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# Living in and Around Cambridge 2017-18



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## 1. PROPERTY

Property prices in Cambridge have continued to rise over the last few years due to the buoyant employment market, strength of the local economy, excellent schools, University of Cambridge and good links to London. Therefore, we would encourage candidates to research the area before interview. For details of local estate agents please see the back of this booklet.

A number of staff live in villages or towns in and around Cambridge and some further afield. In particular the City of Ely and its surrounding villages offer property at lower cost than in Cambridge and south Cambridgeshire. There are excellent transport links in Cambridgeshire including the A14/M11. Cambridgeshire also has the longest guided busway in the world which provides a reliable, fast and frequent



service linking St Ives, Huntingdon and Cambridge as an alternative to driving on the busy A14. In addition there are mainline train services giving access to areas such as Kings Lynn, Ely, Newmarket, Royston, Letchworth, Hitchin, Saffron Walden and Bishops Stortford.

## 2. LIFESTYLE AND LEISURE

You should be able to find the lifestyle you want in Cambridgeshire and its neighbouring counties, from vibrant in the urban areas to more peaceful and relaxing in the surrounding villages. Railway connections to Kings Cross and Liverpool Street stations are excellent and the peaceful Norfolk and Suffolk coastline is only a short drive away. The following pages are a brief guide to some of the towns that surround Cambridge.

## 3. CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge is most famous for its historic university. For those interested in architecture and history, Cambridge has some fine buildings, many of which can be viewed from the River Cam on a guided punt tour. You can also take a punt to Granchester, home to 'The Orchard' tea rooms, which also houses a small museum to Rupert Brooke. Alternatively, there are many bars and restaurants by the river where you can sit outside and watch the boats go by. The Fitzwilliam Museum houses a collection of national importance and there are many opportunities to listen to or participate in a wide range of musical and cultural events in the city. Cambridge has many major amenities including three cinemas, two in the centre of town and one just across the road from the College; a ten pin bowling alley also situated across from the College; three public swimming pools which are all fairly central; and an outdoor pool set in an ideal location next to the river Cam.

Within Cambridge you will find some of the best shopping in the region. The bustling city centre market square, with a market every day of the week, is at the heart of Cambridge's shopping district and close to the Grand Arcade where most well-known stores can be found, including John Lewis. The Grafton Shopping Centre is located five minutes away from the city centre. In addition there are many arts, craft and book fairs, and Mill Road, which is Cambridge's most cosmopolitan area, provides a wide and diverse shopping experience. After dark the landscape transforms from that of punts, shops and sunny views to one of candlelit restaurants, traditional pubs and sophisticated clubs and bars.



For more information on Cambridge go to <http://www.visitcambridge.org/>

## 4. CAMBOURNE

Cambourne is located nine miles west of Cambridge along the A428. The development of Cambourne started in 1998 and is the largest settlement in South Cambridgeshire. There are apartments and houses from one to six bedrooms, retirement homes and affordable housing. Cambourne has similar amenities to a town, including schools; a high street offering familiar shops and facilities; a fitness and sports centre; a four star hotel with swimming pool and leisure facilities; as well as bars and restaurants. Cambourne also has its own Eco-park which is home to a number of different species.



For more information on Cambourne visit: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cambourne>

## 5. ELY

Ely is approximately 16 miles northeast of Cambridge along the A10 and with a regular direct train service to Cambridge taking about 20 minutes. Ely Cathedral dominates the City and houses a stained glass museum as well as being of considerable architectural interest. The River Ouse flows through the City with opportunities to take a cruise or hire a rowing boat. There are also a few pubs and restaurants by the river bank where you can enjoy the views. Shopping in Ely is easy and convenient with a number of well-known shops and a good mix of specialist shops. It also offers a busy market on a Thursday; a craft market every Saturday; and a Farmers' market every third Saturday.



For more information on Ely please visit <http://www.ely.org.uk>

## 6. LETCHWORTH

Letchworth is located in North Hertfordshire and is approximately 45 minutes by road from Cambridge, accessible via the A10 and A505. There are also excellent rail links between Letchworth and Cambridge with journeys taking around 30 minutes. Planned by Ebenezer Howard to combine the best of 'town and country' living, Letchworth Garden City offers a unique heritage and some interesting places to explore. The Garden City Greenway provides a 13-mile route which circles the town. In the town centre you will find a mix of attractions with specialist shops; various restaurants; an art deco four-screen cinema; the International Garden Cities Exhibition; an arts centre and regular farmers' markets. There are also golf courses, an outdoor swimming pool and the North Herts Leisure Centre close by.



For more information on Letchworth please visit <http://www.lethworth.com>

## 7. NEWMARKET

Newmarket is a historic market town in Suffolk approximately 12 miles northwest of Cambridge along the A14. There is also a direct rail link between Newmarket and Cambridge with journeys taking around 20 minutes. Newmarket, otherwise known as 'The Home of Racing', is famous for its horseracing history. There are two racecourses in Newmarket. The Rowley Mile Course is the grand stage - host to some of the best racing in the world during the spring and autumn months, whilst The July Course is a heart stirring place of pure English countryside, garden party atmosphere and top entertainment at the height of summer. During the summer season 'Newmarket Nights' sees a great line-up of musical entertainment with an open-air concert by well-known bands or artists after the races have finished. It is also home to the National Stud which is open for tours during the summer months.



For more information on Newmarket please visit:

<http://newmarket.thejockeyclub.co.uk/>

<http://www.nationalstud.co.uk/tours/>

## 8. ROYSTON

Royston is situated approximately 12 miles southwest of Cambridge on the border of Hertfordshire along the A10. There are regular direct trains into Cambridge with journeys taking around 20 minutes. Royston is a small market town surrounded by numerous attractive villages. There is an 18-hole golf course on Therfield Heath with spectacular views overlooking Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire.



For more information on Royston please visit:

[http://www.roystontowncouncil.gov.uk/Royston-TC/roystons\\_history-7313.aspx](http://www.roystontowncouncil.gov.uk/Royston-TC/roystons_history-7313.aspx)

## 9. SAFFRON WALDEN

Saffron Walden is a medieval market town located in north-west Essex 20 miles to the south of Cambridge. It has a rich heritage of old buildings, including the magnificent Jacobean mansion Audley End House. Saffron Walden has many interesting historic buildings. At the heart lies St Mary's Church, the largest parish church in Essex. On the north side of town is Bridge End Garden, a restored Victorian garden of great charm with a wonderful yew hedge maze and sunken Dutch Garden. A market has been held in Saffron Walden since 1141 with shoppers enjoying browsing and buying goods from a variety of market stalls. Beyond the market place there are also many independent shops and eating places to choose from. There is also a frequent train service between Audley End and Cambridge with journeys taking approximately 20 minutes.



For more information on Saffron Walden please visit: <http://www.visitsaffronwalden.gov.uk/>

## 10. TRAVEL

There are excellent modes of transport into Cambridge which are very accessible and easy to use and help avoid commuter congestion. These include:

### Cycling

With over 80 miles of cycle lanes and routes Cambridgeshire is one of the best places in the country to cycle. A map of the cycle routes in Cambridge and the surrounding villages can be downloaded from the Cambridgeshire Council Website:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/cycling/cycle-routes-and-maps/>

### Park & Ride

Cambridge Park & Ride have direct buses to the city centre from the following routes:

- Newmarket Road P&R to Madingley Road P&R
- Trumpington P&R to Cambridge City Centre P&R
- Milton P&R to Babraham P&R

For timetables visit: <http://cambridgeparkandride.info/>

### Buses

Stagecoach offers a network of frequent and reliable buses providing excellent access to all parts of Cambridge. There are different types of tickets available including the City Megarider which offers unlimited travel on Citi buses for seven days.

For timetables visit: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/buses/bus-timetables/>

The Cambridgeshire Guided Busway connects Cambridge, Huntingdon and St Ives. The two guided sections make up 16 miles of the route. The north section stops at Oakington, Longstanton and Histon; the south section links Cambridge railway station, Addenbrooke's Hospital and the park and ride site at Trumpington. There is ample cycle parking available at all stops.

For timetables visit:

<http://www.thebusway.info/routes-times.shtml>

### Trains

Great Northern serves Cambridge station via the following:

- London Liverpool Street via the West Anglia Main Line, calling at Cheshunt, Broxbourne, Harlow, Bishops's Stortford Audley End and Cambridge. During the morning peak some services start back from King's Lynn or Ely, and during the evening peak some are extended beyond Cambridge to Ely and King's Lynn. There are typically three services each hour, two stopping and one semi-fast.
- An hourly service between Cambridge and Norwich via the Breckland Line.
- An hourly service between Cambridge and Ipswich.

First Capital Connect serves Cambridge as follows:

- London King's Cross non-stop to Cambridge. There are also hourly semi-fast trains between Cambridge and London calling at Royston, Baldock, Letchworth Garden City, Hitchin, Stevenage and Finsbury Park and an hourly stopping train to London King's Cross calling at all stations between Foxton and Hitchin, then Stevenage, Knebworth, Welwyn North, Welwyn Garden City, Hatfield, Potters Bar and Finsbury Park.

- Travelling northbound there are hourly services to Fen Line stations calling at Waterbeach, Ely, Littleport, Downham Market, Watlington and King's Lynn. Off-peak these trains run non-stop between Cambridge and King's Cross but during peak hours additional stops are usually made.

## 11. ESTATE AGENTS AND PROPERTY CONSULTANTS IN THE CAMBRIDGE AREA

Applicants are advised to familiarise themselves with house prices/rental costs in the Cambridge area when considering factors which may influence their application.

Below are a number of local estates agents for buying/letting.

### **Bidwells Property Consultants**

Address: Stonecross, Trumpington High Street,  
Cambridge CB2 2SU  
Telephone: (01223) 841842  
<http://www.bidwells.co.uk>

### **Bush and Co**

Address: 169 Mill Road, Cambridge CB1 3AN  
Telephone: (01223) 246262  
<http://www.bushsales.co.uk>

Telephone: (01223) 508085  
<http://www.bushlettings.co.uk/>

### **Carter Jonas Bradshaw**

Address: 6-8 Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 1NH  
Telephone: (01223) 368771  
<http://www.carterjonas.co.uk/>

### **Cheffins Residential**

Address: Clifton House, 1 & 2 Clifton Road,  
Cambridge, CB1 7EA  
Telephone: (01223) 214214  
<http://www.cheffins.co.uk/>

### **Savills**

Address: Unex House, 132-134 Hills Road,  
Cambridge  
Telephone: (01223) 347000  
<http://www.savills.co.uk>

### **Haart**

Address: 64 Regent Street, Cambridge  
Telephone: (01223) 365931  
<https://www.haart.co.uk/>

### **Hockeys**

Address: 82 Regent Street, Cambridge CB2 1DP  
Telephone: (01223) 356054  
<http://www.hockeys.co.uk>

### **Pocock & Shaw**

Address: 55 Regent Street, Cambridge CB2 1AB  
Telephone: (01223) 322552  
<http://www.pocock.co.uk>

### **Redmayne Arnold & Harris**

Address: 2 Dukes Court, 54-64 Newmarket Road,  
Cambridge CB5 8DZ  
Telephone: (01223) 323130  
<http://www.rah.co.uk>

### **Tucker Gardner Partnership**

Address: Bateman House, 82-88 Hills Road,  
Cambridge CB2 1LQ  
Telephone: (01223) 508508  
<http://www.tuckergardner.com>

### **Vincent Shaw Estate Agents**

Address: 1 The Broadway, Cambridge CB1 3AH  
Telephone: (01223) 243900  
<http://www.vincentshaw.net>

### **Rightmove**

<http://www.rightmove.co.uk>

### **Zoopla**

<https://www.zoopla.co.uk/for-sale/>

We hope the information in this booklet has been helpful.

