



## **Dunstable and the surrounding area**

Excellent transport links between St. Pancras and Luton Parkway railway stations means Dunstable is easily reached from London. Excellent road links mean Cambridge is easily accessible and Luton Airport puts Dunstable in touch with cities from all over Europe

Dunstable is the oldest charter town in Bedfordshire and is currently home to approximately 36,000 residents, who regularly elect their own Town Council and Central Bedfordshire Council representatives to manage local affairs.

Dunstable is fiercely proud of its rich heritage yet, whilst it may be steeped in history, it is very much a town in the present, working towards a bright future.

The Grove theatre which opened in 2007 provides Dunstable with a 780-seat purpose built arts and entertainment centre. The development which includes accompanying bars and restaurants overlooking the beautiful re-landscaped Grove House Gardens, provides a striking heart to the cultural identity of the area and a venue for a variety of events. Priory House Heritage and Tourist Information Centre also offers a full programme of entertainment and exhibitions as well as an insight into Dunstable's amazing past.

ZSL Whipsnade Zoo, formerly known as Whipsnade Wild Animal Park, is a zoo and safari park located at Whipsnade, near Dunstable in Bedfordshire. It is one of two zoos that are owned by the Zoological Society of London, a charity devoted to the worldwide conservation of animals and their habitats.

Neighboring Luton is the home to Stockwood Park Discovery Centre and Wardown Park and Museum both of these are well worth a visit and are accessible by public transport.

If you travel a few miles south of Dunstable you can visit the Luton Hoo Estate which includes a 5-star hotel, spa and golf course. There are acres of grounds that can be explored.

Only 9 miles north of Dunstable is the picturesque Georgian village of Woburn, Bedfordshire which is home to a variety of specialist shops, public houses, restaurants and hotels, including The Woburn Hotel, which is part of the historic Woburn Abbey Estate.

Woburn Safari Park is a safari park located in Woburn, Bedfordshire, England. Visitors to the park can drive through the large animal exhibits, which contain species such as white rhino, elephants, tigers and black bears. It is part of the estates of the Duke of Bedford that also includes Woburn Abbey and its 3,000-acre deer park.