

To join, simply tear off this section of the leaflet, and post to;

Mr Simon Norton
BABUS Membership
6 Hertford Street
CAMBRIDGE
CB4 3AG

(This address is for membership forms and payments only. For our other contact details please see next panel).

Please retain the rest of the leaflet for reference. If you require a paper receipt, please enclose a SAE.

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How To Contact BABUS

If you have any further questions about the way the group works, please feel free to drop us a letter, email, phone call, or fax. All of these methods go through to different people. If they are unable to assist, they will pass your query or concerns onto another committee member who can help.

Membership queries should be addressed to Mr Simon Norton, BABUS Membership, 6 Hertford Street, CAMBRIDGE, CB4 3AG.

Any other written communications with the Society should be addressed to Mr Peter Williams, BABUS Secretary, 12 Knolls Way, Clifton, SHEFFORD, Bedfordshire, SG17 5QZ.

To phone us, simply call **0871 218** then spell out **BBUS** on your phone. (i.e. **0871 218 2287**). When you get through, leave us a landline number where we can call you back. If you prefer to fax, then send it to **0871 218 3293**. Calls to these numbers are charged at 10p a minute plus any network extras.

Finally, you can also email us at **web_info@babus.org.uk**
Our website is at **www.babus.org.uk**

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BABUS

**Bedford Area Bus
Users' Society**
*A group for anyone
who uses the bus!*



Who's BABUS ?

BABUS (short for Bedford Area Bus Users' Society) was founded in November 2005, and is one of a growing number of voluntary local bus user groups, operating across the country. Our aims are threefold;

- ◆ **to represent the interests of bus users who either live, work or travel through the Bedford area**
- ◆ **to encourage people to use buses**
- ◆ **to act as a focal point between bus users, bus companies and local authorities**

BABUS has an interest in all bus services operating in Bedford Borough, and most of Central Bedfordshire. BABUS is affiliated to Bus Users UK, the national watchdog for bus passengers, and liaises with several other groups which have areas bordering our own.

Members receive a regular newsletter, and invitations to meetings. Volunteer Committee Members help to keep the Society going, and every little helps, if you feel you may like to do something to help the Society.

If you have access to the Internet, either at home or at a library, café etc. you will be able to access our website, **www.babus.org.uk** including a Bulletin Board and Timetable Library.

BABUS is involved in lobbying for better bus services, user facilities, passenger information, such as;

- ◆ **Redevelopment of bus stations to meet the needs of bus users,**
- ◆ **Integration between bus & rail services,**
- ◆ **Provision of bus shelters and timetable information,**
- ◆ **Expanding Park & Ride facilities,**
- ◆ **Easy access to buses,**
- ◆ **Improved services in rural areas,**
- ◆ **Real-time information on running times**

Tell me more!

BABUS works with its members and get involved in bus related issues that concerns you. You will enjoy the benefits of a lobbying group with a proven record of airing and solving local bus issues. So, what have we done recently?

- ◆ **Campaigning by us successfully brought buses into Bedford Bus Station. Previously, passengers for some Grant Palmer services had to cross the main road, and Cedar Coaches passengers had to walk to Harpur Street. So we suggested taxis should be covered by an extended area around Greyfriars near the shopping centre. Now, all buses – regardless of the operator – can fit into the Bus Station.**
- ◆ **We've also been involved in discussions regarding the new Bus Station site, taking a longer term approach to today's problems that exist for bus users.**
- ◆ **We were involved, through liaison meetings, in the development of revised rural services north of Bedford, and a new look commercial Stagecoach network around the town.**
- ◆ **We have worked with like-minded user groups that border our area, and helped to inspire those wishing to start their own.**
- ◆ **We conducted a comprehensive review of every rural bus stop in Bedford Borough, reporting where problems existed, or out of date information was still displayed. We've also helped to work on a Bus Stop Defect Card to make reporting even easier.**

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Membership Form

I would like to join BABUS. Payment is enclosed in full (payable to **BABUS**).

Name _____

Address _____

Post Code _____

Telephone Number _____

Email address _____

Annual fee enclosed (tick correct box)

INDIVIDUAL £5 per year

FAMILY £5 per family per year
please add these additional names

ORGANISATION £12 per year

Membership is subject to the Terms & Conditions, such as our Constitution. In accordance with the 1998 Data Protection Act, please sign and date below to give your consent to your details being held on computer.

Date _____

Signature _____