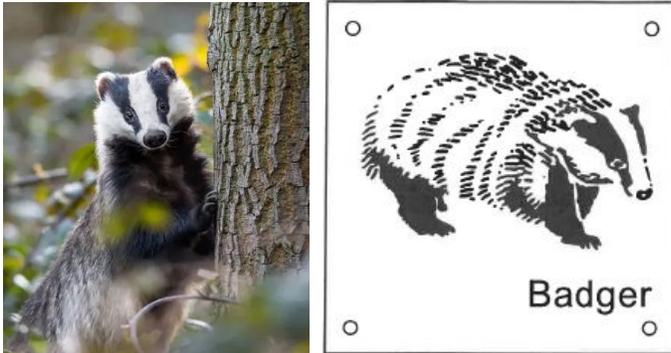


Badger

(Meles meles)



Clifton Hall is home to several badger families, often spotted on our trail cameras. These nocturnal mammals live in social groups called clans, in complex burrows known as setts. Protected by law, they help the ecosystem by aerating soil and eating insects—and even keep tidy latrines away from their homes. Badgers are surprisingly fast, capable of running up to 19 mph.

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Extended Facts

- The European badger is the largest land predator in the UK.
- Their diet consists mostly of earthworms but also insects, fruit, roots and small mammals.
- Badgers use latrine pits to mark territory and communicate with other clans.

Curriculum-Linked Activities

- Conduct a nocturnal animal study using trail-camera footage.
- Create a food-web model featuring badgers as omnivores.
- Track ID workshop: teach pupils how to identify badger prints and droppings (no handling).

Useful Weblinks

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/animals/mammals/badger/>

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