



Scouts 
Derbyshire

BEAVERS

Derbyshire Archaeology Badge Beavers Resource Book

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Requirements

1. Find out three things archaeologists study, and three excavation tools
2. Think of and discuss reasons for studying the past
3. Complete an interactive activity
4. Choose one of the following 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 excavation tools

The Beavers do not need to have a complex understanding of different archaeological disciplines or periods but should be introduced to three separate ideas. These could be:

- Three disciplines within archaeology such as: Archaeological Science, Zooarchaeology & Museum Studies
- Three different time periods such as: Romans, Middle Ages & Tudors
- 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 part of Requirement 1 could be completed alongside Requirement 2

Excavation Tools: 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

This part of Requirement 1 could be completed with Requirement 3a or 4a

2. Think of and discuss reasons for studying the past

Studying the past can:

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

There are many reasons for studying the past, so it doesn't matter if the Beavers do not come up with any of the ideas above.

3. Complete an interactive activity

a. Archaeology Jigsaw

See activity sheet

b. Cat Mummies

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

c. Catapults

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

4. Choose one of the following options:

a. Visit an archaeological site in Derbyshire

See Places to Visit list.

The Beavers are not required to do anything but visit. The aim of the visit is for them to have fun and get a glimpse of archaeology in real life. However, it can still be interesting to discuss things such as:

- How old the site is
- What the site was used for
- What the site may have looked like in the past
- How much of the original site remains

b. Visit a museum in Derbyshire

See Places to Visit list.

It would be highly preferable if you could find and focus on an archaeological aspect within the museum. If you are unsure, the museum staff should be able to point you in the right direction.

As with Requirement 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 to aim for each Beaver to have learnt three facts from their visit.

c. Carry out the Time Traveller Activity

See activity sheet

Places to Visit

A map has been created showing over 100 archaeological sites in Derbyshire. It also includes museums and the Scout Activity Centres situated within the county. Each site has a useful link containing all the information you will need in regards to the site and a visit.

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

This map will be updated regularly to show more and more sites.

If you think we have missed any interesting sites, please email:

archaeology@derbyshirescouts.org

Badge Link-up

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

This table contains recommendations to help leaders link activities carried out for the Derbyshire Archaeology Badge to other Beaver badge requirements. They are just suggestions and leaders should use their discretion when deciding whether requirements have been completed.

Badge Behaviours

We've created a document to help provide guidance on some dos and don'ts within archaeology: <https://bit.ly/3jgiOKr>

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 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. Follow the link to find the contact details of the current officer for Derbyshire:

<https://finds.org.uk/counties/derbyshire/team/>

In most cases, Treasure denotes metallic objects but it is important to check if you are unsure.

Beyond the Badge

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

Most obviously, when they join Cubs, they can then complete the Cubs Derbyshire Archaeology badge.

They could also have a go at any of the alternative activities for the badge that they didn't do the 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 within 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 their risk assessment or if not, provide guidance on preparing one for your visit.

FAQ's

How can I get help with the badge?

The Derbyshire Scout Archaeology Team are always happy to help with any problems, just email: archaeology@derbyshirescouts.org

Who can complete the badge?

Five 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?

No experience or knowledge needed! No prior experience within the field of archaeology is expected, and we have tried to make it as easy as possible for you to run the activities.

Where can I find resources and activity ideas?

We have lots of activity ideas and resources available to help you deliver and complete the badge. Just follow the link then click 'Activities' → 'Archaeology' <https://www.derbyshirescouts.org/downloads/>

How can I make the badge more accessible?

As with 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. Feel free to make further reasonable adjustments to allow the activity or requirement to be accessible and inclusive to all.

Where can I find the meaning of a word?

The Derbyshire Archaeology Badge Glossary includes archaeological terms mentioned in the requirements. The definitions have been worded to suit all age groups participating in the badge. If you are unsure of the meaning of any word, please use the Glossary.

How can I get hold of the badge?

To get hold of a badge please email archaeology@derbyshirescouts.org The badges are £1.50 each for Derbyshire Scouts (£2 for non-Derbyshire Scouts).

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. If you are Scout from outside of Derbyshire you must have your county commissioner's permission before wearing the badge on the uniform.

Is there a Derbyshire Archaeology SASU?

Yes, there most certainly is and we are here to help you with all things Archaeology. We run projects during all major holidays and offer 'Introduction to Archaeology' sessions for a small fee to help fund resources.

Are you on social media?

Yes. We are not cool enough for TikTok just yet, but can be found on:

Twitter: @DerbyScoutArch

Facebook: @DerbyScoutArch

Instagram: @derbyshirescoutarchaeology

Thanks

Adventures in
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCE
Coloring Book

