



# Cambridgeshire Mammal Group



## Events and Projects - mid-2024 on

Here is news of the Group's events and projects that are known to be happening and planned for late 2024. Other events into 2024 and into 2025 are due for discussion and confirmation at future business meetings.

### Known events for 2024:

Members have been sent a spreadsheet showing all the events known so far for 2024 for which they can volunteer to help. The list below has some events arranged since the spreadsheet was circulated - please check and see where and what you can volunteer for. The events include particularly overnight small mammal surveying at several locations in the county, and some general mammal surveying on various sites in the county.

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) Below are the July through November events known about so far.

### July

**2/3** - Small Mammal Surveying in the Community Orchard in Little Shelford.

**4/5** - Small Mammal Surveying in the grounds of the Gretton School in Girton.

**20/21** - Small Mammal Surveying in the Pocket Park in Linton.

### August

**3** - We'll be having a display stand at Shepreth Wildlife Park - see: <https://sheprethwildlifepark.co.uk/>

**24/25** - Small Mammal Surveying at Logan's Meadow Local Nature Reserve off Logan's Way in Cambridge.

### September

**21** - 'Tracks and Signs' training course in Gamlingay - run by a trainer from the Mammal Society. Members of the Group will be able to attend free (using a link recently sent to them), and members of the public will be able to book places soon.

**29** - We will be at the Wild About Huntingdon Festival at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park. Come along to find out what we do or bring the kids along to make mammal bookmarks. Find out more at <https://www.facebook.com/WildAboutHuntingdon/>

## October

**5** - A badger sett survey training day at Fowlmere RSPB reserve - led by members of the Group (or see below for a second opportunity). .

**12/13** - Small Mammal Surveying in Cambourne in association with the Wildlife Trust.

**20** - A second badger sett training day (in Hayley Wood this time) for those members who couldn't make the day on 5 October - led by a member of the Group.

**26** - Harvest Mice Nest Surveying at Barton. Join us at 10am for an hour or two of searching for harvest mice nests. No experience needed. For more details please email Lorraine Jenkins at [ljobson@gmail.com](mailto:ljobson@gmail.com)

## November

**9** - Harvest Mice Nest Surveying at Warboys. 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 [ljobson@gmail.com](mailto:ljobson@gmail.com)

**30** - Harvest Mice Nest Surveying at Wicken Fen (?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 [ljobson@gmail.com](mailto:ljobson@gmail.com)

## Three major ongoing exercises:

### **1 - The next edition of the Cambridgeshire Mammal Atlas - due 2016**

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 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! You'll see above that (re)training has been 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: 29 June 2024**