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# EDDINGTON

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Welcome to the Spring 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 spring issue, we're excited to show you all the ways you can travel around Eddington, whether that be by foot, cycle or bus. You'll also find an update on the Future Phases planning application, plus a roundup of all the upcoming events and activities you won't want to miss.

If you have any questions about Eddington, please get in touch at: [consultation@eddington-cambridge.co.uk](mailto:consultation@eddington-cambridge.co.uk)

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# Moving differently: active travel in Eddington

At Eddington, getting around has never been an afterthought. It's been designed into the fabric of the community.

Following the submission of plans for the Future Phases in September 2025, submission of plans for the next phase, around 3,800 additional homes are proposed alongside new green space and community infrastructure. Underpinning it is a clear ambition: to make walking, cycling and low-carbon travel the most straightforward ways to get around.



## Eddington Future Phases Planning Application Update

The Outline Planning Application (OPA) for Eddington's Future Phases was submitted in September 2025 and validated in October 2025. Following the submission of the OPA, discussions have taken place with Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service (GCSP) planning and design officers, as well as statutory and non-statutory consultees.

These discussions have helped shape a number of refinements to the proposals, aimed at strengthening the application and responding to feedback.

### What's changed?

- Stronger green links, buffers and shared spaces
- Zones and heights pulled back from Huntingdon Road and Conduit Head Road
- Clearer access, a segregated cycle route and updated highways

### What stays the same?

- The overall scale of development
- The site boundary
- The description of the development

### What happens next?

The amendments have been submitted and validated, and the application will be considered by the GCSP's Joint Development Management Committee (JDMC) in the coming months.

### View the planning details online:

- Cambridge City Council: 25/03746/OUT
- South Cambridgeshire District Council: 25/03753/OUT



## A network built for people

The future phases continue the prioritisation of an interconnected network of walking and cycling routes, designed to reach every home, park and public space. These routes will connect with existing routes into Cambridge, reinforcing Eddington's role as a place where active travel is the default rather than the alternative.

Cycling is central to this, with continuous routes designed to support direct journeys across the site and into the wider city network. Walking is similarly prioritised, with short distances between homes, amenities and green spaces shaping everyday movement.

Rather than adapting streets to accommodate cyclists and pedestrians, the plans invert the traditional hierarchy. Movement is structured around people first, with vehicle access carefully managed to reduce conflict and create safer, more comfortable streets. The result is quieter, greener environments that prioritise play, social interaction and everyday movement on foot or by bike.



## Designing for a low-car lifestyle

Eddington already sees a high proportion of journeys made by walking, cycling and public transport, and the future phases have been designed to build on that.

### Key features include:

- Low-speed streets that prioritise pedestrians
- Segregated cycle routes for all ages and abilities
- Strong connections to routes beyond the site, supporting commuting without a car

Public transport also sits within this mix. The Universal bus service links Eddington to the city centre, railway station and other key destinations, often used alongside walking and cycling rather than replacing them.



## Active travel as placemaking

At Eddington, movement is closely tied to how spaces are experienced. Streets are not just routes, but places to spend time. Neighbourhood areas are designed to encourage walking, cycling and social interaction, with green spaces and informal play areas integrating movement into everyday life.

As Eddington expands, its approach to active travel becomes increasingly significant. It offers a model for how large-scale urban growth can prioritise sustainable movement from the outset. The aim is straightforward: a place where walking and cycling feel like the natural way to move.

# Resident Profiles

In this series, we interview Eddington residents, learning more about their experiences of living in Eddington and how it supports their work at the University of Cambridge.



## THASNIM AND ABSHAR

Thasnim and Abshar have lived in Eddington since December 2025. Thasnim works as an NHS doctor, while Abshar is a Contracts Manager at the University of Cambridge's Cancer Data Driver Detection programme.

### What do you enjoy most about living in Eddington?

We moved here around Christmas last year and were immediately drawn to the modern architectural design, the sense of safety, and how eco-friendly the area is.

### How would you describe the sense of community here?

It is very warm and welcoming. There are frequent community events, almost every week, which bring people together and celebrate different cultures.

### Why is Eddington the perfect place for you?

It offers a great balance, excellent transport accessibility, nearby supermarkets, and lovely open spaces like playgrounds for evening strolls. It truly feels like a wonderful place to build a life.

### What does your work focus on?

I am a medical doctor, trained in India, currently preparing for exams to continue my clinical training within the NHS. I have a strong interest in research, public health, and lifestyle medicine, and have contributed to research groups and associated studies.

### What does your husband's work focus on?

My husband is a lawyer with a background in corporate law and medical negligence litigation. He currently works at the University of Cambridge as a Contracts Manager for the Cancer Research UK CRUK Cancer Data Driven Detection CD3 programme, focusing on research and funding agreements for collaborative projects.

### How do you feel Eddington supports a work life balance and a healthy lifestyle?

Eddington makes it easy to maintain a healthy lifestyle, the walkable spaces, greenery, and peaceful surroundings naturally support a balanced routine.

### What makes Eddington feel like home to you?

It is the sense of community that truly makes Eddington feel like home. Since I have recently moved to a new country, the warmth and welcoming nature of people here help me feel less homesick and more settled. Living in this residential space also makes it easy to meet new people and form friendships.

### How do you feel that Eddington celebrates diversity?

The regular community events and inclusive environment genuinely celebrate different cultures. It feels like everyone is welcomed and valued.

### Can you tell us a bit about your Eid celebrations at Eddington?

Eid follows a month of fasting during the holy month of Ramadan, a time of faith, reflection, and discipline. It is then celebrated as a day of joy by Muslims around the world. For Eid, we attended the morning prayer at the central mosque and video called our family back home. We kept a simple decor at home, prepared a traditional lunch and desserts, and decorated and lit up our space. It was a warm and meaningful celebration, and we would love for the community to learn more about our culture and traditions through it.

# Lease signed for new Eddington Health Facility

A major milestone has been reached for healthcare in Eddington, as the University of Cambridge signs a lease agreement with NHS Property Services for a new local health facility.



This important step strengthens the provision of accessible, high-quality healthcare for Eddington's growing community and the wider surrounding area.

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

"This is an important milestone for Eddington. Securing the lease with the NHS helps ensure that high-quality healthcare provision will be part of the fabric of this community. It will be a great community facility that responds directly to the needs of residents and adds further to the services and infrastructure being delivered for both Eddington and the wider neighbourhood."



Located on Eddington Avenue, the purpose-designed building will support access to healthcare services. While the building itself was completed during the first phase of development, this agreement formally secures its future use by the NHS and enables the next stage of work to begin.

Internal fit-out works are scheduled to take place throughout 2026, with construction activity on site during this period. The new health facility is expected to begin serving the community from 2027.

# Trustees sought for Storey's Field Centre

An exciting opportunity has opened up to support one of Eddington's key community spaces, as new volunteer trustees are sought for the Storey's Field Community Trust.

Storey's Field Centre sits at the heart of the neighbourhood, hosting a wide range of cultural, social, and community activities. The Trust is now looking to welcome new independent trustees to help guide its future and ensure it continues to thrive.

This is a voluntary role offering the chance to make a meaningful impact, with board meetings held every two months and support provided to trustees.

If you're passionate about community, culture, and inclusive spaces, this is a great opportunity to get involved.

Apply by Friday 22 May 2026 by emailing: [secretary@storeysfieldcentre.org.uk](mailto:secretary@storeysfieldcentre.org.uk) with a short statement of interest and your contact details.



# Eddington Beer Garden 2026



The Eddington Beer Garden 2026 returned for three days of music, food, and community celebration. Now firmly established as a highlight of the local calendar, read on to find out the highlights from Eddington's event season kick off!

From Friday evening through to Sunday afternoon, Eddington Square was transformed into an open-air venue. Residents and visitors alike gathered to enjoy the early summer sunshine, creating a fun and steady buzz throughout the weekend.

A brilliant line-up drew crowds toward the stage - Saturday in particular saw a strong turnout, with audiences enjoying the entertainment into the evening to make the most of a longer day and brilliant programme, which included Fran Lusty, an indie-folk singer-songwriter who was the teaser act from Cambridge Folk Festival, as well as the fantastic 3-piece band Allergy, who sang crowd favourites as the audience sang right back.

A fantastic line up of Cambridge street food vendors - from the beloved Yorkshire pudding wrap van Wrapunzel, to BBQ legends Pig-Casso's - were on hand to keep visitors fed and happy, with a global selection of savoury and sweet treats for everyone to enjoy.

Drinks, as ever, were at the heart of the weekend. Local breweries showcased a selection of craft beers and cask ales, with Mockology serving some brilliant non-alcoholic options so that everyone could enjoy a drink in the Square.

What stood out most was the sense of Eddington community. The young and the young-at-heart ventured out to welcome the early signs of summer, with a real and exciting feel of camaraderie all around.

As the Square returned to its usual rhythm, the impression left behind is that the Beer Garden has become a defining part of the local spring calendar. Thank you to all in the local community who supported this event.



# Eddington Carnival - get involved!



Calling all Cambridge-based community groups, charities and social enterprises - be a part of Eddington Carnival, 17 - 18 July 2026.

After an incredible debut last year, the Eddington Carnival returns for 2026: bigger, brighter, and perfectly timed for the height of summer.

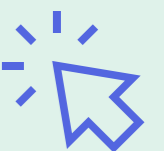
The first carnival brought together a vibrant, multicultural community in a celebration full of energy, creativity, and connection. It was a joyful showcase of cultures, traditions, and shared experiences, capturing the true spirit of Eddington as a place where everyone belongs.

This year, we're building on that momentum to create an even more dynamic and inclusive event. The 2026 carnival will continue to grow as a platform for local participation, and will feature our first parade!

We're now inviting community groups, charities, social enterprises, entertainers, activity providers, food traders, and stallholders to get involved and help shape this year's celebration. If you'd like to be part of something special, we'd love to hear from you.

[Click here](#)

Complete the short application form link here and the team will be in touch.



# 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 Ecology Walking Tours

Next event: Monday 1st June,  
11:30am - 12:30pm  
or 1pm - 2pm

Location: Meet at Eddington Square

Discover some of the amazing habitats and features created in Eddington in this brilliant walking tour, led by Mike Dean, the project's ecologist. There will be two walks on 1st June, please do come along to whichever works for you!

Click [here](#) to book online and secure your free space.



## Park Yoga

Every Sunday

Next event: Sunday 24 May,  
9:30am - 10:30am

Location: Storey's Field Park

Park Yoga is back! From May, Storey's Field will be host to the ever-popular group session - no need to book, just bring a yoga mat or towel and a bottle of water.



## Sports in the Square

Every second Saturday of the month

Next event: Saturday 13 June,  
10am - 2pm

Location: Eddington Square

Sports in the Square is a new monthly pop-up series hosted by the University Sports Service in Eddington Square. Come along to your favourite sport or to try something new this summer, with no booking required.

Dates & times:

13 June: Football

11 July: Tennis

8 August: Summer garden games

12 September: Padel / squash



## Jazz Night

Every first Friday of the month

Next event: Friday 5th June,  
6:30pm - 9pm

Location: The Star Man  
Restaurant, Hyatt  
Centric Cambridge

Join us for a relaxed night of smooth jazz and signature cocktails! Expect soulful performances right in the heart of Eddington.

## Have your say



Do you enjoy the Eddington Edition?  
What have you liked reading?  
What would you like to hear more about?

Do you have any suggestions for content in a future edition?

Do you know any local heroes or great businesses you think we should showcase?

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