



**Scouts**   
Derbyshire

**Squirrels**

# Derbyshire Archaeology Badge

## Squirrels Resource Book

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## Requirements

1. Archaeology is all about things related to people in the past. Things•People•Past. People in the past made things, just like we do now. Can you think of something made by somebody a long time ago?
2. We can learn a lot about people who lived in the past by making something that they might have made. What could you make?
  - You could make Stone Age cave art or a sword belonging to a knight defending a castle.
3. Go on an adventure to a place from the past. What things can you find there?
  - You might visit an archaeological site, museum, or place in your local area

# Breakdown

1. Archaeology is all about things related to people in the past. Things•People•Past. People in the past made things, just like we do now. Can you think of something made by somebody a long time ago?

The person leading the activity may want to start by discussing the word archaeology with the Squirrels. We love to define Archaeology as 'Things · People · Past' because it is all about THINGS related to PEOPLE in the PAST. It could be a good idea to ask the Squirrels what they think each of the three words mean and then help them to come up with something made by somebody a long time ago.

It could be useful to use some images and photos from our 'Archaeology or Not' activity to help them visualise archaeology.

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> We've also made some Squirrel specific colouring sheets which can be a great way to start the evening.

The concept of time will be quite hard for Squirrels to grasp. What life was like one hundred years ago will be very difficult for them to imagine. You could ask them to start by thinking what things might have been like when you yourself were the age they are now!

If you start your Squirrel sessions with a story time, we recommend '*The Street Beneath my Feet*' by Charlotte Guillain and Yuval Zommer. This may not be an archaeology specific book, but it helps the Squirrels understand that the 'things' are in the ground. It also goes along well with our 'Edible Layers' activity.

2. We can learn a lot about people who lived in the past by making something that they might have made. What could you make?

- You could make Stone Age cave art or a sword belonging to a knight defending a castle.

You can complete this requirement by simply carrying out a creative activity, we just want the Squirrels to get hands on with archaeology.

For fun activity ideas, start by visiting the Derbyshire Scouts website: <https://www.derbyshirescouts.org/downloads/> and clicking 'Activities' → 'Archaeology'

You can also find some great ideas and activities on the YAC website: <https://www.yac-uk.org/things-to-do>

3. Go on an adventure to a place from the past. What things can you find there?

- You might visit an archaeological site or museum or place in your local area

You don't have to visit an ancient monument or designated historical site to introduce the Squirrels to the past. The oldest building in your neighbourhood, a disused railway line, or an old stone bridge - they all have stories to tell.

If you can find old photos of a site, looking at them might help the Squirrels to envisage what the place looked like in the past and how it was used.

You could also have an adventure without leaving your meeting place. Have a look at some of our interactive activities, like 'Build the Past' and 'Time Traveller' activity.

This requirement aims to provide Squirrels with an archaeological adventure that perfectly wraps up their introduction to archaeology, but it is up to you and your Squirrels exactly what this adventure is.

# 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](mailto:archaeology@derbyshirescouts.org)

# Badge Link-up

Requirement	Activity Badges	Challenge Awards	Staged Badges
<b>1</b>	Be Active, Story Time		
<b>2</b>	Brilliant Builder, Get Creative	All Together	
<b>3</b>	Explore Outdoors	All About Adventure, All Around Us	Hikes Away, Navigator

This table contains recommendations to help leaders link activities carried out for the Derbyshire Archaeology Badge to other Squirrel 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 objects containing metal but it is important to check if you are unsure.

# Beyond the Badge

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

Most obviously, when they join Beavers, they can then complete the Beavers 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.

# FAQs

## **Some information seems to be missing.**

We want to give Squirrels the best introduction to archaeology that we can. Therefore, we are continuing to make more resources and help sheets, and will be constantly updating this resource booklet and our website throughout 2023. However, if you need any help please get in touch.

## **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](mailto:archaeology@derbyshirescouts.org)

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

Six different badges have been created, one for each of the sections, Squirrels 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](mailto: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 a 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, including digs, during most school 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

Youtube: Derbyshire Scout Archaeology

# Thanks

Adventures in  
**ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCE**  
Coloring Book