

**BRTA Central Beds Forum (Dunstable)**  
**Wednesday, 7 October 2026 1pm lunch, 2-4pm business**

The Gary Cooper, Grove Park, Court Drive,  
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*(Guided busway at College Drive – then Court Drive)*

**Agenda:**

1. Appointment of someone to chair the meeting
2. Some volunteer to take notes
3. Introduction to BRTA, attendance list and invite to consider joining
4. Apologies for absence
5. **Dunstable needs re-railing!** Over a 20-year time frame, planning, policy and relocation packages need to be nurtured to inform a new rail link between Luton and Dunstable. The busway would need relocation or abandonment, with more buses running on road spaces. The rail link could deliver hundreds of people per train to spend money in the town centre and give a quick rail-based access to the L&D Hospital, Luton Main Railway Station and maybe, a duck-under to join the slows integrated with Thameslink for Parkway Station (Airport) and onwards and vice versa to Dunstable. If you agree:
  - a. **Join BRTA** and encourage friends
  - b. **Offer to help**, CEO can assign roles – fund raising, campaigning, talking to politicians, convening meetings, coffee mornings and

growing teams. You start today; your successors will reap the benefit!

6. **Does Dunstable need a new north-south road bypass?** Leaving via a new roundabout west of Dunstable Northern Bypass Roundabout with Watling Street, go into tunnels under the Chalk Hills to link with A5 Watling Street Redbourn Roundabout.
7. **Common grounds:** both 6 and 7 need studies to identify what needs doing, timescales of possible, costs and how that can move towards deliver medium to long term progressively. Currently the ideas need public support, get organised, be local led and campaign all the way to Government support and approval sooner than later.
8. **Does Dunstable have safe cycling routes, enough pedestrian care facilities, toilets, cash point accesses and integration?** Are local roads overloaded, what impact pollution from too much traffic? What of buses, cause and effect, under used or over used? Cuts and improvements, how do we strike the balance? What can be done?
9. **Any Other Business**
10. **Day, Date, Time and Place of next Central Beds Meeting** – Sandy's turn! Other date sees: <https://brtarail.com/events/> We rotate Flitwick, Dunstable and Sandy (x3 per year). Does not stop others joining and facilitating more in their area themselves under the BRTA banner.

Notes: Everyone pays their own way. Please join our email free loop: [ceo@brtarail.com](mailto:ceo@brtarail.com)