



BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Borough Charter granted in 1166

Bedford is an ancient county town, grown from a settlement dating back to before Saxon times. Located 50 miles north of London, Bedford is on the main Inter-City St. Pancras railway line and is well served by the Thameslink network linking Bedford with Kings Cross, South London destinations and Gatwick Airport. Bedford is only half an hour's drive from London Luton Airport.

It is an attractive, bustling market town - a regional centre for shopping, leisure and tourism. Bedford's centre of attraction is the River Great Ouse, meandering through the heart of the town, flanked by the beautiful Victorian embankment gardens. Bedford Borough is made up of a host of rural villages and places to visit. As the country's second oldest Borough, there is a great deal of history, as well as modern facilities, and a wide range of industry and business, and a friendly, cosmopolitan community.

