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# EDDINGTON

## E D I T I O N

**Autumn 2026**



The partial eclipse at Eddington, August 2026

Welcome to the Autumn 2026 Eddington Edition, a quarterly newsletter designed to keep you informed and connected with everything happening across the development. In each edition, we share the latest updates on progress, community highlights, and news from around Eddington as the neighbourhood continues to grow and evolve.

In this autumn edition, we're excited to announce the approval of Eddington's future phases and look ahead to what this will look like for our community. There's also details of the upcoming festive season and of the many things to do in Eddington - read on to find out more!

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# Eddington's future phases approved!



Eddington has reached a major milestone, with plans for the future phases of the neighbourhood receiving outline planning approval. The decision gives the green light to the next stage of Eddington's growth, building on a fantastic community.

On 16 September, Greater Cambridge Shared Planning's (GCSP) Joint Development Management Committee (JDMC) approved the University of Cambridge's plans for Eddington's future phases, subject to the signing of the Section 106 agreement.

The plans will bring up to 3,800 new homes, including 50% affordable housing for University key workers, alongside accommodation for up to 1,675 students, new employment space, community facilities and extensive green and open spaces

Together, the future phases will bring the total number of homes across Eddington to approximately 5,650, allowing the neighbourhood to grow while building on the principles that shaped its first phase.



## Building on what is already here

The first phase created a neighbourhood of homes, shops, a primary school, Storey's Field Centre, sports facilities and public spaces. The next phases expand on these foundations, offering 50% affordable key worker housing to reduce pressure on Cambridge's housing market. Plans also include student accommodation for up to 1,675 people and up to 100,000m<sup>2</sup> of employment space for research, innovation and mid-tech businesses.



## Space to live, move and spend time

More than a third of the future development will be retained as green space, featuring over 50 hectares of informal open space and 15 hectares of sports pitches. New pedestrian and cycle connections will link Eddington across wider Cambridge, expanding its focus on active travel.



## Shaped with the community

More than 1,500 community members took part in consultation for the future phases, ensuring proposals respond to local priorities and Cambridge's longer-term needs. This September's decision provides the framework from which individual detailed plans will now develop.

## What happens next?

Outline planning approval is an important milestone, but it does not mean that every detail of the future phases has now been fixed.

Instead, the Outline Planning Application establishes the overall framework for Eddington's future development. More detailed proposals for individual parts of the neighbourhood are expected to come forward through Reserved Matters Applications from early 2027.

For Eddington, the approval therefore represents both a conclusion and a beginning: an important step in the planning process and the start of the next chapter in its development.

**Matt Johnson, Head of Development at North West Cambridge Development, said:**

"The approval of Eddington's future phases allows us to move forward with a practical response to one of Cambridge's most pressing challenges. The success of the University and the city depend on people being able to find suitable and affordable places to live. By providing more homes for key workers, knowledge-intensive industries, and the wider community, these plans support the talent behind Cambridge's research, teaching and innovation.

The University has already created a vibrant neighbourhood at Eddington that fosters a strong sense of community. The future phases will build on these foundations, creating new opportunities to live, work and thrive in a sustainable location."



# Daniel Zeichner MP visits award-winning Rubicon at Eddington



Cambridge MP Daniel Zeichner recently visited Rubicon to see how thoughtful design and sustainable development are helping to create new homes and strengthen the growing community at Eddington.

The 186-home development, designed by Alison Brooks Architects, brings together market and University housing around shared landscaped courtyards and communal spaces. Earlier this year, Rubicon received a prestigious RIBA East Award, recognising the quality of its architecture and residential design.

During his visit, Daniel was shown around the development and met residents, while exploring some of the thinking behind Rubicon's design and how it contributes to the wider Eddington neighbourhood.

The visit also provided an opportunity to look ahead to Eddington's future, following the recent approval of plans for the next phases of the neighbourhood.

Rubicon offers a glimpse of the approach that will continue as Eddington grows: creating high-quality homes alongside shared spaces, landscaping and the wider infrastructure that helps a community thrive.

**Reflecting on his visit, Daniel Zeichner MP said:**

"I really now see the care and skill and love that has gone into designing these places. I have met some of the residents who clearly love living here, so it has been a great experience."

# Life-saving skills at Eddington

More than 250 people came together at Storey's Field Centre this October for Restart a Heart Day, learning essential CPR skills and how to use a defibrillator.

The hands-on sessions welcomed people from across the University and local community, including 80 children and staff from the University of Cambridge Primary School, giving participants the chance to practise potentially life-saving skills and build confidence in responding to an emergency.

Now in its third year, the partnership has helped train more than 575 people in CPR. Attendees also raised £175 for the Cambridge Community Response Car, supporting vital life-saving equipment.

You can continue to support the Cambridge Community Response Car through its [JustGiving page](#).



# Eight years of Eddie's Community Cafe



**the free community cafe**

A much-loved part of Eddington life is celebrating a special milestone this November, as Eddie's Community Café turns eight years old.

Run by New Life Church at Storey's Field Centre, the weekly café gives neighbours the chance to meet, catch up and make new friends over tea and cake.

The community is invited to come together for a special eighth birthday celebration on Monday 9 November, from 9.30am to 11am at Storey's Field Centre.

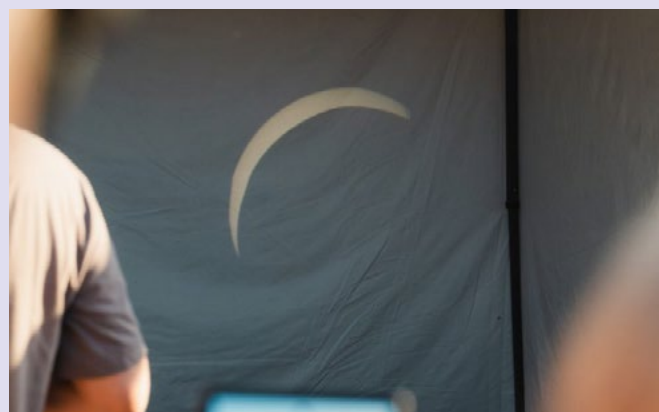
Come along, enjoy a slice of cake and help celebrate eight years of bringing the Eddington community together.

# The eclipse at Eddington

Hundreds of residents, families and visitors came together at Eddington this summer to witness a rare astronomical spectacle, as a 90% partial solar eclipse passed over the UK.



Led by local resident Will Hay, the community gathering gave people the chance to safely watch the eclipse through a telescopic projection system. The moon began moving across the sun at 6.17pm, reaching its peak at 7.12pm, when 90% of the sun was obscured.



For Eddington, the occasion had an extra special connection. The neighbourhood takes its name from Sir Arthur Eddington, the pioneering astrophysicist whose observations of a solar eclipse helped confirm Albert Einstein's theory of relativity. With the University of Cambridge's Institute of Astronomy nearby, it was a fitting place to come together and look to the skies.

As the eclipse came to an end, the evening's stargazing continued, with residents staying out to watch the Perseid meteor shower.

**It made for a memorable summer evening celebrating science, discovery and community, with a particularly Eddington connection.**



## Save the date: Douce's Christmas Flea!

After a successful summer pop-up, Douce's Flea event makes a return for a Christmas special on Saturday 28 November from 10am-3pm in Eddington Square.

Enjoy curated stalls, Christmas tree sales, a pop-up bar, food vans and festive entertainment.

There will also be a Christmas special Bring Your Own Vinyl night at Douce's salon. Christmas jumpers encouraged!



## Community updates



## Making it easier to get around Eddington

Getting around Eddington on foot or by bike has become easier following the completion of new pedestrian and cycling improvements.

A new zebra crossing has opened at the junction of Eddington Avenue and Milne Avenue, alongside a new parallel crossing for pedestrians and cyclists on Turing Way at The Ridgeway. The improvements are designed to make journeys around Eddington safer and more accessible.

The new crossings also respond to feedback from residents and stakeholders calling for improved pedestrian facilities, and form part of the University of Cambridge's wider commitment to creating a walkable, sustainable community where active travel is an easy choice for everyday journeys.



## New NHS facility taking shape

Work is progressing on the new NHS health facility at Eddington, bringing local healthcare services closer to the growing community.

The internal fit-out is expected to be completed in the first half of 2027, with the facility looking to open in summer of next year.

The purpose-designed facility on Eddington Avenue will provide a valuable new addition to Eddington's growing community infrastructure.

# What's Next

There are plenty of brilliant events and activities in Eddington to get involved in. Whatever you're interested in, there's something to join. See below to find out what's on!



## Eddington Arts Autumn Fair

Every second Saturday of the month

**Date:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November  
10:30am - 4:30pm

**Location:** Storey's Field Centre

Eddington Arts Autumn Fair is back for 2026! Join us for a celebration of creativity, arts and crafts. More information coming soon!



## Astronomy evening

**Date:** Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
5:30pm - 6:30pm

**Location:** The path behind Storey's Field Centre, look for the red lights

Join resident Will Hay for star-gazing with the community! Register here: [www.eddingtonastronomy.carrd.co](http://www.eddingtonastronomy.carrd.co)



## Bring your own vinyl (BYOV) Amateur DJ night

Every last Saturday of the month

**Next event:** Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
7pm - 11pm

**Location:** Douce

Bring your own vinyl, or borrow from the collection and play a 20 minute set. No DJ experience needed - just arrive early to secure a slot with resident DJ Rob the Local.



## Tombola Night at La Pizzica

Every Sunday for five weeks

**Next event:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
4pm - 6pm

**Location:** La Pizzica

From Sunday 15 November, join the La Pizzica team for five Sundays of Tombola, with two games each afternoon at 4pm and 5pm. Shout out for ambo, terno, quaterna and cinquina as your numbers come up, with prizes all the way to the big one: TOMBOLA! No need to book, simply come along!

## Have your say



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What would you like to hear more about?

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