



**Scouts**   
Derbyshire

**BEAVERS**

# Derbyshire Archaeology Badge Beavers Resource Book

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## Requirements

1. Find out three things archaeologists' study and three tools they use on an excavation
2. Come up with a reason for studying the past
3. Choose an activity from the list
  - a. Archaeology Jigsaw
  - b. Cat Mummies
  - c. Catapults
4. Choose one of these options
  - a. Visit an archaeological site in Derbyshire
  - b. Visit a museum in Derbyshire
  - c. Carry out the Time Traveller Activity

# Breakdown

## 1. Find out three things archaeologists' study and three tools they use on an excavation

The Beavers just need to be introduced to three separate things; they do not need to have a complex understanding of what each word means:

- They could be introduced to 3 disciplines within archaeology such as: Archaeological Science, Zooarchaeology & Osteoarchaeology
- They could be introduced to 3 different time periods such as:
  - Romans, Middle Ages & Tudors
- Or they could find out three fun archaeological facts

The Adventures in Archaeological Science Colouring Book is a great resource for this, whether you use one page or the whole thing:

<https://bit.ly/2Htfz2J>

*This requirement could be completed alongside requirement 2*

Tools used on an excavation: Trowel, Metre stick, Shovel, Spade, Brush, Sieve, Mattock

- The person leading the activity could ask the Beavers if they recognise any of the words and if they have used any of the tools before. It's always fun to discover the difference between a spade and a shovel

*The second part of this requirement could be completed alongside requirement 3a or 4a*

## 2. Come up with a reason for studying the past

- Can show us how people lived in the past
  - o What they ate, drank, wore even what jobs they had
- Can show us how people lived who did not write anything down
- Can help us to solve problems in the present and future
- Can stop us from making the same mistakes as people in the past
- Can help us to identify long term trends e.g. climate change

There are many answers to this question, so don't worry if they come up with something not listed here

### 3. Complete one of the following activities:

#### a. Archaeology Jigsaw

See activity sheet

#### b. Cat Mummies

<https://bit.ly/3mPNaUA>

#### c. Catapults

<https://bit.ly/3hZim07>

### 4. Choose one of these options:

#### a. Visit an archaeological site in Derbyshire

See Places to Visit list. The Beavers are not required to do anything but visit. The visit is aimed around them having fun and getting a glimpse of archaeology in real life. However, it can still be interesting to discuss things such as:

- The age of the site
- What the site was used for
- What the site may have looked like
- How much of the original site remains

#### b. Visit a museum in Derbyshire

See Places to Visit list. It's highly preferable if you can find an archaeological aspect within the museum. If you are unsure, the museum staff should be able to point you in the right direction.

Similar to 4a. This is about introducing the Beavers to the concept of archaeology whilst having fun, helping to place a seed of interest so that they want to learn more. Try and aim for each Beaver to have learnt 3 facts from their visit.

#### c. Carry out the Time Traveller Activity

See activity sheet

# Places to Visit

A Google map has been created including many archaeological sites within Derbyshire. It also includes museums and the Scout Activity Centres situated within the county.

<https://bit.ly/32ZR4Cx>

For more information on the sites visit the Derbyshire Historic Environment Record:

<https://her.derbyshire.gov.uk/search>

It also has plenty of other sites which may not have been included in our list.

This map will constantly be updated to provide more and more sites. If you think we have missed any off the list please email:

[archaeology@derbyshirescouts.org](mailto:archaeology@derbyshirescouts.org)

# Badge Linkup

Requirement	Activity Badges	Challenge Awards	Staged Badges
<b>1</b>	Book Reader	Personal Challenge	
<b>2</b>	Book Reader	Personal Challenge	
<b>3a</b>		My Skills, Teamwork	
<b>3b</b>	Creative	My Skills	
<b>3c</b>	Creative, Builder	My Skills, Teamwork	
<b>4a</b>	Explore, Photographer, Creative, Camp Craft	My Skills, My Adventure, Personal Challenge	Nights Away, Hikes Away, Navigator
<b>4b</b>	Creative, Photographer	Personal Challenge, My Skills	Nights Away
<b>4c</b>	Creative		

This table has been created to help leaders link the activities carried out for the Derbyshire Archaeology Badge to other badge requirements. Some may not directly complete requirements from other badges but could be carried out alongside or intertwined with the requirements of that particular badge.

# Badge Behaviours

A document has been created to help provide guidance on some do's and don'ts within archaeology.

The person leading any of the activities should familiarise themselves and the young people with the document before proceeding with an activity.

## Treasure Law

All leaders should familiarise themselves with the treasure law in the event of a young person finding an object, whether it is during a Scouting activity or not.

<https://www.gov.uk/treasure>

In summary, if an item of treasure is found it must be reported to the Derbyshire Finds Liaison Officer within 14 days of finding it:

Maria Kneafsey, Finds Liaison Officer - 01332 641 903,  
maria@derbymuseums.org

Treasure mostly equates to metallic objects but it's important to check in case you are unsure.

## Beyond the Badge

If this badge has ignited an interest in archaeology for the Beaver then there are many opportunities to feed that interest.

The most obvious being when they join Cubs, they can then complete the Cubs Derbyshire Archaeology badge.

They could also have a go at completing any of the activities involved in the badge which they didn't do first time round.

# Safety

The person leading the badge and activities should make sure they have created a reasonable risk assessment before carrying out any activity.

- We have provided some safety considerations with the activity sheets that can aid with the risk assessment.

Excavations or Sites: The organisation/company leading the excavation or managing the site may be able to provide you with a precomposed risk assessment, if not they are likely to be able to provide guidance on creating one for your visit.

# FAQ's

## **Who to contact?**

If you have any problems send an email to:

[archaeology@derbyshirescouts.org](mailto:archaeology@derbyshirescouts.org)

## **Who can complete the badge?**

5 different badges have been created, one for each of the sections, Beavers through to Network.

## **Can I run this activity with no experience in archaeology?**

We do not expect you to lead this badge with any prior experience within the field of archaeology and have tried to make it as easy as possible for you to run the activities.

## **How to make the badge more accessible?**

Like all Scout activities we want everyone to be able to take part in this badge. We have provided accessibility options for all our own activity sheets. If we haven't managed to cover all options feel free to make reasonable adjustments which allow the activity or requirement to be accessible and inclusive.

### **Where can I find the meaning of a word?**

The Derbyshire Archaeology Badge Glossary has been created to include any archaeological term mentioned in the requirements. The definitions have been worded to suit all age groups participating in the badge. Therefore, if you are unsure of the meaning of any word please use the Glossary.

### **How to get hold of the badge?**

We have a badge in the works, which will hopefully be available soon. But for now, please find the printable certificate on the Derbyshire Scouts website.

### **Where does the badge go on the uniform?**

The Derbyshire Archaeological Badge is an occasional badge and therefore can be placed above the left breast pocket.

## Thanks

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**ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCE**  
Coloring Book

