

FRIEND OF THE BADGER GROUP	
FULL NAME	
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OCCUPATION	
FULL ADDRESS	
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EMAIL ADDRESS	
SIGNATURE*	

**ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP COSTS** (Tick relevant box)

Single £5.00 per person    -     **Additional donation?**

\* *Gift Aid* enables the group to recover monies from Inland Revenue helping us to make your payment go further. If you **DO NOT** pay income tax please tick this box

All cheques should be made payable to **“Wakefield District Badger Group”** and posted to address overleaf.

*Membership entitles you to periodic newsletters and updates on group activities. The group reserves the right to refuse an application without explanation, cheques of course being returned.*

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### AREA COVERED BY THE GROUP



### DID YOU KNOW

- Badgers live in underground tunnels and chambers called a 'Sett'.
- Badgers can live for up to 14 years in the wild.
- Badgers have poor eyesight, acute hearing and an excellent sense of smell.
- Badgers favourite food are earthworms!
- Badgers usually have 2-3 cubs each spring.
- Badgers grow up to 1 metre in length & weigh 12 kgs.
- Badgers & their setts are fully protected by the law.
- Our web-site can be found at:  
[www.wdco.org/Site/Wakefield-District-Badger-Group](http://www.wdco.org/Site/Wakefield-District-Badger-Group)

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# BADGER

## INFORMATION



WHY? - READ ON

Badgers are under threat and need your help!

- 50,000 die on our roads each year!
- Badger baiting and digging still goes on!
- Development and environmental factors also give the badger a real hard time!

WHY NOT VOLUNTEER, JOIN THE GROUP OR MAKE A DONATION?

# BADGERS

## BACKGROUND

May I take this opportunity to introduce you to the Wakefield District Badger Group, a registered charity which has been in existence since 1992. The primary aim of the group is the protection and conservation of badgers. Run by enthusiastic volunteers we enjoy the support of the Wakefield Council's Countryside Service, the RSPCA, the local Police and we are members of the Badger Trust.



## ABOUT BADGERS

Badgers are amongst the most distinctive and best loved British mammals. Even though they are shy and nocturnal, people are familiar with their black and white striped faces. Many people up and down the country devote their time to conserving these beautiful creatures. Badgers live in social groups in underground homes called setts, they have few natural enemies, apart from man. Fortunately badgers and their setts are legally protected.

## WHAT WE DO

The Wakefield group has much experience in protecting badgers such that local populations are recovering. Enjoyable group activities include; badger watching, conservation walks, fund raising events and talks. We also protect, monitor and build artificial badger setts, encouraging badgers back into the area.

## WANT TO DO MORE OR JUST HELP

Joining the group provides an opportunity to make new friends, enjoy a healthy hobby whilst conserving badgers. You can support the group in a number of ways; **"Full Membership"** would suit someone wanting to get physically involved in badger conservation. If you want to support the group but haven't got much spare time then why not become a **"Friend of the Badger Group"**. Alternatively you could simply make a **charitable donation** to help our conservation work.

*Don't forget we are a Registered Charity.*



## WHAT A POSER

*The European Badger (Meles meles) belongs to the mustelidae family, along with other musk bearing animals such as otters and weasels. Easily recognised by its distinctive black and white striped face but with a shy nocturnal lifestyle not many people have seen it alive in its natural surroundings. By nature, they are clean intelligent animals who live together in social groups, each with its own territory. Badgers have been present in Britain for thousands of years.*



## TYPICAL ARTIFICIAL BADGER SETT

*These projects present the biggest challenge to the group, despite this we have completed many setts.*

*If the site is carefully chosen then badgers will move in, some of our best results include one sett where an adult male badger was seen to emerge just four days after completion and cubs were born in the same sett the following spring!*

## FULL MEMBERSHIP

FULL NAME	
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EMAIL ADDRESS	
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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Annual membership costs (Tick relevant box)

- Single £7.50       Joint £12.50  
 OAP/Unwaged £5.00

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*By signing you agree to abide by the rules of the group and understand that breaches may result in the member being required to resign. The group reserves the right to refuse an application without explanation, cheques of course being returned.*