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Above : BID Breakfast guests hear exclusively from Riverside development Marketing Team.

Right: Minister for Small Businesses Margot James meets BID Directors Christina Rowe and Ismail Anilmis.

Business File

Over £400,000 collected each year in a levy from all but smallest in BID zone

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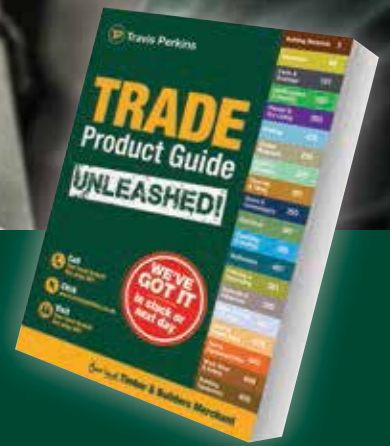
The company employs c5,000 people in the UK and exports three quarters of its production.

It is headquartered in Luton, where it also manufactures the Vivaro light commercial vehicle and is the largest manufacturer of commercial vehicles in the UK. In addition, Bedfordshire is home to Vauxhall's European Aftersales Warehouse, European OnStar Headquarters, European Customer Contact Centre and Emergency Services Conversion Centre. A second plant at Ellesmere Port in Cheshire produces the Astra and Astra Sports Tourer.



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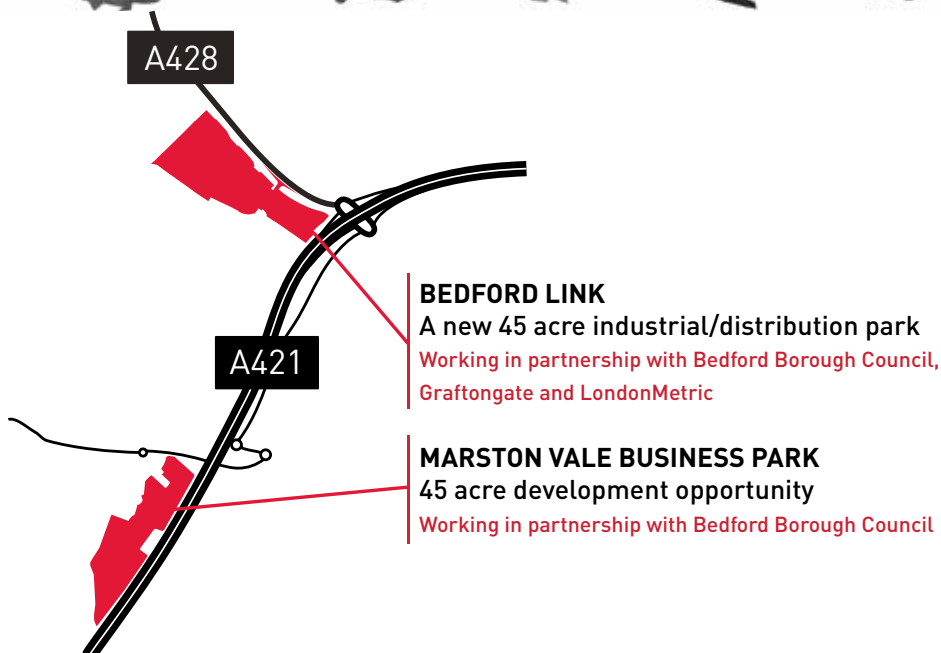
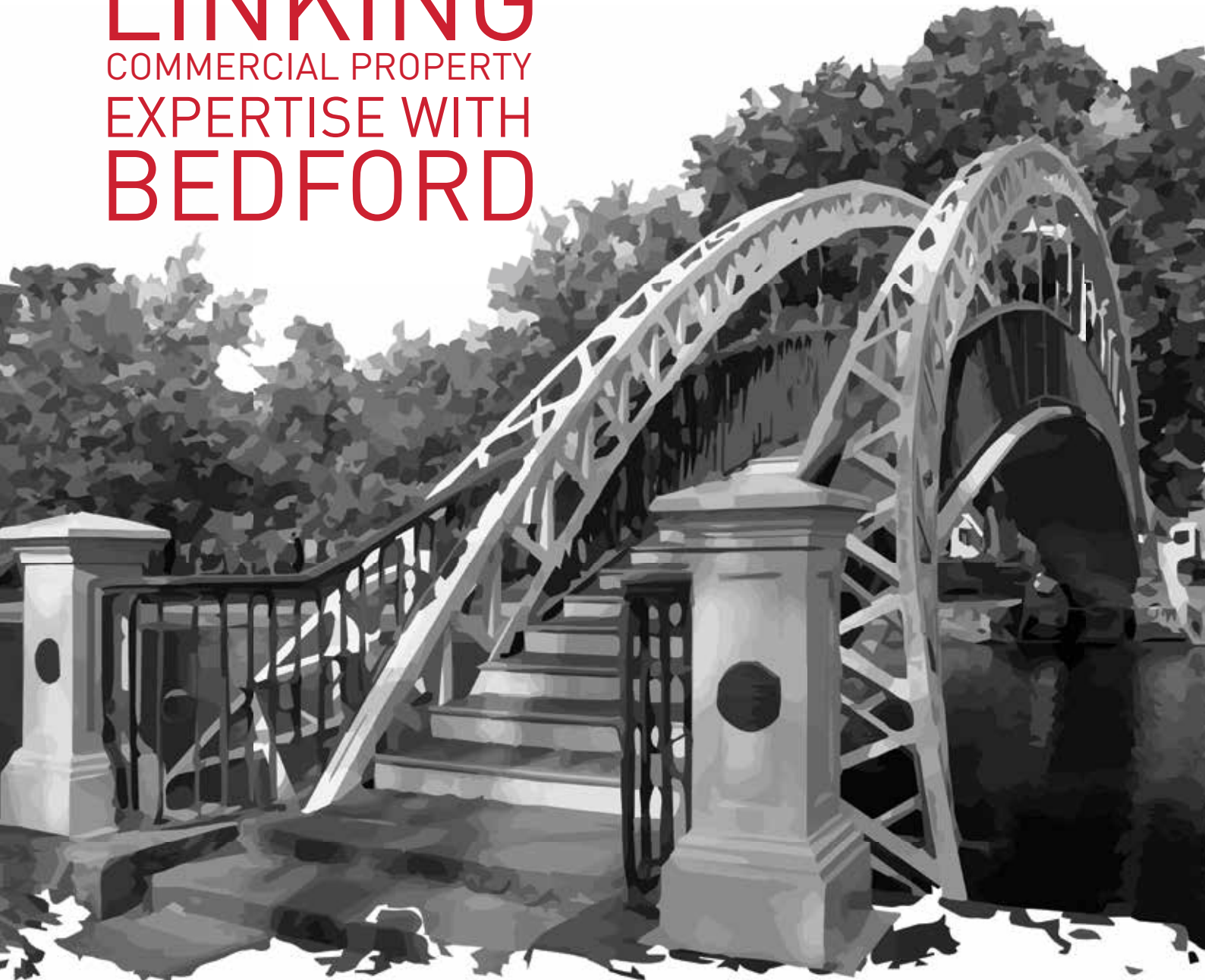
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Investing in Business Growth for Bedfordshire



DESIGN AND BUILD OPPORTUNITIES



STRATEGIC LOCATION

Thurleigh Airfield is a thriving home for business in Bedfordshire, providing accommodation for over 20 companies and more than 500 jobs in the automotive, communications and logistics industries.

St. Modwen is investing in a major new workshop facility for existing Thurleigh business SMH Fleet Solutions, which will make the Business Park the central hub for its operations across the UK.

The new workshop is set to create 200+ new jobs for Bedfordshire within three years, securing further growth in the region.

- Excellent location just off the A6 with access to the M1 and A1 via the A421, A45 and A422
- Design and Build opportunities (subject to planning) for B1, B2 and B8 as well as open storage uses
- The site is managed and maintained by St. Modwen with 24 hour security

Foreword

by Mayor of Bedford Borough,
Leader of Bedford Borough Council



On behalf of Bedford Borough Council, I am pleased to introduce our new Business Directory.

The Council works hard to provide a supportive environment for the development of commerce and industry, and we hope that this publication will be an invaluable tool in encouraging trade between local businesses and in promoting Bedford Borough as a first class location for business.

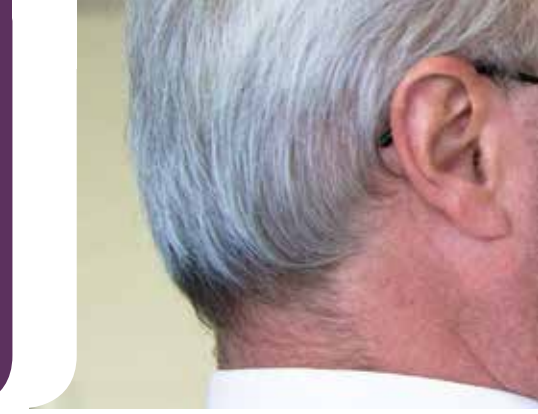
The Business Directory is produced as a way of helping local businesses access the extensive local supply network currently available on their doorstep.

The information contained in this directory should allow local businesses and prospective investors to contribute towards the continued economic prosperity of the area.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the contributors of this publication. I hope that this Directory will become a well-used point of reference for your organisation in trading within Bedford Borough.

Dave Hodgson
Mayor of Bedford Borough
Leader of Bedford Borough Council

Welcome to Bedford



An Envable Business Heritage...

Bedford is proud of its rich history as a centre of industry and innovation. During the 19th century, the area became the heart of brickmaking in the UK and the River Great Ouse was a major route for trade and travel. In the 20th century, the area built a reputation for innovative engineering.

As well as pioneering new techniques for diesel and aero engines, the area produced components for prestige projects such as the Titanic. The famous R100 and R101 airships were also built at Cardington and this reputation for innovation and technology in the area continues today.

A Dynamic Business Community...

Today, the area has a diverse and vibrant business community. Important existing and emerging sectors include electronics, research & development, automotive, logistics and business services, with a significant manufacturing base also growing.

High profile companies in the area include Unilever, 3M, Autoglass and Fujifilm. The business environment is highly competitive and there are ample opportunities for entrepreneurs to network, share ideas, access support, and make their voice heard. The area is seen as a first class business location and rapidly emerging market, which is reflected in business optimism and sustained investment in the area.

Location

Bedford Borough is located around 50 miles north of London. The area has a population of 166,300 (mid-year estimate 2015) and covers approximately 117,723 acres. Bedford and Kempston are the main urban areas whilst much of the area has a pleasant rural feel, with rural parishes that help make the area so appealing for both living and working.

Infrastructure

One of the area's major advantages is the combination of its central location and excellent connectivity to the rest of the UK and the world.



The M1 and A1 both run through the area, as do two major rail routes linking London, cities in the North and several international airports.

For international travel, London Luton Airport is within a short drive or rail journey from the area and London Stansted can be reached within the hour. Both airports offer an extensive range of European destinations.

With ambitious growth targets for the area, several significant improvements have recently taken place. These include the dualling of the A421 link road between the A1 and the M1 and the completion of the Western Bypass, which is enhancing the benefits already afforded by the A421 bypass. With the Eurostar station at St Pancras, travel by rail from the area to Paris or Brussels can be done in just over 3 hours!





Key Business Locations

High quality business parks and estates offer accommodation to suit almost every commercial need. Prime examples include Priory Business Park, Elms & Viking Industrial Estate and Marsh Leys. In addition to these flagship sites, there is a range of office space in both town centre and rural locations. There is something for every type of business from new ventures to company headquarters, and prices remain competitive in comparison to neighbouring areas. Detailed commercial property registers are maintained by the local authority.

Visit www.investinbedford.com to find out more.

People

The level of professionally, technically and managerially qualified people is far greater than the national average. Combined with the area's diverse sectoral base, this provides a highly skilled, adaptable and motivated workforce, ideal for companies looking to expand or to develop into new areas. The area's population is set to grow dramatically in the next few years with around 30,000 new homes earmarked by 2021. This will increase the size and skill base of the labour force even further.

Educational attainment rates are excellent across the spectrum of the area's schools, including world renowned Harpur Trust Schools. The presence of Cranfield and Bedfordshire Universities in the area mean a high quality of degree level and post graduate education.

Conference & Meeting Facilities

A central location makes Bedford ideal for hosting conferences and meetings, whether large or small. An extensive choice of high quality facilities includes Wyboston Lakes, Bedford i-Lab, The Higgins Bedford, Bedford Heights and Bedford Corn Exchange as well as meeting rooms in local hotels such as the Bedford Swan Hotel, Park Inn and Barns Hotel.



Locate Your Business in Bedford

Invest in Bedford is your first point of call, whether you are an existing Bedford business looking to grow, or a business looking to relocate here.

As part of the Economic Development team at Bedford Borough Council, Invest in Bedford offers all the help and support you need to take full advantage of Bedford's great infrastructure, skilled workforce and commercial property options.

Our service is free to use and we can give you the information and support bespoke to your particular wants and requirements including:

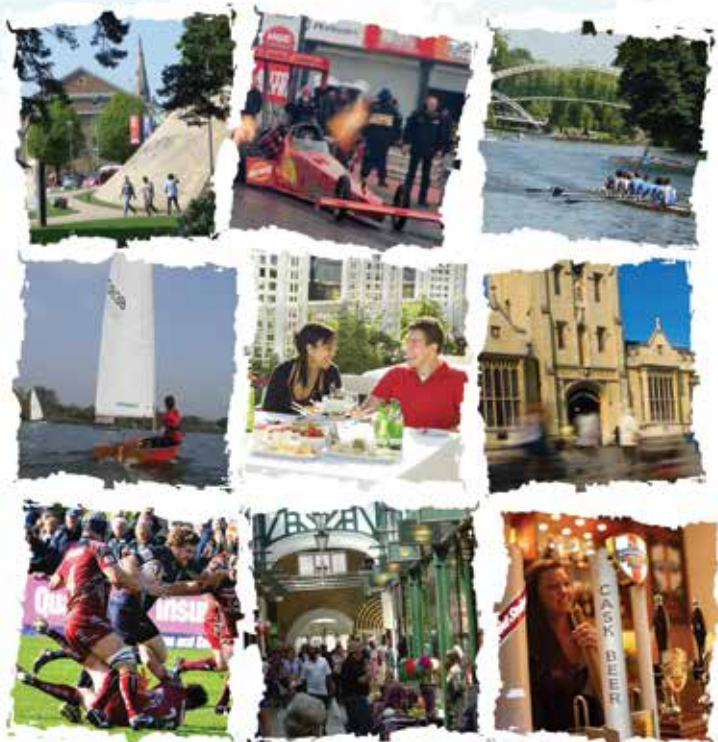
- Helping you search for commercial property, premises and land
- Business relocation and market information
- Listings of relevant local suppliers
- Ongoing 'aftercare' support to ensure your business's long-term prosperity in Bedford
- Tours of the area for key members of staff

There are opportunities for inward investment and business growth all over the borough. You can learn about the possible benefits to your business by calling (01234) 276255.

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Why Bedford? Central for Business

At the heart of Europe's leading economic region, 20 minutes away from flights to 100 international destinations, half the UK's population within a two hour drive, good access to each of the Midland, East and West Coast Main Line railways; in a world where everywhere claims to be 'central', Bedford's location actually means something.

A place that benefits from its neighbours and yet retains its own individuality, Bedford sits confidently between the thriving cities of Cambridge and Milton Keynes in a key position in Europe's dynamic innovation region and just up the road from London.

Bedford is central for business and central for living.

The Greater South East – the UK's Super Region

Bedford is part of the Greater South East, a super-region which encompasses more than half the country's universities and 60% of the UK's research and development. London, the global city at the very heart of this super-region, is surrounded by hotspots of growth and new opportunities. Bedford is one such hotspot that will help ensure that the Greater South East will be a dominant global force in the future.

The Oxford to Cambridge Arc and The Golden Triangle

Bedford sits in the middle of the Oxford to Cambridge Arc which with London delineates "The Golden Triangle." This is where world-class innovation and entrepreneurial activity draws inspiration from a proliferation of universities, colleges and research institutes. Bedford is

perfectly placed to play a major role in this innovation hothouse with the world renowned Cranfield University and a host of other academic institutions and corporate R&D centres.





Competitive – The Place to Do Business

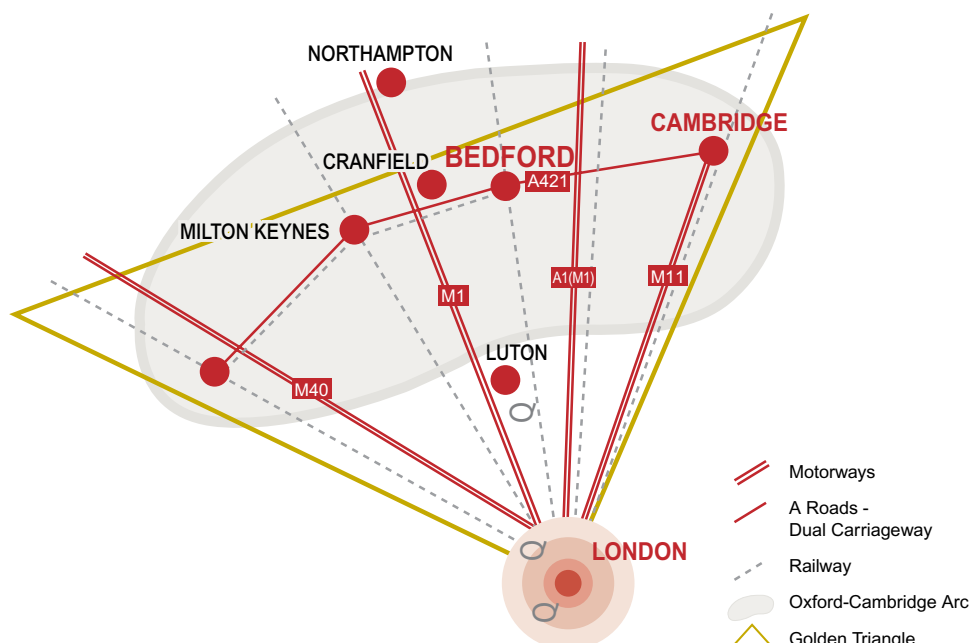
With great connectivity that just keeps on improving, an increasingly attractive town centre, some of the best schools and colleges in the country, more than 50,000 university students within 30 miles, lower than might be expected building costs and a broad range of sites and premises, Bedford is a highly competitive place to do business.

Key Business Growth Statistics

Connectivity

By road

- Excellent road links to London, Birmingham, Cambridge, Milton Keynes and beyond
- Major road improvements completed including the dualling of the A421 link in 2010 to the M1 motorway and A1, providing sub-10 minute access
- Completed Bedford Western Bypass (A421 to A428 to A6).
- Road funding announced for dualling of the A428 to create a continuous 'expressway' from Cambridge to Bedford, including a grade separated junction at the A1 Black Cat roundabout



By rail/coach

- Fast and frequent trains to London and St. Pancras International Eurostar terminal (journey times as little as 35 minutes)
- Direct Midland Main Line trains to Leicester, Nottingham, Sheffield, Derby and beyond and good access to the East and West Coast Main Lines, East West Rail in prospect
- Central to the Oxford – Milton Keynes – Bedford – to Cambridge X5 internet enabled coach service

By air

- The very accessible London Luton International Airport now handles about 12m passengers a year travelling to 100 destinations in 33 countries serving a huge business travel market

- Other accessible airports include the even closer Cranfield Airport for executive flights and London's Heathrow and Stansted international airports

Business Land

- Over 60 hectares (150 acres) of land developed for businesses since 2001
- A further 80 hectares (200 acres) identified and as much again being considered through the planning process

Businesses and Jobs

- Over 7,000 businesses employing over 85,000 people
- Strong business start-up performance particularly in the knowledge sector
- A rate of growth in jobs significantly ahead of regional and national rates



Journey times from Bedford

Place	Road
Birmingham	1 hr 30 mins
Cambridge	50 mins
Cranfield	20 mins
Felixstowe Port	2 hrs
Leicester	1 hr 20 mins
London	1hr 25 mins
London Luton Airport	35 mins
Milton Keynes	26 mins
Oxford	1 hr 20 mins
London Gateway Port, Thurrock	1 hr 30 mins

Workforce

- 85,000 strong workforce
- Over 37% with NVQ4 (degree level) qualifications, higher than regionally and nationally
- High participation in job-related training

Education

- Major local higher education facilities include the University of Bedfordshire with 24,000 students and Cranfield University with 4,650 post graduate students, 15,000 continuing professional development delegates and world-class research specialisms in aerospace, automotive, bio-science, energy, environment, manufacturing, security and defence
- Bedford College, with 16,000 students, is rated by OFSTED

as good, a centre of vocational excellence in five disciplines and a trainer of thousands of managers and employees each year

- GCSE and A level results are above the national average with a number of the local schools amongst the best performing schools in the country, with specialist status in business and enterprise, maths and computing, humanities, arts and sport

Town Centre

- Bedford, being a major regional town, is a substantial retail centre with nearly 3m sqft of retail floorspace
- The town centre is also undergoing a massive renaissance with large scale 'quarter' redevelopments, including new bus station and riverside developments

Housing

- Some 68,000 homes, with major growth
- Ranging from central urban riverside apartments, close to town terraces and green suburban mix to rural local stone and brick homes in a variety of river valley, woodland and other countryside settings
- Recently growing at around 900 homes a year, provision has been made for future growth at double this rate supporting a substantial workforce increase
- With house prices around 10% below the regional average and over 4% below the national average, Bedford is well placed from an affordability perspective



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IT'S ALL HAPPENING IN 2017!

Gallagher Estates will complete the final residential elements of Lakeview Village by Summer 2017, supporting the previously developed primary school, local centre shops, multi-use village hall, sports pitches and exceptional community play areas.

Willow Grove village has seen extensive enabling works (earthworks) completed over 2016 to support the commencement of development in Autumn 2017 including:

- Approximately 1,300 houses
- Large scale open space planting to occur alongside the housing developments
- Construction of the next Primary School / Secondary School (Wixams Academy)
- Willow Grove will have a rural edge defined by fields allowing for more natural open landscapes, with established landscaped edges to provide the setting for early housing
- Initial parcels of land have been sold to Barratt Homes and David Wilson Homes for the construction of circa 1,300 houses
- Willow Grove will be accessed off Southern Cross and Green Lane.



Harrowden Green village has progressed with site re-profiling in 2016 and Gallagher Estates are committed to start development in Summer 2017 of the following:

- Approximately 900 houses
- Works to new access onto the B530 are underway
- Residential parcels of land have been sold to Morris Homes and Abbey Homes with the start of the development in Autumn 2017.



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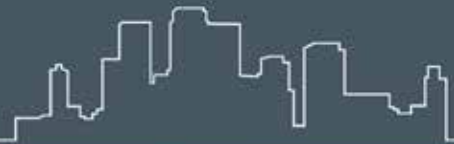


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Bedfordshire Green Business Network

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www.gbn-bedfordshire.org.uk

Bedford College

The College's Employer Training Services team specialise in helping organisations improve their performance and productivity by delivering tailored training solutions.
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The Jobs Hub

The Jobs Hub helps Bedford Borough residents of all ages into work, training or enterprise. The Jobs Hub also helps employers with a free service to broker the skills and talent that

they need to grow their business. Contact the Jobs Hub Project Manager on 01234 223510 or email thejobshub@bedford.gov.uk

Innovation & Enterprise Service, University of Bedfordshire

The Innovation & Enterprise Service links academics, businesses and funders together to the benefit of all. It offers advice and support to businesses through partnerships with many organisations in a whole range of research and enterprise funded projects. It can co-write or support funded applications directly with public and private organisations as well as facilitate access to the University's experts.
www.beds.ac.uk/ies

The Prince's Trust

The Enterprise Programme supports unemployed young people aged 18-30 to convert their business ideas into reality. The programme can offer mentoring and financial support to start a business or mentoring support to secure goals in employment, education or training.
www.princes-trust.org.uk

Velocity Growth Hub

Free business support programme in the Bedford area providing information via the website, advice from business advisers, support through the telephone helpdesk and access to grant funding that equips businesses to grow successfully.
www.velocitybusinesssupport.com

What would you do if...?

Resilience is the ability to survive an unwelcome event. Business can be interrupted in many ways – rapid downturn in the value of the GBP, a rise in the water table, a digger cutting through a computer cable, fire, the loss of a key employee or a reputational scandal. Every organisation needs some level of business continuity planning.
www.bedfordshireprepared.org.uk



Are you looking for advice and funding for your business?

Find government-backed support and finance for business, including: grants, finance and loans, business support eg mentoring, consultancy and funding for small and medium-sized businesses and start-ups at www.gov.uk/business-finance-support-finder and/or www.thebusinessfinanceguide.co.uk

Below you will find examples of some of the funding opportunities that are available...

New Enterprise Allowance

Available to Jobseeker Allowance Claimants aged 18 or over who have been claiming for 26 weeks or more. Support is provided to develop a viable business plan. To find out if you qualify for this programme, please contact your Job Centre Plus Advisor.

The Prince's Trust

The Trust's Enterprise Programme, which was established 29 years ago, helps unemployed and disadvantaged young people to explore entrepreneurial ideas and turn their business plans into reality with a low-interest loan and a mentor. See www.princes-trust.org.uk

Foundation East

Small Loans for Business initiative which provides loan funding of between £5,000 to

£100,000 to start-ups, expanding businesses and social enterprises in the East of England region. The loan package includes ongoing access to business coaches and mentoring support. www.foundationeast.org

Grant for Research and Development

Aims to help SMEs carry out research and development work on technologically innovative products and processes. www.innovateuk.org for an initial assessment.

Exporting - Helping Businesses Grow Internationally

Staff are experts in helping your business grow internationally. They provide expert trade advice and practical support to UK-based companies wishing to grow their business overseas. Through a range of unique services, including participation at selected trade fairs, outward missions and providing bespoke market intelligence, the Department for International Trade can help you crack foreign markets and get to grips quickly with overseas regulations and business practice. www.great.gov.uk

Bedfordshire Chamber of Commerce

has a team specifically aimed at supporting businesses with exporting. Their Export Documentation team are on hand to process your documents, advise and assist. www.chamber-business.com

The British Chambers of Commerce have a resource, Export Britain, designed to help you start and grow your exporting business. exportbritain.org.uk

Green Business and Resource Efficiency

A growing number of businesses are finding that improving their environmental performance is leading to surprising benefits. In addition to legal compliance, pollution prevention and continual improvement, these include reduced waste, lower utility bills, better processes, improvements in PR and increased profits.

There are a number of organisations/initiatives that can help your business become 'greener'...

The Carbon Trust works with businesses and other organisations to reduce carbon emissions and develop commercial low carbon technologies. Services include help to reduce energy costs. www.carbontrust.co.uk

The Energy Saving Trust provides information on reducing your fuel costs through improving the energy efficiency of your business. Also includes information on cutting motoring costs. www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/business



The Manufacturing Growth Programme focuses on providing specialist manufacturing support to SMEs across parts of the UK who are interested in improving productivity and gaining new business opportunities; specialist Manufacturing Growth Managers are in place to offer free advice and support with the opportunity to access grant funding of up to 35% towards growth projects.
www.manufacturinggrowthprogramme.co.uk

Starting a Business

So you want to work for yourself, but where do you begin? There's so much to remember and do. There are lots of places to find out about starting a business. For a quick guide, please visit www.bedfordi-kan.co.uk/start-up-quick-guide.html

You can also find information on starting a business at www.gov.uk/starting-up-a-business

Better Business for All

Local regulators across the councils and fire authorities in the SEMLEP area are committed to working in partnership to improve their relationship with businesses, identify and understand the issues faced by businesses like yours, and working with you to shape effective support, advice and guidance to assist you to comply with law. And by doing that it will give you a competitive edge, saving you time and money, giving you peace of mind and giving you the best opportunity to grow and thrive.
www.velocitybusinesssupport.com/better-business-for-all

Recruitment

Are you looking at expanding your workforce or investing in the area and need new staff?

The Jobs Hub - offers a free brokerage service to employers. With local knowledge and excellent relationships, the team can help you recruit one employee or 100+. They have recently worked with several

large businesses that have relocated to the area and can offer assessment centres, selection process, candidate shortlisting & interview facilities.

For more information, please contact The Jobs Hub, on 01234 223510 or email thejobshub@bedford.gov.uk

Apprenticeships - If you are thinking of taking on a new member of staff, why not consider recruiting an apprentice as part of your workforce? Apprentices bring considerable value to organisations and can provide your business with a highly skilled workforce, boost your productivity, profitability and staff retention and bring new ideas and innovation to your business.

www.gov.uk/take-on-an-apprentice

Graduate Internships - Could your business use the skills and services of a student or graduate? Find out more www.beds.ac.uk/international/why-study-at-bedfordshire/sis/employers





Job Centre Plus - Offer assistance when it comes to recruitment, training and redundancy matters for businesses. They can offer free advertising when businesses are recruiting for new staff, financial support with training and a support team if redundancies are on the horizon, helping businesses through the process and individuals back into work.
www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus



Cyber Security Guidance for Businesses

As part of Bedfordshire Police's Cybercrime Plans, they are raising awareness of the impact cyber related activity can have to your business and how you can help yourselves. Cyber Essentials is a new Government-backed and industry supported scheme to guide businesses in protecting themselves against cyber threats. Cyber Essentials is free to download and any organisation can use the guidance to implement essential security controls.
www.cyberessentials.org.uk

Networking Groups

Networking is about making connections and building enduring, mutually beneficial relationships. There is a plethora of networking groups in Bedford Borough. For an up to date list, please visit www.bedford.gov.uk/business

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Commercial Property in Bedford



With many new developments in the Bedford area there is so much commercial property to choose from.

Commercial Property Search

Bedford Borough Council works closely with local and national land owners, commercial agents and developers to bring you the latest in availability of commercial land and premises across the Bedford area. Whether you need a small office to start up your business or a large site to locate your manufacturing plant, their up-to-date database should be able to help you find the premises you need.

www.investinbedford.com

Bedford i-brand

Bedford i-Lab

Located at the gateway to Bedford's most prestigious business park, Bedford i-Lab

has a tremendous commercial presence but, with spaces from 15 sqm (160ft²) for 1 or 2 people, up to 120 sqm (1,300ft²) for more than 20 people, it is flexible and affordable enough to accommodate all your requirements.

The centre is ideal for businesses developing innovative ideas - from start-up, spin-out or just evolving. The centre has welcomed businesses from sectors such as ICT/media, bioscience, business and financial services and electronic design but also entrepreneurs growing and developing a range of other innovative ideas.

www.bedfordi-lab.com

Partnering the i-Lab are the Bedford i-Kan and i-Create buildings. Together they provide high quality business environments for a wide variety of business needs.

Bedford i-Kan

A vibrant, flexible and very affordable community for startup and growing businesses. Located in the heart of Bedford, i-Kan is a thriving business incubation centre, providing access to high quality networks and support. The centre provides fully furnished offices, hot desking areas, virtual tenancies, and meeting room facilities. www.bedfordi-kan.co.uk

Bedford i-Create

The facility houses eight large custom built studio spaces for local artists to use to carry out their work. All studios have Wi-Fi access, wide gauge sinks suitable for use with plaster and oils and come supplied as a 'blank canvas' for tenants to create the environment they need. Studios within the two-storey building cater for a wide range of creative professions, such as classical artists, designers and sculptors. www.bedfordcreativearts.org.uk



Council owned buildings & land

The Council has a large portfolio of commercial properties located throughout the borough that are available to let on competitive terms.

Industrial Estates at Murdock Road, Brunel Road, Singer Way and Brooklands, providing units ranging in size from 60 sq m (650 ft²) to 650 sq m (7,000 ft²).

Neighbourhood Shopping Centres situated throughout Bedford. These were constructed as part of residential estate developments and each serve a small geographical catchment area.

Town Centre Shops are located around the town centre at Greenhill Street, Greyfriars, Castle Lane and the Howard Shopping Centre.

For sale - From time to time Bedford Borough Council has properties or land to sell, although the Council are not large landholders. Sales may be conducted directly by the Council or through appointed agents.
www.bedford.gov.uk/business/land_and_premises.aspx

Bedford Strategic Sites for Business
Bedford Borough Council publishes a prospectus about Bedford's Strategic Sites for

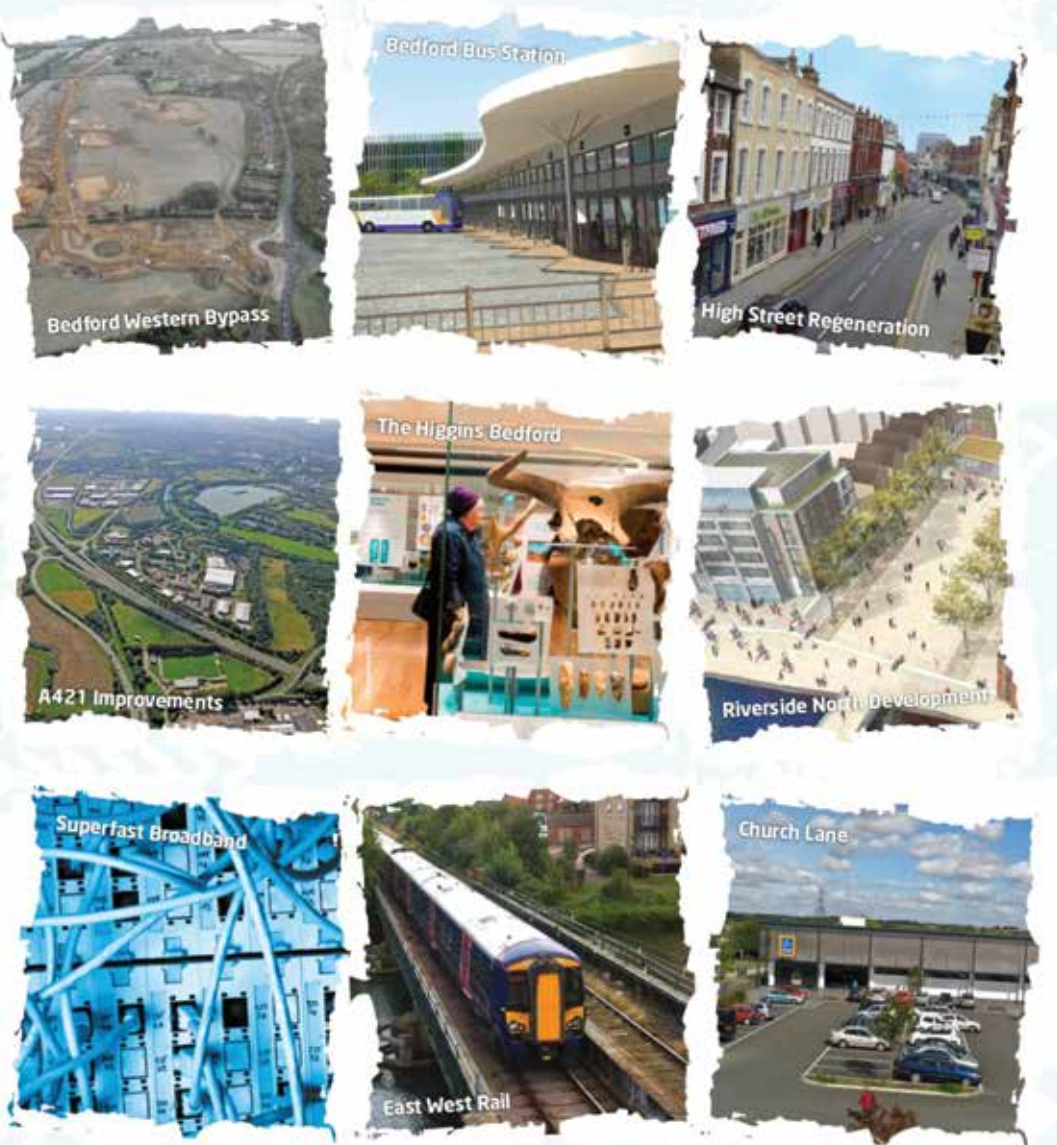
Business to demonstrate why Bedford is a great location for business and how it can meet business accommodation and associated needs whatever the scale, line of business or connectivity need.

www.bedford.gov.uk/business



Projects & Infrastructure in Bedford

Transforming Bedford...





Bedford Borough's Local Investment Plan prioritises investment to provide a sustainable infrastructure that promotes economic growth. This investment is critical to Bedford in providing a strong business offer.

Recent projects in the Borough include:

Accelerating Bedford – Fairer and Faster Broadband across Bedford

Local delivery of the national broadband programme is now seeing results on the ground with the project's many local superfast cabinets now live. An extension programme is aiming to get broadband coverage close to 100% of premises. www.bedford.gov.uk/broadband

Bedford Bus Station

Bedford's long awaited new Bus Station opened at the end of March 2015. The multi-million pound project is one of the largest ever undertaken in Bedford, transforming the face of transport services. The Bus Station area has seen significant improvements including the award winning revamp of



Allhallows car park, new Greyfriars surface car park, environmental improvements including new paving, seating and tree planting as well as enhanced shop fronts and better disabled access.

Bedford Western Bypass

Work on the new road was completed in April 2016 and represents a major development for Bedford, reducing the volume of traffic travelling through the town by completing a route that links all the way from the A421 south of Bedford to the A6 heading north of the town.

Bedford High Street THI

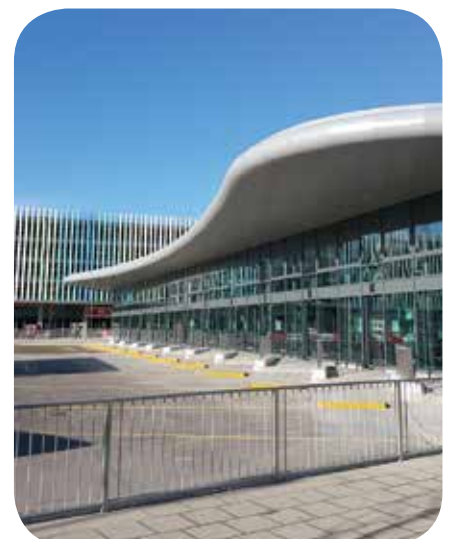
Bedford High Street is seeing the fruits of significant investment from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), Bedford Borough Council and Bedford BID, towards the restoration of properties on High Street, as part of the HLF's nationwide Townscape Heritage Initiative ('THI'). The grant funding amounted to a total of £1.95m and generated private sector contributions from landlords and owners of the businesses, bringing the total pot to approx £5m. The main aim is to ensure

the long term revitalisation of the historic Bedford High Street area. It focused on 'whole building' schemes, with work on properties including; structural repairs, restoration of traditional shopfronts, reinstatement of lost architectural details and bringing upper floors back into productive use.

www.bedford.gov.uk/bedfordhighstreet

Riverside Bedford Development

Located on the banks of the River Great Ouse this development offers new opportunities for riverside dining or relaxing, new jobs and a major boost for visitor numbers. Most of the tenancies on the site have already been signed up to a string of major entertainment, hotel and restaurant operators. Once completed the site will also include a major new public square and new footbridge linking the site to St Mary's Gardens.



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Event sponsorship -

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For more information about any of our advertising and sponsorship opportunities call 01234 228411, email communications@bedford.gov.uk

Tenders & Contracts

Bedford Borough Council is committed to improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of the local community. It is committed to sustainable purchasing practices and encourages SME participation and promotes the use of the local supply chain where possible.

Further details are available at www.bedford.gov.uk/business/tenders_and_contracts or email commercial.hub@bedford.gov.uk

Additional Contacts in Bedford Borough Council

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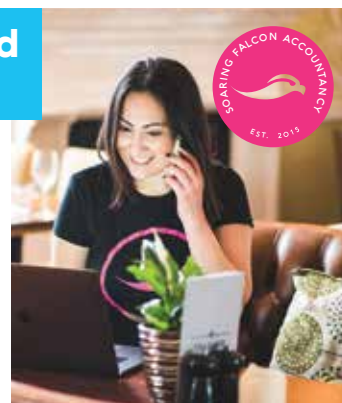


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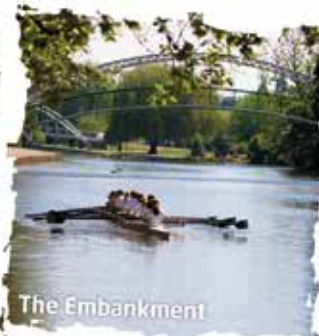
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Adrenaline Junkie - For those who crave a sense of adventure when it comes to their days out, Bedford is the place to be. From paintball to freefall, off-road to on-target, the area has got just what you need to give you your adrenalin fix.

Eat, Drink & Party -

Bedford has a great range of entertainment on offer and is not short of places to eat, drink and party. Whether it's gourmet food or a quick bite to eat you are after, there is a world of variety in our fantastic restaurants, from Mexican to Greek, Indian to American or Italian to Chinese; there really is something for everyone. The town's nightlife provides entertainment with many bars and pubs and the Corn Exchange complex which offers a range of great entertainment from performers from the worlds of comedy, theatre and music.

Events - Bedford's calendar of events celebrates its unique cultural heritage with traditional and innovative festivals for locals and visitors alike to participate in and enjoy. The biennial River Festival sees Bedford's riverbanks packed as over 300,000 people come to enjoy one of the biggest free events in the country.

Environment - The Bedford area, with its Victorian parks, open green spaces and stunning countryside, lies on the iconic River Great Ouse and is blessed with some beautiful parks and open spaces. Bedford Park is part of the town's Victorian legacy, with its formal gardens, carriage circuit and lake providing the perfect environment in which to take in some air. The Embankment is renowned as one of the country's finest river settings with its gardens and water meadows.

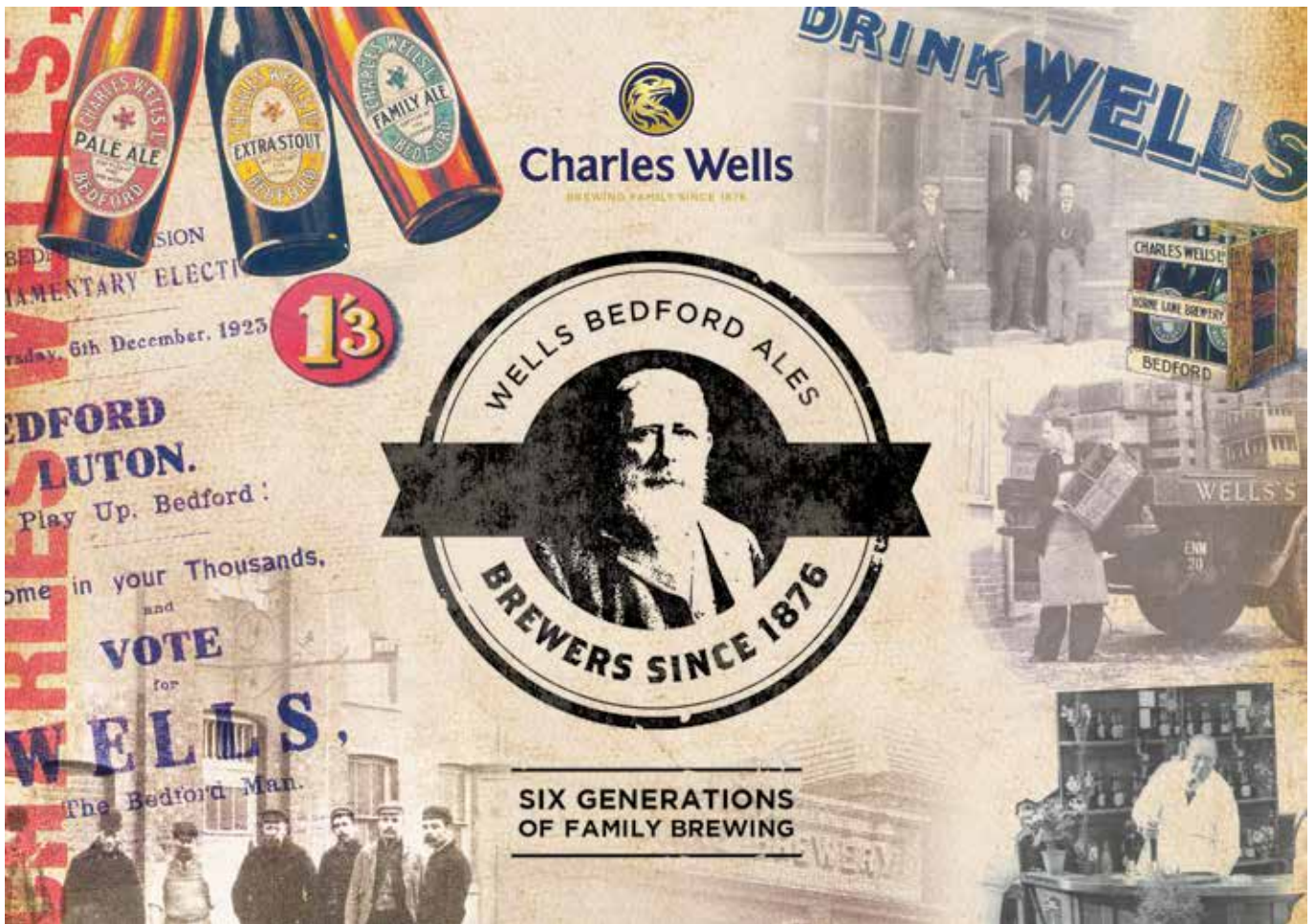
Culture and Heritage -

'The Higgins Bedford' is top of the list for culture vultures exhibiting some of the world's finest art and fantastic pieces from local talent. Discover for yourself Bedford's history, spanning more than a thousand years, with a wealth of historic buildings and areas to view. Enjoy panoramic views of the River Great Ouse from the restored Castle Mound, all that remains of Bedford castle, which was destroyed in the siege of 1224.

Shopping - Bedford has a vibrant Town Centre offering shoppers a range of high quality shops, from large department stores and major chains like Debenhams and Marks & Spencer to niche retailers and designer boutiques. The pedestrianised shopping centre with over 300 shops, an historic open-air market and a shopping mall with all the well-known names, makes it an excellent choice for shopping.

Sports - When it comes to sport there is something for everyone from tennis, cricket, horse-riding, clay pigeon shooting, golf, windsurfing, jet-skiing, rowing, football and swimming. With a truly international reputation for many sports, the area boasts an array of facilities to suit all tastes and abilities.





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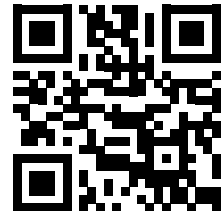
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