



# Cambridgeshire Mammal Group



## Events and Projects - very late 2024 and early 2025

Here is news of the Group's events and projects that are known to be happening and planned for very late 2024 and early 2025.

Other events 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](mailto:cambsmammal@gmail.com)

### Known events for the remainder of 2024:

There's only one event left in 2024.

#### November

**30** - Harvest Mice Nest Surveying at Wicken Fen (including White Fen). Join us at 11am for an hour or two of searching for harvest mice nests. No experience needed. For more details please email Lorraine Jenkins at [ljjobson@gmail.com](mailto:ljjobson@gmail.com)

### Three major ongoing exercises:

#### 1 - The next edition of the Cambridgeshire Mammal Atlas - due 2026

Records are still being collected for the Atlas - the previous edition (the second) was published in 2016 and contained records collected during the period 2004 to 2014. Therefore the new edition will contain records collected during the period 2014 to 2024.

#### **The end date for records to be added is 31 December 2024.**

If you can add records they will be very welcome - iRecord is the place to enter them - details of our 'Activity' are below.

**2 - 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). Spring is THE time for this surveying! (Re)training can be arranged if needed.

### 3 - '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!

### Into 2025:

Events will include particularly harvest mouse nest surveying on several other sites (this is an autumn/winter project which goes into early 2025) 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 - please contact us via our e-mail address on the front page of the website. Other events will be published on the website when dates and places are finalised.

**Dated: 16 November 2024**