



**Open Eco Homes 2013**  
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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Local MP supports green homes**

Cambridge MP Julian Huppert will this Friday June 7 launch the city's fourth annual Open Eco Homes event. The event, organised by Cambridge Carbon Footprint will see 16 homes in and around Cambridge open their doors for guided tours, on Saturday June 15 and Sunday June 23.

The homes, including Victorian eco-fits, 1950's conversions and new custom builds, demonstrate a variety of green building ideas, including solar panels, solid wall insulation and wood burning stoves.

Mr Huppert said: "I am delighted to be invited to launch Open Eco Homes 2013. This is an excellent initiative showing how even small, simple changes around the home can help to save energy, cut down fuel bills and benefit the environment."

"By giving visitors the chance to chat to the homeowners there is a real opportunity to share ideas and gain inspiration."

The launch will include a Q&A with a panel of eco home experts, including Peter Bates, Managing Director and founder of The 80percent Company, Alex Rice, freelance low-energy building consultant, Tim Acheson of Green Hat Construction, Andy Rankin from Midsummer Energy, and environmental consultant and eco home builder Colin Harris.

There will be stalls and displays promoting a variety of green home solutions and visitors will have the chance to meet the home owners taking part in Open Eco Homes, and book their visits.

This is the second year that Howard Rice's home on St Barnabas Road has featured in Open Eco Homes. He says that visitors to his home are inspired by the way he and his wife Fiona have made their home more energy efficient, without impacting on

the period features. He says by choosing to renovate their home gradually the process has been easy.

“Anyone can do what we’ve done. Visitors see that it’s affordable and achievable.”

Eco Renovation Question Time will be held from 7.00pm this Friday June 7 at Emmanuel United Reformed Church on Trumpington Street. Booking is not necessary.

For more information on Open Eco Homes and to book visits to the homes go to [www.openecohomes.org](http://www.openecohomes.org).

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**Photos**



*MP Julian Huppert and Cambridge Carbon Footprint volunteer Elaina Roilo inspect the under floor insulation at Howard Rice’s St Barnabas Road eco home.*



*MP Julian Huppert and Cambridge Carbon Footprint volunteer Elaina Roilo inspect the wood burning stove at Howard Rice's St Barnabas Road eco home.*



*MP Julian Huppert and Cambridge Carbon Footprint volunteer Elaina Roilo inspect the Perspex insulation on Howard Rice's St Barnabas Road eco home.*



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### **Editor's notes**

The Eco Renovation Question Time event marks the launch of Open Eco Homes open days on Saturday 15th and Sunday 23rd June 2013.

Residents can choose homes to visit at [www.openecohomes.org](http://www.openecohomes.org). Bookings can be made online, or by calling Cambridge Carbon Footprint on 01223 301 842.

- With this press release are attached photos of MP Julian Huppert and Cambridge Carbon Footprint volunteer Elaine Roilo inspecting the Open Eco Home on St Barnabas Road.
- Photos of other homes are available on request from Alana Sinclair
- For interviews with Open Eco Home owners / renovators contact Alana Sinclair

### **Organisations**

- For details of Open Eco Homes see: [www.openecohomes.org](http://www.openecohomes.org)
- For details of Cambridge Carbon Footprint see: [www.cambridgecarbonfootprint.org](http://www.cambridgecarbonfootprint.org)