



Cambridgeshire Mammal Group



Events and Projects - 2025

Here is news of the Group's events and projects that are known to be happening and planned for 2025. Other events further into 2025 are due for discussion and confirmation at future business meetings.

If you are not a member and would like a 'trial run' at an event before joining - e-mail the Group at: cambsmammal@gmail.com

Firstly, however, the Group has decided to terminate forthwith the production of a third edition of the Cambridgeshire Mammal Atlas (originally intended for publication in 2026). All the relevant records are available on the web on iRecord (<https://www.brc.ac.uk/irecord/>) and/or are with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Environmental Records Centre (CPERC).

Two major ongoing exercises:

1 - Re-surveying of badger setts throughout the county as recorded in the Group's database, with the incidental recording of setts not already in that database. Members and others who would like to be involved - contact us asap via the Group's e-mail address (on the front page of this website and above). Spring is THE time for this surveying! (Re)training can be arranged if needed.

2 - 'CambsMammalSpot' continues

This is part of a joint project with the county Wildlife Trust and is based on 'MammalWeb' - see: <https://www.mammalweb.org/en/project-list>. The local project is in that project list. Our Group is extending the recording of mammals in Cambridgeshire beyond the scope of MammalWeb (which is based solely on trail cam records) to include records (**however obtained**) of all the species of wild mammals (alive or dead, native and non-native) in the county. Records can be of sightings, tracks, other field signs, etc. - not just trail cam photos. Records can be put into the **MammalMapper** or **iRecord** apps - no paperwork involved! And no particular expertise - in both cases the records will be verified after entry on the app.

An 'Activity' has been set up on iRecord - go to:

<https://www.brc.ac.uk/irecord/> To add a record you can simply add a record without 'Registering' at all or even finding the 'Activity'. However, we hope you will 'Register' and look under 'Browse all activities' to find '**CambsMammalSpot**' (it's on page 7 of the Activities at the time of writing). Click on the 'gold star' button (on the right in the 'Actions' column) to add it to your Activities - next time you log in you'll be able to click on 'Activities' and you'll go straight to CambsMammalSpot! If you want it, training is available on the site itself.

Everyone (be they a member of the Group or a member of the public) is welcome to join in with CambsMammalSpot - contact us via our e-mail address on the front page of the website, or just start recording!

Late 2024 and very early 2025:

Events included particularly three very successful harvest mouse nest surveys (this surveying is an autumn/winter project and therefore concluded for this winter) and continuing with the badger sett work. Anyone (member or not) wishing to get involved in those or any other of the Group's activities in the future - please contact us via our e-mail address on the front page of the website and below.

2025 events known to date:

Hereunder are details of dates, times and venues for Group events arranged to date for 2025.

Date	Time	Location	Leader	Description
08/03/2025	1pm-3pm	Arbury Community Centre	PP	Owl pellet dissection
22 & 16/03/2025	var	Beck Brook, Girton	PP	Water vole surveying (external)
03/04/2025	6pm	Lower Wood	PP	New volunteer day
04/04/2025	8am	Lower Wood	PP	New volunteer day
07/06/2025	6pm	Hope Farm RSPB	PP	Mammal survey set up
08/06/2025	8am	Hope Farm RSPB	PP	Mammal survey results & display stand
13/06/2025	6pm	Hobsons Park North	PP	Mammal survey set up
14/06/2025	8am	Hobsons Park North	PP	Mammal survey results
14/06/2025	6pm	Coveney Church	PP/JB	Mammal survey set up
15/06/2025	8am	Coveney Church	PP/JB	Mammal survey results
27/06/2025	6pm	Coton Orchard	PP/PK	Mammal survey set up
28/06/2025	8am	Coton Orchard	PP/PK	Mammal survey results
29/06/2025	10am-4pm	Riverside Park, Huntingdon	PP/JD/P-A	'Wild About Hunts' - display stand
05/07/2025	6pm	Logan's Meadow	PP/PK	Mammal survey set up
06/07/2025	8am	Logan's Meadow	PP/PK	Mammal survey results
17/07/2025	tbc	St Ives Corn Exchange	PP	Talk on 'Otters'
25/10/2024	10am	Wicken Fen	LJ	Harvest Mice Survey
15/11/2025	10am	Hope Farm RSPB	LJ	Harvest Mice Survey
26/11/2025	11am	Greenwillows, Warboys	LJ	Harvest Mice Survey

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Dated: 16 February 2025