



**Open Eco Homes**

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## **Eco Homes Showcase Low Carbon Living**

**Cambridge, UK (30 March 2012)** – Low energy homes in and around Cambridge will open their doors to the public on the weekends of 12/13 May and 26/27 May 2012 as part of the highly-acclaimed annual Open Eco Homes event.

Now in its third year, Open Eco Homes will offer guided tours of 25 eco-friendly homes and public spaces in Cambridge and surrounding villages. The homes range from Victorian eco-fits to 1960's conversions and custom builds.

Visitors will see by example how simple behaviour changes, as well as the introduction of low energy measures, can help improve energy efficiency in their own homes, achieving savings on their energy bills, whilst benefitting the environment. This year's homes feature extensive energy efficiency measures ranging from maximising insulation, air-tightness and natural light, to technologies like air source heat pumps, mechanical ventilation and solar PV cells. Visitors will also have the opportunity to talk to the homeowners about practical considerations such as installation and running costs and to share tips and inspiration.

“There is a growing community of people with real enthusiasm for making these changes, and helping homeowners and tenants alike to make them too”, says Liz Knox, Project Manager. “What's great about it is that it brings people together.”

An Eco Renovation Question Time event will provide additional opportunity for the public to ask questions of our panel of experts and homeowners. The event will take place on Wednesday 2 May at St Paul's Centre, Hills Rd, Cambridge CB2 1JP.

Open Eco Homes is particularly timely this year with the Green Deal which will enable homeowners to install energy saving measures without needing to find the capital cost upfront, set to be launched this autumn.

*Open Eco Homes is an annual eco-renovation event organised by award-winning local charity [Cambridge Carbon Footprint](http://www.cambridgecarbonfootprint.org). For more information about Open Eco Homes, visit [www.openecohomes.org](http://www.openecohomes.org) or follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).*

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