

## AWARDS

### Landscape Institute Awards 2010

DESIGN OVER 5 HA:  
Cambourne Green Infrastructure: Winner

LOCAL LANDSCAPE PLANNING:  
Cambourne, 21 years in the making: Highly Commended

### Homebuilder's Federation Awards 2005

GREENLEAF AWARD  
Cambourne Landscapes

### Mail on Sunday National Home Builder Design Awards 2004

BEST LANDSCAPING OF A DEVELOPMENT:  
Cambourne: Highly Commended

**Taylor  
Wimpey**



# CAMBOURNE

***"Development at Cambourne, has ... successfully built in biodiversity as an integral part of the masterplan. Biodiversity (has been) safeguarded and enhanced as the development progressed"***

Memorandum by English Nature to  
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister April 2003

***"we can build to the quality of Cambourne...  
or the standard of Slough"***

Jon Rouse, Chief Executive CABE. The Times 2004

***"The sensitive landscaping at Cambourne has played a critical role in  
its success as a wildlife Haven"***

Natural World Magazine  
September 2010

***"The judges were impressed by the understated yet bold landscape  
strategy ... flexible, robust and resilient"***

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## Cambourne life

### The vision

Cambourne is a bustling new community nine miles west of Cambridge which started life in 1998 and is being nurtured by two of the UK's leading house builders Taylor Wimpey and Bovis. It's a visionary settlement which sets out to combine the benefits of village life with fabulous new facilities and sound ecological principles.

### A thriving settlement

Cambourne has three distinct neighbourhoods - Great Cambourne, Lower Cambourne and Upper Cambourne each set around a village green and each separated from each other by inspiring swathes of green open spaces, lakes and woodlands. 4,250 homes are planned with over 3,200 now occupied.

Cambourne has been planned to offer a diverse mix of homes, as well as shops, schools, sports facilities, a church, a library, a hotel, a state of the art BMW/Mini showroom and a medical centre to name just a few of its many attractions. The new business park will eventually provide over 5,000 jobs and is already home to a number of prestigious organisations. Indeed South Cambridgeshire District Council believe so strongly in the importance of Cambourne as a focal point for the County, that it moved its offices there in Spring 2004.



# Cambourne

## HOMES

Cambourne offers a range of highly individual homes; terraced cottages, large detached homes, townhouses and apartments. Cambourne's design aim has been to create a place designed around the needs of people and families, combining the best of traditional English village character with the benefits of 21st Century living.



## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### Supermarket & shops

The High Street is home to a host of local shops and services including Morrison's supermarket and petrol station plus a range of other outlets including a pharmacy, restaurants, coffee shop, building society, dry-cleaners, betting shop, estate agents and cycle store.



### Education

Cambourne has three primary schools: Monkfield Park Primary School, the first school to open; The Vine Inter-church primary school in Upper Cambourne and the newest school - Jeavons Wood, currently in a temporary location at the head of the High Street but soon to move into its permanent home nestled within a group of mature trees.



Although only young, Cambourne's schools have a history of prestigious accreditations, including the Sport England Active Mark; National Healthy Schools Status; Safer Routes to School; ICT Register and Naacemak, Eco-schools and Food for Life Partnership.

Cambourne's Day Nursery has facilities to look after babies as young as 12 weeks to older toddlers aged from two to three.

Comberton Village College, the secondary school which Cambourne's young people attend, has recently been named as one of the best state secondary schools in the Country and is soon to open a new secondary school campus on land immediately to the west of Cambourne.



### Other Community Facilities

- **Sports centre** - due to open late 2011 with a range of indoor sports halls and facilities
- **Health centre & library** - Sackville House is home to the library and Cambourne's own GP service.
- **Church & burial ground** - The multi-denominational church is situated at the head of the High Street.
- **Community centre** - The 'Hub' is used by dozens of community groups, societies and organisations.
- **Police & Fire stations** - The police station is home to Cambourne's Neighbourhood Policing Team. The new fire station, located next door and can also be used as a meeting space for local groups.
- **Pub & family restaurant** - The Monkfield Arms is located on the corner of the High Street.
- **Greens Coffee & Co** - Independent family owned coffee shop located on the High Street
- **The Cambridge Belfry Hotel** - This four star hotel features conference and banqueting rooms, 2 restaurants, a spa and heated swimming pool and an all-weather floodlit tennis court.
- **Veterinary practice** - The practice is owned and run by the Cromwell Veterinary Practice.
- **Manor House** - The County Wildlife Trust, based in the Manor House, manage over 100 ha of nature areas at Cambourne.
- **Allotments & community orchard** - Residents can grow their own produce in the two allotment sites and harvest fruit from the community orchard.
- **Playing fields & Club house** - A full range of sporting facilities and clubs are available including; cricket, football, rugby and tennis
- **Multi-use games area** - The floodlit multi use games area is used for 5-a-side football, tennis, netball and basketball.



## LANDSCAPE

### Parklands and open spaces

The main open spaces at Cambourne have all been designed to reflect the local character of South Cambridgeshire and to enhance the wildlife value of the site.

Each village has its own village green at its heart with unique play areas on each.

The Eco Park acts as Cambourne's town park. It also contains a wildlife themed play area, a kick-a-bout area and a teenage hang out space.

The Country Park is enjoyed by the whole community - fishing, bird watching, walking and jogging are popular every day of the year, whilst the newly constructed Crow Hill not only provides dramatic panoramic views over much of South Cambridgeshire and beyond it's also perhaps the best place for sledging in the entire County.

### Trees and woodlands

Over 250,000 new trees and shrubs have been planted at Cambourne. The new woodlands create a great wildlife habitat and provide a setting for informal recreation, containing miles of footpaths, cycleways and bridleways.

### Play areas

Cambourne has a wide range of exciting, challenging and imaginative play spaces to inspire creative and original outdoor play. By providing more natural and engaging play spaces, children are encouraged to explore, take risks and challenge themselves. All play spaces are designed to create opportunities for social interaction and encourage different forms of play across a variety of age groups and abilities.

The Big Leap play area in Upper Cambourne is the largest and most recent play space. It offers a form of more natural play by placing greater emphasis on natural elements and has quickly become a very popular location for Cambourne residents as well as from neighbouring villages.

### Greenways, footpaths, cycleways & bridleways

Cambourne was planned from the outset to be a community that encouraged walking and cycling. Over 12 miles of new of footpaths, cycleways and bridleways permeate the whole of Cambourne linking the centre of each village to the wider countryside beyond, encouraging healthy lifestyles and discouraging the use of vehicles.

### Ponds & lakes

Cambourne was one of the first developments to adopt a site-wide, environmentally sustainable approach to flood management.

Existing ponds, water courses and ditches on site have been retained with new ditches, ponds and lakes created to link these all together. The resulting system holds back water in open lakes after periods of heavy rainfall, letting it leave the site in a gentle, controlled way. This flood control system creates over 6 ha of new lakes and wetlands for wildlife and informal recreation. New species of bird, mammal and insect have moved on to the site as a result of these areas. Water voles inhabit the new ditches, whilst kingfishers nest in the specially designed 'cliffs' by the lakes and over a dozen new species of dragon fly and damselfly now feed over the waters.

**"Cambourne is what many consider to be a model Eco Town"**

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