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this section of the leaflet,
and post to;**

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

**OR visit our website
www.babus.org.uk where
you can join or renew online.**

**(Full contact details can
be found on the back
page).**

**Please retain the rest of
the leaflet for reference.**

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receipt, please enclose a
SAE.**

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, social media, 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 your provider's Access Charge. BABUS generates no income from the use of these numbers.



BABUS - Bedford Area Bus Users Society



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**The group for anyone who
uses the bus... whichever
bus you use...**



BABUS

**Serving Bedfordshire
Bus Users Since 2005**

Who are 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 Newsletter, usually every quarter, to keep you informed of our activities. 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** This includes Bulletin Board, which keeps you updated between Newsletters.

You will also get invited to our Annual General Meeting, where we usually have a speaker from the transport industry.

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 want to ensure that the principal roads in new housing estates should have enough room for free flow of buses, allowing for resident parking where this is permitted. We also stress to councils and bus companies the need to provide bus services as soon as residents start to move in.
- ◆ We monitor bus stops and information points, reporting where problems exist or out of date information is displayed.
- ◆ 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.

The glue holding together the group are our Volunteer Committee Members, who help to keep the Society going. Every little helps, if you feel like you can contribute to the Society!

You can join BABUS by sending us a cheque/postal order, or join online via **www.babus.org.uk**

Information Continues after the Membership Form.

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)_____

GROUP/CORPRATE £12 per year

Individual/Family Members: please circle either PAPER or E-MAILED Newsletters. (Groups/Corporate Members are sent both, unless you say otherwise).

How did you hear about us? _____

In accordance with Data Protection regulations, please sign and date below to give consent to having your personal details stored on a computer and to receive communications (including newsletters) from BABUS. Date _____

Signature _____