Eco homes open up to public

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HOMEOWNERS will be throwing open their doors to visitors to show off the benefits of eco-friendly living. Eco Homes for All is billed as a month-long festival of green ideas.

It gives people invitations to visit 10 different properties across the city. They include new homes at Eddington’s Athena development and a low energy self-build home by Mark Brinkley, author of the Housebuilder Bible, which is located in Sedgwick Street, just off Mill Road.

Also on the bill is an arts and crafts inspired self-build property in Grangeheath and a retro-fitted 1960s property in Macfarlane Close, Impington.

Festival organiser Allan Shepherd said: “It’s an exciting time for home makers in Cambridge. There’s a lot of inspirational new eco-homes opening this year, which change the way we think about buildings. They are smart, stylish, low-energy and ready for the future.”

“The festival aims to tap into all this knowledge to help create the next generation of Cambridgeshire eco-homes, equipping people for free with the knowledge and inspiration to make it happen.”

“The festival exists to kick-start the imagination and get people to the point where they’re able to say ‘wow, someone made this happen, what could I do?’”

There will also be a chance for people to attend workshops with the builders of the eco-homes.

For those who want to retrofit their current homes, there will be free advice and materials on hand.

In addition, there will also be talks on everything from draught proofing to getting your home ready for climate change.

Eco Homes for All runs from September 18 to October 18.

The Open Eco Home householder-led tours are on Sundays, September 30 and Saturday, October 6. Booking is essential.

For all bookings, workshop dates and full programme visit www.openecohomes.org or call 01223 301842.