



**Scouts**   
Derbyshire

EXPLORERS

# Derbyshire Archaeology Badge Explorers Resource Book

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## Requirements

1. Understand what archaeology is and explore two specialisms, such as: Archaeological Science, Osteoarchaeology, Ethnoarchaeology, Heritage studies, Geoarchaeology, Historical Archaeology, Zooarchaeology & Museum Studies
2. Pick three words from the list and learn their meaning
  - a. Create an activity or game to demonstrate one of the terms Stratigraphy, Carbon Dating, Treasure Law, aDNA, Taphonomy, Hunter-Gatherers, Dental Calculus, Domestication, Micromorphology
3. Choose one of these options:
  - a. Choose a site in Derbyshire to research and then compare it to another site outside of the UK from the same time period
  - b. Draw a to scale sketch map of a site in Derbyshire
  - c. Complete the Piece It Together Activity
4. Choose one of these options:
  - a. Take part in an archaeological excavation in Derbyshire on two separate occasions
  - b. Visit two archaeological sites in Derbyshire and discuss the difference between how they were excavated and what has been found
  - c. Deliver two activities to help a younger section achieve the Derbyshire Archaeology Badge

# Breakdown

1. Understand what archaeology is and explore two specialisms, such as:

Archaeological Science, Osteoarchaeology, Ethnoarchaeology, Heritage studies, Geoarchaeology, Historical Archaeology, Zooarchaeology & Museum Studies

The Explorers should investigate different definitions of archaeology and think about why we should study archaeology.

The Explorers should choose two specialisms to further study. They should look to understand what the specialism encompasses and the role of that specialism within archaeology. Each specialism is explained in the Derbyshire Archaeology Badge Glossary.

*This requirement could be completed alongside requirement 2*

2. Pick three words from the list and learn their meaning

a. Create an activity or game to demonstrate one of the terms Stratigraphy, Carbon Dating, Treasure Law, aDNA, Taphonomy, Hunter-Gatherers, Dental Calculus, Domestication, Micromorphology

The meaning of these words can be found in the Derbyshire Archaeology Badge Glossary.

To test what they have learnt, the Explorers could play a game of charades.

The activity or game created can be for any age group within Scouting and must take at least 30 minutes to carry out. However, it can be as difficult or simple as they want, including many resources or none. The activity created could be used as one of the activities required in 4c.

*This requirement could be completed alongside requirement 1 or 4c*

### **3. Choose one of these options:**

#### **a. Choose a site in Derbyshire to research and then compare it to another site outside of the UK from the same time period**

The Explorer should try to cover 4 of the following questions:

- How much of the site has survived
- When was the site excavated
- What was discovered
- What was the site used for
- How was the site excavated
- Where have the artefacts ended up

Once they have addressed 4 of the questions, they should ask themselves: What do you think is one of the biggest differences between how the two sites were dealt with?

The aim of this option is to look at the differences between archaeology in different countries as well as how different cultures lived in the past.

*This could be one of the sites visited for requirement 4a, b*

#### **b. Draw a to scale sketch map of a site in Derbyshire**

The Explorer can be as creative as they want in creating a sketch map, it could be drawn on a sheet of paper, created using a computer programme or painted.

But it must be to scale, include the main site and any natural or man-made objects within the main site.

The data for the sketch map could be created by visiting the site or using pictures from the internet or a reference book.

*This could be one of the sites visited for requirement 4a, b*

#### **c. Complete the Piece It Together Activity**

See Activity Sheet

#### **4. Choose one of these options:**

##### **a. Take part in an archaeological excavation in Derbyshire on two separate occasions**

The Explorer should try and take part in an excavation for a minimum total of 8 hours. This can be completed on more than two occasions if necessary.

Surveying can also count towards the 8 hours.

On the excavation they should experience/learn three of the following skills:

- Use of Hand tools
- Stratigraphic Excavation
- Artefact Recovery
- Site Photography
- Surveying
- Recording – Context Sheet

See Excavations Info Sheet

*This can be done on two consecutive days*

*If the Explorer completed the Scout Derbyshire Archaeology Badge two of the skills learnt should be different from the skills learnt for the previous badge*

##### **b. Visit two archaeological sites in Derbyshire and discuss the difference between how they were excavated and what has been found**

See Places to Visit list.

The Explorer should first identify the general differences between the sites, such as age and use.

The Explorer should then compare how both were excavated. Were the same methods used for both sites, if so why or why not?

The Explorer should then compare what has been found at both sites. Was more found at one of the sites? What do you think the reasons are for this? Was there more degradation at one site? What are the materials found; metallic, organic, pottery?

*If this option is chosen and the sites cannot be visited, this option can be completed as a research project. The information can be retrieved from another source, e.g. museum, book or internet*

#### **4c. Deliver two activities to help a younger section achieve the Derbyshire Archaeology Badge**

The aim of this requirement is to introduce younger members of Scouting to the Derbyshire Archaeology Badge.

The Explorer can deliver two activities to any section of their choosing from Beavers, Cubs or Scouts.

The two activities can be created by the Explorer, or they can run an activity already provided with any of the Derbyshire Archaeology badges.

The Explorer does not need to run a whole meeting with the younger section just an activity within a meeting.

# 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 Badge	Awards	Stages Badges
1			Digital Citizen
2			Digital Citizen
3a			Digital Citizen
3b			
4a	Camper, Media Relations and Marketing	Platinum, Diamond, Queen Scout	Nights Away
4b	Camper, Hill Walker, Media Relations and Marketing	Platinum & Diamond	Nights Away, Hikes Away, Navigator
4c		Young Leader	

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 Explorer then there are many opportunities to feed that interest.

The most obvious being when they join Network, they can then complete the Network 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.

Another way for them to explore more archaeology, if they are 16 or under, is by joining your local Young Archaeology Club.

<https://www.yac-uk.org/join-a-club>

# 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**

