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Fen Skating is being celebrated to a wider audience when the fantastic extended version of Chasing Ice: The Fen Skating Story is aired tonight (Friday 11 March) at 10:30pm on [Community Channel](#) (Freeview Channel 63, Sky Channel 539).

The documentary tells of the origins of the Ouse Washes and Fenland landscape, its influence on the creation of the unique sport of Fen Skating and of the characters that sustain it to this day. Community Channel bills it as "a quirky and revealing documentary about a little known sport that is intrinsically linked to the history of the East Anglian Fens".

The 30 minute television special has been produced by local film production company [Cambridge Filmworks](#) as part of our OWLP [Skating around the Fens](#) project led by the [Fen Skating Association](#). Barrie White, Editor at Cambridge Filmworks said: "It was a pleasure to put this film together, going through interviews and old archive, piecing together this uniquely Fenland story. Told through the testimony of actual participants, these engaging storytellers communicate the addictive nature of their somewhat random sport. Though they may skate on frozen Fenland only once every few years, the twinkle in their eyes as they talk of fresh ice is intriguing and charming".



Adam Giles, from Ely, co-owner of Cambridge Filmworks, said: "The project started out as a local film to help promote Fen Skating heritage within local schools and community groups and has ended becoming a programme on national TV, such has been the interest."

Repeats will screen on Thursday 17 March at 10:30pm, Thursday 7 April at 10pm and Friday 15 April at 10:30pm as well as being available on [YouTube](#) and [BBC iPlayer](#).