on going out because with the discounts it makes the trips financially worthwhile.”
- “We are definitely doing more things now and going to places we wouldn’t have visited before.”
- “At the ‘Mad Hatters Tea Party’ ‘A’ was a little overwhelmed by the characters, but was able to stand by and watch and be involved at his own pace.”
- “Going out is so much easier now as all I have to do is take along the Compass Card, no more searching for DLA letters to prove ‘A’s disability.”