

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

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

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

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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 & Treasurer, 6 Hertford Street, CAMBRIDGE, CB4 3AG.

Any other written communications with the Society should be addressed to Miss Frances Horwood, BABUS Secretary, 34 Rectory Orchard, Lavendon, OLNEY, MK46 4HB.

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. BABUS generates no income from the use of these numbers.

Find our group on Facebook: **BABUS Bedford Area Bus Users Society**  
Follow us on Twitter: **@BabusBeds**

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 gets involved in bus related issues that concern you. So, what practical things do we do?

- ♦ We hold quarterly liaison meetings with Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire Council, Stagecoach and Grant Palmer to discuss passengers' concerns and ways to improve bus services and passenger facilities in the area.
- ♦ We've been involved in discussions with Bedford Borough and the bus companies throughout the planning and building of the new Bedford Bus Station, to ensure that the facilities best meet the needs and aspirations of users. We have also provided volunteer assistance to help passengers find their way round during the rebuilding of the bus station.
- ♦ We monitor bus stops and information points, reporting where problems exist or out of date information is displayed.
- ♦ We regularly remind local authority planning departments of the need to ensure that the principal roads in new housing estates are wide enough for both resident parking and the free flow of buses. We also stress to councils and bus companies the need to provide bus services as soon as residents start to move in.
- ♦ With ongoing reductions in government funding, we endeavour in conjunction with local authorities, to make sure that no communities are left without some bus service to enable residents to access work, shops and medical facilities.

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## Membership Form

I would like to join BABUS. Payment is enclosed in full (payable to **BABUS**). Did you know you can now join or renew online; **www.babus.org.uk**

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

Individual/Family Members: please circle  
either PAPER or E-MAILED Newsletters.

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_