

What's on

The calendar below shows key events over the next few months, from RTIG and our associates. For further details of RTIG events please contact secretariat@rtig.org.uk

Webinars

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| 21 May | Managing and Communicating Disruptions in Edinburgh |
| 25 June | OpRa: a new transmodel-based exchange format |

For booking details and additional events see the website.

Working Groups

Future Bus Priority
Accessible Information

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| 4 June | Virtual |
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| 9 June | Rural Bus 2026 |
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<https://www.linkedin.com/company/12119271/>



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<https://bsky.app/profile/rtig.org.uk>



Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/rtig_inform/



Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/RTIGInform>



Working Groups

If anyone wants to become involved in any of the work packages in the business plan then please feel free to discuss or commit by getting in contact with Tim tim.rivett@rtig.org.uk .

Future Bus Priority Working Group

At the last practical bus priority event there was plenty of discussion about the challenges of the current approach to providing bus priority. We discussed what works and where there are opportunities to do things differently and what the medium and long term futures may be and need to be able to handle.

It was agreed that the current RTIG / UDG standard T031 needs some updates to better meet requirements – a group has been reviewing this and is nearing the end of the review which will update the document and XML standard.

There was also a desire to fully review how bus priority could work in future. A working group has started to meet, but is in the early days still and new members are more than welcome.

If you want to be part of either of this working group please contact secretariat@rtig.org.uk

Accessibility of Printed and Electronic Information Working Groups

There are currently two documents which give advice on how to provide information to the passenger, one for electronic information and another for printed. The former is an RTIG document, the later originally developed by ATCO.

RTIGPR003-D002 Inclusive passenger information - A guide to good practice for bus passenger technology providers (2018)
ATCO Printed Information at Bus Stops - Good Practice Guidelines

Both documents are in need of review because of the passing of time, technology developments and changing understanding and capability.

We have two groups active, one looking at printed information and one on digital information.

If you want to be part of either of this working group please contact secretariat@rtig.org.uk

ITS World Congress 2027

The Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) World Congress is the world's largest transport technology conference. The 2027 edition will be hosted by Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) at the NEC Birmingham between Monday 25 and Friday 29 October.

Over 15,000 global experts and industry leaders will attend. Delegates will participate in:
an exhibition of the latest transport products and services, talks, seminars, and workshops
a region-wide programme of technical visits, cultural experiences, and networking events

Partners

ITS World Congress Birmingham 2027 is organised by ERTICO, Europe's public-private partnership for smart and sustainable mobility. The successful bid was supported by the Department for Transport, Intelligent Transport Systems UK, Department for Business and Trade, Centre for Connected and Autonomous Vehicles and NEC Birmingham.

RTIG Stand & Opportunity for Members

RTIG will be having a stand at the congress, and whilst this will be in part to raise awareness of RTIG and the work we do, the prime purpose is to showcase the excellent work done by our members and help you reach a global audience.

To achieve this our stand will be in the style of a pavilion showcasing organisations who would otherwise have their own stand.

We have committed to a stand, the size of which can change depending on demand.



Birmingham
ITS World Congress
25-29 October 2027

If you are interested in the opportunity then please get in contact with tim.rivett@rtig.org.uk

Past Events

Data Standards Webinar Series



We started a series of webinars in September on data standards.

Standards for data have been around for many years, but as we try to provide a better passenger experience they have become critical to being able to provide quality information in a timely manner. Some standards are better known and understood than others

The slides and recordings for the sessions which have taken place are available on the RTiG website for RTiG Members

Transport Data Action Plan - What it means for bus

Transport Data Action Plan



The Department for Transport has now published the Transport Data Action Plan — setting out its commitments to improve how transport data is used, shared and understood across the sector.

So what does this mean in practice for authorities, operators and suppliers?

What will change around sharing and access?

What does “better standards and quality” look like?

And how do we make sure data is used in ways that reflect user needs, including accessibility, as well as good governance and ethics?

RTiG is hosting this webinar to provide a clear overview of the Action Plan and highlight the areas that will matter most for organisations delivering public transport information, operational systems and passenger-facing services.

What we'll cover

- What the Transport Data Action Plan is and why it has been published now
- The five priority themes
- What “good” looks like for implementation — and how to align your current work to the direction set out in the plan

<https://www.rtiq.org.uk/workshops/2026-04-30>

Upcoming Webinars

What topics would you like us to cover in our events?

We are planning the event calendar for the year – face to face and webinars and would like to hear from you about what you want us to cover in the events this year?

<https://forms.office.com/e/guvCY83x1Z>

Managing and Communicating Disruptions in Edinburgh



Thursday, May 21, 2026 – 13:00

When things go wrong, the challenge isn't only restoring or managing service - it's making sure operations teams, customer channels and data feeds all tell the same story, quickly and consistently. RTIG has repeatedly heard the same questions from operators and authorities: how do you keep buses moving, and how do you keep passengers informed at every stage of their journey when disruption hits?

In this webinar we will hear from Lothian buses about how they manage this in Edinburgh.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1986080298637>

OpRa: a new transmodel-based exchange format for operational raw data

**25 June 2026 – 09:00**

We are pleased to invite you to the Webinar 'OpRa: a new transmodel-based exchange format for operational raw data' that will take place on 25 June 2026 at 09:00.

This one-hour webinar is a presentation of the new CEN Technical Specification for the exchange format of operational raw data in support of the "observed data" category of the MMTIS EU delegated regulation.

Targeted audience:

Public Transport Authorities, Public Transport Operators, National Transport Regulatory Authorities, MMTIS data producers and consumers.

Speakers:

- Victoire Champenois, Policy officer at the European Commission, DG MOVE

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- Fabrizio Arneodo, chair of the OpRa CEN group
- Gergely Nitch, technical expert OpRa
- Andrej Tibaut, technical expert Transmodel

Participation is free of charge, but registration is mandatory. Please register here.

<https://www.cencenelec.eu/news-events/events/2026/2026-06-25-webinar-opra/>

Analyse Bus Open Data Service - Survey

The Department for Transport is seeking responses to this survey to conduct research into the use of Analyse Bus Open Data Service [BODS]

Your insights will help us improve the platform and better support your needs. We are interested in both those who actively used ABODS and those who don't.

The survey should take around 12 minutes to complete.

The survey is anonymous.

Please complete this survey by Friday 8th May 2026.

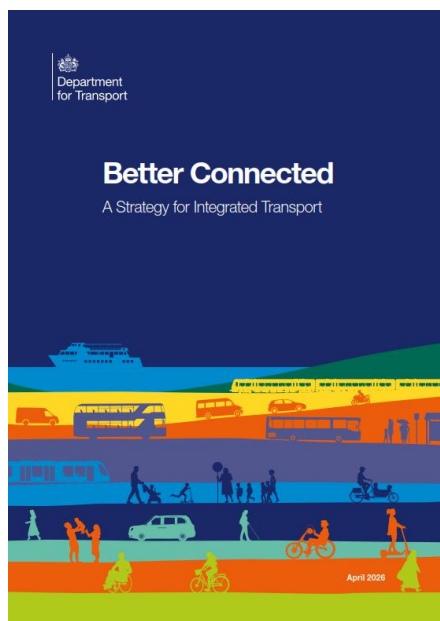
If you have any queries regarding this survey, please reach out to our Researcher, Vika Nightingale, at vika.nightingale@kainos.com.

<https://forms.office.com/e/RDDNizV0Nn>

Better Connected – Integrated National Transport Strategy

The long awaited integrated national transport strategy was published at beginning of April:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/better-connected-a-strategy-for-integrated-transport>



Tap-and-go travel across buses, trains, and trams will benefit more cities and towns across England after the government announced more local powers for contactless travel today (2 April 2026).

Local leaders are being given the tools to replicate joined-up systems already in place in areas like Liverpool, London and Nottingham, where passengers travel seamlessly across the city on different transport while tapping their bank card as payment – without juggling multiple tickets or apps.

It is one of more than 40 fully funded commitments in the new Better

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Connected national transport strategy, designed to make everyday journeys simpler, easier to pay for and more reliable from door to door.

Huge steps have already been taken to make people's everyday journeys more affordable, including the rail fare freeze, the bus fare cap, and freezing fuel duty.

Giving people genuine choice over how they travel and making these options more affordable is at the core of this strategy. By providing local leaders with more flexibility, control and long-term funding certainty, they can design more joined-up networks that deliver better value for money, helping to keep fares down and support the cost of living.

The strategy also announces a breakthrough new partnership with Google, allowing passengers across England to track their bus in real time through Google Maps. The service will be especially useful for passengers in rural areas where bus services are less frequent.

To help local areas go further, the government is also launching £40 million in new funding for local authorities to trial digital technologies to improve transport, reduce congestion and ease disruption. Gold standard examples like Nottingham and Derby's Ride app, part-funded by government, show what is possible when local leaders are backed to improve local transport.

Rural Bus Conference



Tuesday 9 June 2026
Chester Racecourse

Rural Bus 2026 is supported by the Department for Transport and the Bus Centre of Excellence as they understand how vital bus services are in delivering Government's stated missions.

Both recognise that improving rural mobility is central to delivering UK Government priorities from economic growth and net zero to levelling up, health, and social inclusion.

This unique event will bring together more than 250 local authorities, operators, consultancy and service providers to share best practice across the rural bus sector. A range of keynotes, presentations, interactive panels, case studies and organised networking sessions will help delegates understand how to:

- Make use of the Bus Services Act to support rural buses
- Develop stronger local control to support rural routes
- Embed protection for "socially necessary" services
- Develop robust and timely paths to franchising or Enhanced Partnerships
- Understand what's available in funding and rural investment
- Make the most of lessons learned from the Rural Mobility Fund evaluations
- Create funding formulas that explicitly recognise rural challenges
- Evaluating how Enhanced Partnership or franchising arrangements can create and maintain local services
- Making the most of revised planning frameworks – supporting sustainable travel, including rural buses

Supported delegate places at Rural Bus 2026

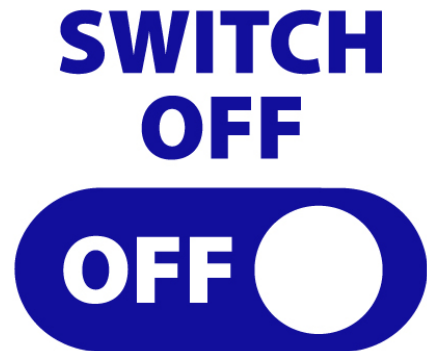
As an event partner, the Bus Centre of Excellence (BCoE) is funding a limited number of delegate places at Rural Bus 2026, available to local authorities and third sector organisations.

<https://www.qualityruralbus.uk/>

PSTN Switch Off

ISDN & PSTN SWITCH OFF

Don't get
caught out!



We've covered this a few times, but it's now becoming urgent to address if you have not done already.

The UK is switching off its traditional analogue landline network (PSTN) by January 2027, replacing it with digital internet-based technology (VoIP).

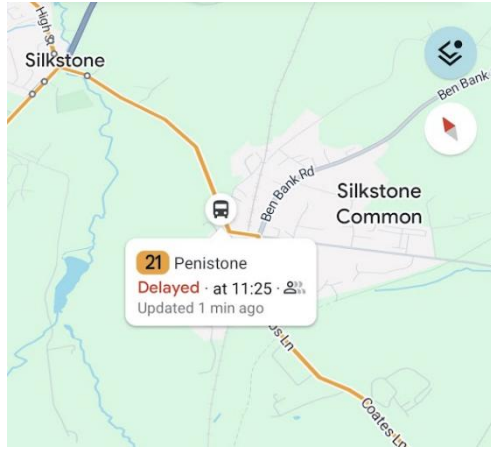
Anything that uses copper wires is impacted, and there are still a lot of services on street and into buildings using them.

- Traditional landlines and phone systems
- ADSL and FTTC broadband connections
- Security systems, including burglar, fire, and lift alarms
- CCTV monitoring, building access controls, and emergency lines

If you still have services relying on copper wires then you need to get a move on.

Google Maps to Display Live Tracking for Buses Across England

As part of its new national transport strategy, the UK government has announced that passengers in England can now benefit from real-time bus tracking through Google Maps.



The agreement between Google and the Department for Transport (DfT) will integrate live bus data into Google Maps, allowing users to check when their service will arrive.

The move is expected to significantly improve journey planning, particularly in rural areas where services are less frequent and reliability can vary.

The information is currently available in the google maps app but not the desktop.

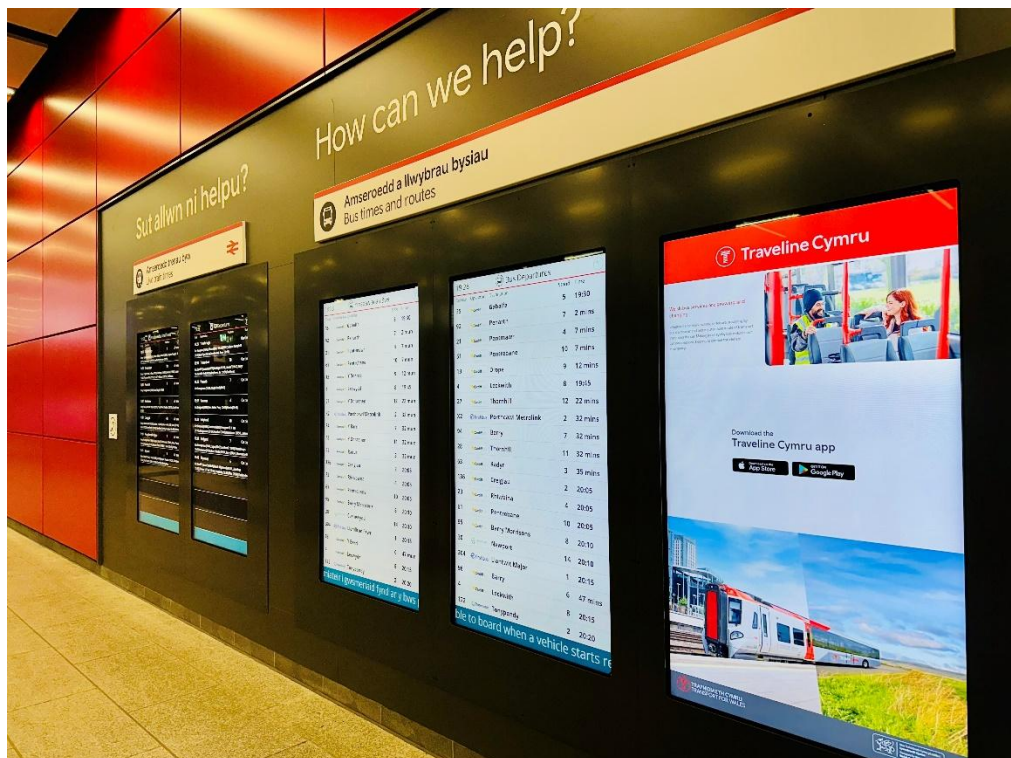
Keeping in touch with you

As well as keeping you up to date with all the latest news from RTIG, this newsletter aims to provide a community forum for members. We therefore offer RTIG members the opportunity to submit a short article here on any issue or innovation that might be of interest to the community.

There are two ways of becoming involved in this:

- ▶ Email pieces to us when you have them – press release format is fine, and pictures are welcome.

Nominate a marketing contact who will be included in the editor's monthly process of 'chivvyng'.



Transport for Wales, Cardiff Interchange

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ASC acquisition strengthens fleet management capabilities

Velociti Solutions is delighted to announce the acquisition of ASC Software, a leading provider of fleet asset management solutions.

The acquisition represents an exciting development for customers, partners and employees of both organisations. By bringing together complementary expertise, the acquisition enhances Velociti Solutions' capabilities across the transport and asset management sectors, strengthening its ability to deliver innovative, technology-driven solutions globally.

ASC Software has built a strong reputation since its establishment in 2000, with a proven track record in fleet asset management. The business is recognised for its leadership in SaaS cloud and mobile application-based fleet maintenance solutions, supporting organisations in optimising operations, improving compliance and reducing costs.

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At the core of ASC Software's offering is its flagship platform, Assetminder, which enables organisations to manage the complete lifecycle of vehicle servicing and maintenance, providing real-time insights, enhanced operational control and improved efficiency.

<https://www.velociti-solutions.com/asc-acquisition-strengthens-fleet-management-capabilities/>

Management Committee Members

The Management Board for the year 2026-2027 was appointed at the AGM on 24 March 2026. Membership is currently as follows:

Chair: Tony Brown

Members: Sonya Sparks (Essex), Graham Davies (WYCA), Russell Gard (React Accessibility), Jon Salmon (Snapper Services), Tony Brown (Atkins), George Connell (Stagecoach), Simon Gold (Reading Buses)

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