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EAST ANGLIA BRANCH

Meeting for *Railfuture* Members and the Public - **FREE**

SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2026 – 14:00

The Friends' Meeting House in St John's Street

BURY ST EDMUNDS IP33 1SJ

The venue is 10-15 minutes' walk from the railway station

Speaker: MARTIN BEABLE, MD of Greater Anglia

We are delighted that the Managing Director of Greater Anglia, the main train operator in East Anglia, will be our guest speaker. He will be the first MD to speak to us since his predecessor, Jamie Burles, in late 2016.

In October 2025, coinciding with the end of its original nine-year franchise, which became a government contract in 2020. Greater Anglia became a subsidiary of the government's Department for Transport Operator (DFTO) company, with Jamie Burles taking responsibility for the jointly-managed Greater Anglia, c2c and Network Rail Anglia operation.



This will be a chance for you to find out what the railway's future could look like, pose questions and give your views. Please do not miss this opportunity!

After a break for refreshments, at 15:00, the East Anglia branch AGM will include a report from the chair, Ian Couzens, including an update of Railfuture campaigns across East Anglia, plus the election of the committee for 2026/27. Everyone is welcome to stay for the AGM, but only Railfuture members in the East Anglia branch will be able to vote.

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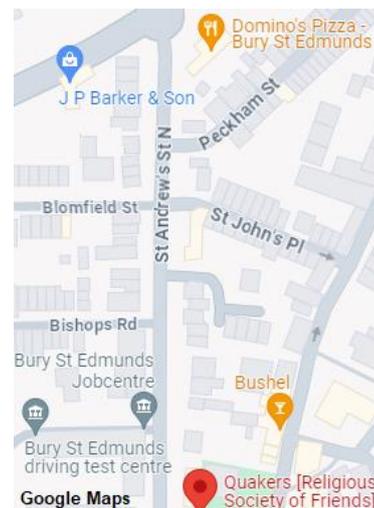
Campaigning for a bigger and better railway

Railfuture campaigns on behalf of the public for a high-quality railway that people want to use, and to transfer goods from lorries to the railway. We are all volunteers, and our work is funded solely by the public and we work for your interests. Our meetings are for you so do take part and maybe join for £20 a year (£14 for under 26s) / £10 'paperless' – www.railfuture.org.uk/join.

Directions to the Friends' Meeting House, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1SJ



The St. John's Street entrance is opposite the bus station and car park, the entrance from St. Andrew's Street is best for those walking from the railway station, which is about 10 minutes away. Light refreshments will be available. There is a good range of cafés and restaurants nearby.



The direct walking route from the station is along Station Hill, over the roundabout into Ipswich Street to the end, which then becomes St John's Street. The venue is on the right.

NEXT EAST ANGLIA BRANCH PUBLIC MEETINGS

All on Saturdays beginning at 14:00.

13 Jun 2026 – Ipswich

27 Sep 2026 – Norwich

Late Nov / Early Dec – Cambridge

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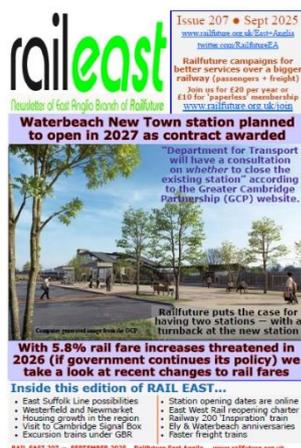
RAILFUTURE NATIONAL EVENTS

Sat 4 July 2026, AGM, Birmingham

Location chosen for extended tram system and reopened Camp Hill lines (delayed, unfortunately).

www.railfuture.org.uk/conferences

Recent issues of RAIL EAST newsletter at www.railfuture.org.uk/east/rail-east/covers/



Please do consider joining Railfuture. We are run entirely by volunteers. We spend a lot of time campaigning at a local level in East Anglia and across the whole of Great Britain for a better railway for everyone. The railway has seen many improvements where we have played a role in making the case. If you are a regular or occasional rail user, or if you just want to see lorries removed from our congested roads, then it could be the best £20 (£14 for under 26s and just £10 for the 'paperless' option) you've ever spent.

We are totally independent, funded solely by rail users. It takes two minutes to apply to join Railfuture paying using your credit or debit card via the safe and secure PayPay website. Existing members now also have the option to [renew](#) by Direct Debit (using GoCardless).

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