

CAMBRIDGE & DISTRICT GROUP 12 May 2025

Dear Member

Many of you will be aware that Cambridge & District Group of the CSPA has been struggling for some while, with fewer than a dozen people attending meetings. Following the 2023 AGM, which was not quorate, the group's officers took the decision to suspend meetings temporarily. Since then, however, there has been no indication of any members wishing to take a more active role in the group. Thus the officers have, with regret, decided to close Cambridge & District Group as a separate entity, and to merge with Bedford & District Group.

If you are making a voluntary contribution to Cambridge & District Group funds by standing order, please remember to cancel your standing order. The Cambridge group's account will be closed, and the balance transferred to Bedford.

The benefits that you enjoy as a member of the Alliance are, of course, unaffected by the merger. You will also be welcome to meetings of the Bedford & District Group, which are held at the North End Social Club, 60 Roff Road, Bedford, MK41 7TW. There is an approximately hourly bus service (905) from Cambridge bus station to Bedford bus station, via St. Neots, and Roff Road is about a 10 minute walk or short bus journey from the bus station.

The next meeting is on **Friday 13 June**. Since the meetings include a buffet lunch (as well as a quiz and raffle), please let the Chairman of Bedford Group, John Abington, know **by 6 June** if you would like to attend. His email address is johnabington1582@gmail.com.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the life of the group over the many years that it has been in existence: the present and former officers and committee members, those who have attended meetings, and the many people who have contributed financially in order to keep the group viable. I hope you will support your new group.

With best wishes,

Sue Davies (Former) secretary, Cambridge & District Group