



Membership Application

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Date

I enclose a cheque value.....

Our annual subscription is just £5*, for a family, couple or individual. Any donation that you care to make in addition will be gratefully received. Cheques should be made payable to **Buckinghamshire Badger Group** and sent with this form to the address on the front.

Our membership year runs from January to December, although those joining after 1st October will have their membership run to the end of the following year.

* £2 of this is a levy payable to the National Federation of Badger Groups.

If you can help the group please indicate below.

Recording and disposal of dead badgers

Sett surveying and recording

Manning publicity boards at shows

Other (please specify)

Data Protection Act 1998

The Buckinghamshire Badger Group will keep your personal data on a computer database which will be used only for running the group and its newsletter. Please indicate your agreement to this by ticking the box.

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Buckinghamshire Badger Group

Patron: Desmond Morris



Protecting Badgers in Buckinghamshire

Haydon Mill
Rabans Lane
Aylesbury
Buckinghamshire
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OUR AIMS

The Group was formed in 1986 and, in common with another eighty groups around the country, we have the following aims:

- Record and monitor all badger setts in Buckinghamshire
- Provide help and advice to the public, planning authorities, the police and others on all badger issues
- Work in partnership with the Thames Valley Police and the RSPCA in fighting crime against badgers
- Campaign for a ban on all snares
- Rescue sick and injured badgers, and rehabilitate them back into the wild
- Educate and inform through giving talks, attending public events, and through our website

WHAT WE OFFER

We produce a quarterly newsletter and hold workshops and field and evening meetings. Field work and studies can be undertaken and there are opportunities for both adults and children to watch badgers without disturbing them.

The Badger Group is a member of the

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF BADGER GROUPS
and

THE MAMMAL SOCIETY.

These groups can be joined independently. They both produce excellent newsletters and have active junior sections.

Visit our website at

www.bucks-badgers.org.uk

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

JOIN US TODAY

For just £5.00, you can join us and help protect badgers in Buckinghamshire. You will receive a quarterly newsletter and be invited to talks, workshops, and events - including badger watching.

REPORT ROAD CASUALTIES

Please contact us if you see a dead or injured badger. RTA reports help us identify 'black spots'. We work with local authorities to erect road warning signs asking motorists to slow down.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

If you see anyone behaving suspiciously near a badger sett, please contact the Police, the RSPCA or the local contact for the Badger Group.

PLEASE KEEP THESE PHONE NUMBERS HANDY

Aylesbury Vale	01296 420964
Beaconsfield and The Chalfonts	01494 677633
Brill area	01844 237655
Buckingham and NW Bucks	01280 824612
Chesham area	01494 786796 07791 145890 01494 778830
Great Missenden and High Wycombe area	01494 866908
Milton Keynes	01908 370240

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

Police emergency (for suspect sett digging)	999
RSPCA Hotline (24 hours)	0870 5555 999
St Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital (Haddenham)	01844 292292
Thames Valley Police Wildlife Liaison Officer - Simon Towers	07813 695701 01608 648715
National Federation of Badger Groups	020 7228 6444

ABOUT BADGERS

Badgers are shy, nocturnal mammals living in social groups in underground tunnels called setts.

They are creatures of habit, relying heavily on an acute sense of smell to identify other badgers, find their food and warn them of danger.

Their diet is varied and includes earthworms, invertebrates, fruits and small rodents. Their population is self-regulating according to food availability. Periods of drought often result in severe mortality.

THE THREATS

Badgers are threatened by legal and illegal activities.

Legal threats:

- road and housing development
- forestry and agricultural operations
- bovine TB control by the Ministry of Agriculture
- sett stopping by fox hunts

Illegal threats:

- badger digging and baiting
 - snaring
 - poisoning
 - lamping
 - sett damage, destruction and blocking
- So badgers need your help!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

We suggest the following books:

- *Badgers*
by Michael Clarke, Whittett Books
- *The Natural History of Badgers*
by Ernest Neal and Chris Cheeseman

or visit the following websites:

www.bucks-badgers.org.uk

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