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## Neighbourhood watch

Latest from city's new developments



## Your bin calendar

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## Out and about

Visit a local nature reserve

# New residents take the plunge at city nature reserve

Some new residents have been making something of a splash in a small corner of East Chesterton.

Our local nature reserve at Logan's Meadow beside the river Cam has become the new home to some endangered water voles after we created a new backwater and reed bed there last year. Logan's Meadow is one of the designated wildlife sites and local nature reserves we manage in the city, to provide habitats for animal, bird and plant life, and to provide a little taste of nature to people.

As well as water voles, Logan's Meadow is a great place to spot other wildlife including dragonflies, kingfishers and swifts, which return to nest each year in the reserve's striking swift tower. Water voles have also been spotted along Cherry Hinton Brook, particularly between Burnside and the Coldham's Lane branch of Sainsbury's, following work to restore habitats for wildlife along this ecologically significant chalk stream.

In total there are eight local nature reserves around the city. These reserves are lovely little oases for residents to visit and provide benefits to people's well-being. They also play an important part in providing suitable habitats for wildlife, increasing biodiversity and helping the city cope better with any changes to climate and possible extreme weather. For example, the reserves can provide natural flood storage areas and improve air quality. Why not pay them a visit this autumn?



- **Barnwell East** – East of Barnwell Road, near Uphall Road
- **Barnwell West** – West of Barnwell Road, with entrances on Barnwell Road, Coldham's Common and Galfrid Road
- **Bramblefields** – Laxton Way
- **Byron's Pool** – Grantchester Road, Trumpington
- **Coldham's Common** – Entrances on Coldham's Lane, Newmarket Road, Pool Way, Barnwell Road and Galfrid Road
- **Logan's Meadow** – Logan's Way
- **Nine Wells** – Entrance via paths from Granham's Road, Foster Road or the cycle path between Addenbrooke's and



Shelford

- **Paradise** – Beside the river Cam adjacent to Lammas Land
- **Sheep's Green and Coe Fen** – Either side of Fen Causeway, beside river Cam
- **Stourbridge Common** – Entrances via Riverside, Green Dragon Bridge and Oyster Row
- **West Pit** – Limekiln Road

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## Open Eco Homes event in September

Would you like to find out how growing numbers of Cambridge residents are making their homes more environmentally friendly to reduce carbon emissions and help reduce spending on energy bills?

Open Eco Homes takes place over two weekends in September and gives you the chance to visit ordinary Cambridge homes that have been converted or adapted in a variety of ways to make them warmer, cheaper and greener.

This year Open Eco Homes are also holding a one-off event called Cosy Cambridge on Saturday 8 October at St Philip's Church on Mill Road, where visitors will have the chance to meet home energy experts, take part in practical workshops, and pick up a free home energy pack. For full details visit [openecohomes.org](http://openecohomes.org) or call 01223 301842.

