



# Scouting & Girl Guiding Badges



HERITAGE FARM PARK



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# Introduction

Located in the Garden of England, and set in 28 acres of Kent countryside, Kent Life offers a unique look back at traditional Kentish life.

Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts often visit Kent Life for a fun and varied day out, we can now complement this with a series of workshops that help to gain badges. Your colony, pack or troop can have a great day out and receive a badge at the end. And Kent Life does all the hard work so the leaders have a relaxed day out as well!

Many badges can be completed during the visit, with a few needing some additional work. This is specified within each badge listed. For most of the badges a workshop needs to be booked in advance. The cost varies per badge and the actual badges must be provided by the group themselves.

Have a look at the list and see if we offer a badge missing from your children's uniforms! There are some additional options that can be found on our website at [www.kentlife.org.uk](http://www.kentlife.org.uk).

## Scouts: Local knowledge Activity Badge

### Requirements met:

- Study an aspect of national history, local history or family heritage. Exhibit or present the results to other people.
- Over a period agreed with your leader, get involved in a project to help preserve some aspect of national or local heritage.

Scouts visit Kent Life to explore and find out about the history of hop growing and Oast houses in Kent. All around the Kent countryside you see these buildings with pointy roofs. Often they are used as houses for people to live now, but once they were an important part of how country people made a living, by growing and drying hops. At Kent Life we have the last working coal-fired Oast house in Kent, as well as a hop garden.

Scouts start with a hands-on tour of the hop garden, the Oast house and the hoppers' huts. This will take approx. 45 minutes to an hour. They then work in small groups to make a short film on their mobile phones re-telling the

story to either other scouts or cubs. For this they will have access to additional source material such as books and artefacts.



In the afternoon they take part in a preservation project. This may include gardening-type work in the hop garden, maintenance or cleaning work in the Oast house or hoppers huts, or cleaning & maintenance of artefacts such as wagons or tools.

**Cost:** £4.80 admission per child, plus £140 for guided tour and instruction/supervision of preservation project.

**Duration:** 10am – 2.30pm

**Max.30** children per session.

Scouts must be adequately supervised at all times with a ratio of 1:8 (adults free of charge). A lunchroom is provided. This will fulfil all requirements to gain the badge. Badges must be provided by the group.

# Beavers/Cubs: Navigator Stage 1

## Requirements met:

- Locate yourself on a simple map. You could use a map of a local park, nature reserve, zoo, or even a theme park.
- Identify a number of features or locations on that map. You could pinpoint locations like the toilets, car park, bird hide or picnic area.
- Learn the four cardinal points of a compass.
- Draw a simple map of where you live, your meeting place or another area local to you.
- Use a map during an outdoor activity.
- Show you understand how to dress appropriately and what equipment you and the adults will need on the activity.

Beavers or Cubs visit Kent Life and use maps to explore the park.

This is a self-guided activity, run by your own leaders, using the Navigator 1 Activity pack.



**Cost:** £4.80 admission per child. Activity pack free. Must be pre-booked and subject to availability.

**Duration:** Approx. 2.5 hours.

Beavers/Cubs must be adequately supervised at all times with a ratio of 1:4 adults free of charge for Beavers and 1:5 adults free of charge for Cubs. A lunchroom is provided. Please ask for (or download) the Activity Pack for what to bring and how to prepare the visit before you arrive. This will fulfil all requirements to gain the badge. Badges must be provided by the group.

# Beavers: Animal Friend Activity Badge

## Requirements met:

- Learn how to care for an animal.
- Tell others in your Colony or Lodge about the animal.
- Find out what the animal needs. Learn about its food, habitat, space, exercise and sleeping area.

Beavers visit Kent Life to learn about our animals. They can either do a self-guided visit with a free Cuddle Corner session where they meet some of our small animals, such as rabbits, guinea pigs or chickens. Alternatively, enjoy a 45-minute "Meet the Animals" workshop (extra charge, must be pre-booked) where

one of the Kent Life Entertainers shows the Beavers a number of our larger animals, such as pigs, sheep, goats etc. and tells them what they eat, how they live etc.



**Cost:** £4.80 admission per child, plus optional £2 per child for Meet the Animals workshop. Must be pre-booked and subject to availability.

**Max.15** children per session.

Beavers must be adequately supervised at all times with a ratio of 1:4 (adults free of charge). A lunchroom is provided. This will not fulfil all requirements to gain the badge. Badges must be provided by the group.

# Beavers: My Skills Challenge Badge

## Requirements met:

- Go somewhere new and find out 5 facts about it.

Beavers visit Kent Life and explore the farm, the gardens, the historic houses, the Oast house and the play area. Back at the scout hut, they can make a collage, scrapbook, play or log chew about it to show the parents and the rest of the Scout group what they have found out about each of the areas.



**Cost:** £4.80 admission per child.

Beavers must be adequately supervised at all times with a ratio of 1:4 (adults free of charge). A lunchroom is provided. This will not fulfil all requirements to gain the badge. Badges must be provided by the group.

# Beavers: My World Challenge Badge

## Requirements met:

- Minibeast hunting.

Beavers visit Kent Life and learn all about the minibeasts that inhabit our gardens. They have the opportunity to study some minibeasts up close in a safe way. They will undertake a bioblitz to see what is living in our herb garden. They then make a minibeast house to take home.



**Cost:** £4.80 admission per child, plus £1.75 per child for Beavers - Minibeast workshop. Must be pre-booked and subject to availability.

**Max.30:** children per session.

Beavers must be adequately supervised at all times with a ratio of 1:4 (adults free of charge). A lunchroom is provided. This will not fulfil all requirements to gain the badge. Badges must be provided by the group.



# Beavers: My Outdoors Challenge Badge

## Requirements met:

- Take part in an activity using natural things like leaves, bark, twigs, sand or rocks.
- Point out and name five different types of animal, insect, bird or fish that you might find near where you live. Find out about the food they eat and the places they might live.
- Make something to help animals in the wild. It could be a bird box or a bug hotel.

Beavers visit Kent Life and explore our gardens, orchards and nature trail. We will look for 5 different wild animals, insects and birds that live at Kent Life and find out what they eat and how they live. Beavers will make nature art to take home. Depending on the season this could be a

weaving with found natural materials, animals made from found natural materials, or stick art. Beavers will also make a minibeast house to take home.



**Cost:** £4.80 admission per child, plus £95 for Beavers - Outdoors Challenge workshop. Must be pre-booked and subject to availability.

**Max.30** children per session.

Beavers must be adequately supervised at all times with a ratio of 1:4 (adults free of charge).

A lunchroom is provided. This will not fulfil all requirements to gain the badge. Badges must be provided by the group.

# Brownies: Culture Badge

## Requirements met:

- Visit your local museum to find out about some of the collections and exhibits.
- Talk with an adult you know about how the area where you live has changed.
- Make a dish that is traditional to your local area or culture. Share it with other Brownies.

Brownies visit Kent life and meet Mrs Brundle, the farmer's wife who used to own the Kent Life farm. She takes them on a tour of Kent Life. She will show them the historic houses and talk about how people used to live in Victorian times, during WWII and in the 1950s, and how things changed over the years. She will also help them

explore the Oast house, hoppers' huts and the hop garden and explain their importance in Kent. She will then teach the Brownies to make Kentish Huffkins, a kind of bread roll, to take home.



**Cost:** £4.80 admission per child, plus £95 for Brownies – Culture Badge workshop. Must be pre-booked and subject to availability.

**Max.** 30 children per session.

Brownies must be adequately supervised at all times with a ratio of 1:5 (adults free of charge). A lunchroom is provided. This will fulfil all requirements to gain the badge. Badges must be provided by the group.

# Brownies: Cook Badge

## Requirements met:

- Show how to handle kitchen utensils safely. These should include knives and scissors.
- Show and explain how to be safe in the kitchen.
- Explain the basics of food hygiene.
- Make a healthy dish showing you can prepare fresh fruits, vegetables or salad. Arrange it in an appetising way.

Brownies visit Kent Life and take part in a Soup's On workshop. After a brief safety instruction which includes using knives and food hygiene, Brownies use seasonal

vegetables, grown at Kent Life where possible, to make a big pot of vegetable soup to take home. While the soup is cooking, they play a game of Vegetable Bingo and learn about local, seasonal food.



**Cost:** £4.80 admission per child, plus £95 for Brownies - Cook Badge workshop. Must be pre-booked and subject to availability.

**Max. 30** children per session.

Brownies must be adequately supervised at all times with a ratio of 1:5 (adults free of charge). A lunchroom is provided. This will not fulfil all requirements to gain the badge. Badges must be provided by the group.

# Brownies: Friend to Animals Badge

## Requirements met:

- Make a poster or leaflet about your favourite animal showing
  - What it eats
  - Where it comes from
  - What kind of exercise it needs
  - How it likes to play
- Find out about working animals like guide dogs or horses. Explain how they are trained and why they are useful.
- Visit your nearest zoo, animal sanctuary or wildlife reserve. Find out about some of the animals that live there, including at least one you hadn't heard of before. Make a scrapbook about your visit.
- Describe how life is different for animals that live in the wild to those that live in captivity.

Brownies visit Kent Life to learn about our animals. They can either do a self-guided visit with a free Cuddle Corner

session where they meet some of our small animals, such as rabbits, guinea pigs or chickens, or they can enjoy a 45-minute Meet the Animals workshop (extra charge, must be pre-booked) where one of the Kent



Life Entertainers shows the Brownies a larger number of our animals, such as pigs, sheep, goats etc. and tells them what they eat, how they live etc. Included in this will be our horses and donkeys as working animals, and the alpacas, quails and ferrets as animals that not everyone has heard of before.

**Cost:** £4.80 admission per child, plus optional £2 per child for Meet the Animals workshop. Must be pre-booked and subject to availability.

**Max.15** children per session.

Brownies must be adequately supervised at all times with a ratio of 1:5 (adults free of charge). A lunchroom is provided. Making a poster and scrapbook are not part of the activity at Kent Life. This will not fulfil all requirements to gain the badge. Badges must be provided by the group.

# Brownies: Wildlife Explorer Badge

## Requirements met:

- Identify 3 of the following: common wild birds, common butterflies, wild mammals.
- Make a feeding station. This could be for hedgehogs, insects, birds, frogs or other creatures that aren't pets. With permission, put it up in a suitable place.
- Choose and do one of the following:
  - Organise an RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch in your garden, local park or school grounds. Invite other Brownies, your friends or family to join in. Make a record of the birds that visit during one hour.
  - Visit a nature reserve or country park. Draw pictures or take photographs of at least four different types of trees. Make leaf and bark rubbings. Label them with the names of the trees.

Brownies visit Kent Life and discover all about the wildlife that lives there. Guided by our Nature Detective

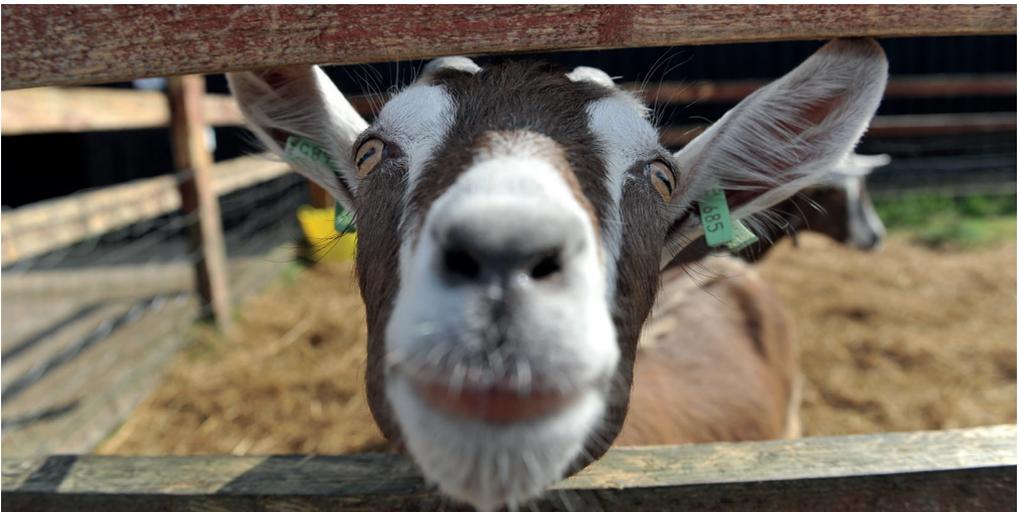
they search for the birds, butterflies and mammals that have made Kent Life their home. They learn where to find them, how to identify them and how they live. The Brownies make a feeding station. Depending on the season, this could be a bird feeder, butterfly feeder or hedgehog feeding bowl. Then, depending on the season and/or your preference, Brownies can either do a Big Garden Birdwatch and record their findings, or do a Tree Project where they draw at least 4 different types of trees, make leaf and bark rubbings, with labels.



**Cost:** £4.80 admission per child, plus £95 for Brownies – Wildlife Explorer workshop. Must be pre-booked and subject to availability.

**Max.30** children per session.

Brownies must be adequately supervised at all times with a ratio of 1:5 (adults free of charge). A lunchroom is provided. This will not fulfil all requirements to gain the badge. Badges must be provided by the group.



## Scouting/Guiding Booking Form

Organisation name:

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Leader's name:

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Address:

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Postcode:

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Email:

Telephone:

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Date of visit:

Arrival time:

Number of Children (£4.80 each):

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Number of free adults\*:

Number of paying adults:

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\*Beavers: 1 adult free for every 4 children, Cubs/Brownies: 1 adult free for every 5 children, Scouts/Guides: 1 adult free for every 8 children

Please complete the table below if you would like to book any extras:

Activity	Price	Max. no. of children	Total no. of children
Scouts: Local Knowledge Badge workshop	£140	30	
Beavers: Animal Friend Badge – Meet the Animals workshop	£2/ch	10 – 15	
Beavers: My World Challenge Badge – Minibeast workshop	£1.75/ch	30	
Beavers: My Outdoors Challenge Badge workshop	£95	30	
Brownies: Culture Badge workshop	£95	30	
Brownies: Cook Badge - Soup's On workshop	£95	30	
Brownies: Friend to Animals – Meet the Animals workshop	£2/ch	10 – 15	
Brownies: Wildlife Explorer Badge workshop	£95	30	

Group sizes may be split by Kent Life to accommodate all children and a timetable will be provided. Duration of workshops vary; please see website for details.

**Please return this Booking Form to:**

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