



Natural Basingstoke

Nature Champion Badge



What is the Nature Champion Badge?



The Nature Champion Badge, created by Natural Basingstoke, invites Scouts, Cubs and Beavers to explore, protect, and celebrate the natural world around them.

Designed in partnership with local conservation experts, the badge

- Encourages hands-on outdoor learning
- Inspires sustainable actions at home and in the community
- Builds nature connection and confidence
- Can be completed as part of existing meetings or badge work
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💬 “There’s something for everyone – from birdwatching to bug hotels to wildflower planting.”

Scouts will complete 4 core activities to earn the badge, with adaptations for each section (see next page).

To earn the Natural Basingstoke Badge, Scouts must complete four core activities:

- Practical Conservation Task
- Citizen Science Project
- Home Project
- Spreading the Word (poster or awareness campaign)
- Attend an NB 3rd party session / event
- Visit the Natural Basingstoke stall at BEASTLY

Each activity is designed to encourage hands-on learning, connection with local nature, and youth-led reflection.

Activities can be completed:

- As part of Scout meetings,
- At home,
- Or by attending Natural Basingstoke events.

How to Deliver the Badge:

- Pick from any of the 4 categories above
- Tailor to Age: Use simplified activities or assist younger groups with journaling or reflections
- Evidence Participation: Ask for photos, drawings, or shareable feedback Award the Badge: Badges can be provided by Natural Basingstoke. Contact us to request a set.



Leader Tips for Delivering the Badge

- **Mix and match settings:** You can deliver activities over multiple sessions or tie them into existing Scout badge work (e.g. Environmental Conservation, Naturalist, Global Issues). Link to your usual programme (e.g. nature walks, camps, gardening)
- **Use NB support:** Contact Natural Basingstoke to arrange a visit, guest expert, or joint an event.
- **Track progress:** Use tick sheets, journals, or posters to help young people track each activity.
- **Celebrate completion:** Hold a badge ceremony or nature-themed celebration once your group completes the badge!

Resources & Help

Natural Basingstoke can provide:

- Suggested activities (see website)
- Badge stock for award ceremonies
- Help arranging conservation activities and surveys
- Support materials for leaders and parents

👉 Visit <https://naturalbasingstoke.org.uk/scouting-and-natural-basingstoke/>
or email admin@naturalbasingstoke.org.uk for support.



Age-Appropriate Flexibility



Squirrels



BEAVERS



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Scouts

The Nature Champion badge is suitable for all age groups and is fully flexible to changing needs and abilities. Scouting sections (Squirrels to Scouts, ages 4–14½) should adapt activities to suit their age and ability.

Here's a guide:

Section Suggested Delivery

- Squirrels (4–6) Complete simplified versions of 2+ activities with adult support
- Beavers (6–8) Complete any 3 activities with visual or verbal reflection
- Cubs (8–10½) Complete all 4 activities; reflection can be creative (poster, drawing, short talk)
- Scouts (10½–14) Complete all 4 activities and provide a written or verbal reflection

ACTIVITY 1: *Complete a Practical Conservation Activity*

Take part in at least two local conservation projects with an NB group, such as:

- Tree planting
- Habitat restoration
- Litter clean-up
- Pond Clearance

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HELP SUGGEST AGE-
APPROPRIATE TASKS FOR
CHILDREN TO COMPLETE.**

Reflection prompts:

- What did you do?
- How did you feel before, during, and after?
- What did your actions achieve?
- Share with your group creatively or verbally.
- Provide before/after photos and describe your site.



ACTIVITY 2: *Citizen Science*

Take part in a citizen science project to help understand the impact humans have on nature.

National examples:

- Big Garden Birdwatch (January)
- Big Butterfly Count (July)



Local examples:

- Site survey with Natural Basingstoke experts
- River quality check with South East Rivers Trust
- Reptile transect survey with HIWARG



- **Share with your group:**

- What you did
- What it involved
- The results



ACTIVITY 3: *Carry Out a Project at Home*

Get creative. Implement a project at home that will help wildlife, improve biodiversity or is sustainable (e.g., recycling, reducing water, using eco-friendly products, plant wildflowers, create a small container pond).

Keep a journal of what you did and its impact

Show your work to your group or leader



ACTIVITY 4:

Spread the Word

Make a poster, sign or video about how to protect local nature.

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Display it at school, in your community, or local shops

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Take a photo of your poster and share it with your leader

3

Create a poster about your acts of wildness

**JOIN THE
#RANDOMACTSOFWILDNESS
CAMPAIGN!**

**CHECK OUT IDEAS AT:
[NATURALBASINGSTOKE.ORG.UK/
RANDOM-ACTS-OF-WILDNESS](https://www.naturalbasingstoke.org.uk/random-acts-of-wildness)**



BONUS ACTIVITIES (OPTIONAL)

Attend a Natural Basingstoke event

Attend a Natural Basingstoke Event or Work Party:

Attending a existing or bespoke work party at one of our sites can help work towards multiple elements of this badge and others (Forester, Environmental Conservation, Naturalist, etc)

Find events at: naturalbasingstoke.org.uk/events

Lots of our local partners may also be able to support (e.g. HIWARG, Bat Group, RSPB).

Info here: <https://naturalbasingstoke.org.uk/our-green-friends-and-family/>

Visit the NB stall and take part in the fun activity. Receive a sticker for your activity card and show this to your leader at your next session. If anyone is unable to attend BEASTLY please visit NB at another event. All events are listed on our website.

