



The Edmund Trust

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE EDMUND TRUST

A group of Cambridge parents formed an action group to address the lack of services for people with learning disabilities and their families in the local area. A Social Club was set up that organised outings and sports activities.

William Little becomes chairman of the society and this marks a turning point in the society in moving forward in the purchase of a building for residential use

A large Victorian house in Milton, on the outskirts of Cambridge is purchased for £8000.

1964 – First residents move into Edmund House Edmund House is officially opened two years later and is the first residential home in East Anglia to be owned and run by a society



Edmund House was demolished and made into smaller, purpose-built care homes that gave the residents the opportunity to live more independent lives. This saw the original Edmund House that housed 30 residents changed into a total of seven homes that housed between two to seven residents. The redevelopment project was completed within five years.

The Society changed its name to *The Edmund House Group of Homes*

Name change to Cambridge Mencap followed by three years later to Cambridgeshire Mencap following merger with Fenland, Peterborough and St Ives



The Poplars opens in Histon

1940's

1950's

1960's

1970's

1980's

1990's

2000's

2010 - Present

The *Cambridge Society for Mentally Handicapped Children* is registered as an independent charity.

A campaign was launched to raise £15,000 to renovate the home and make it suitable for the new residents. The building had large grounds that had fallen into disrepair full of many greenhouses that volunteers helped to clear. One volunteer remembers taking 50 wheelbarrow loads of glass to dispose of! After two successful public appeals, £25,000 was raised.

Edmund House continues to improve amenities, landscaping of the gardens and provide leisure activities in the outbuildings. This saw a swimming pool open in 1982.



The Society wins the bid to run the Swallows Cafe in Milton Country Park, in Milton village.



Cambridgeshire Mencap re-brands under a new name. The organisation splits into two, *The Edmund Trust* and *Eddies*. The Edmund Trust provides care and training services with Eddies providing community services as a separate entity.

The Edmund Trust continues to grow and also in 2014, became an approved provider of domiciliary support for children and young people with Cambridgeshire County Council.

