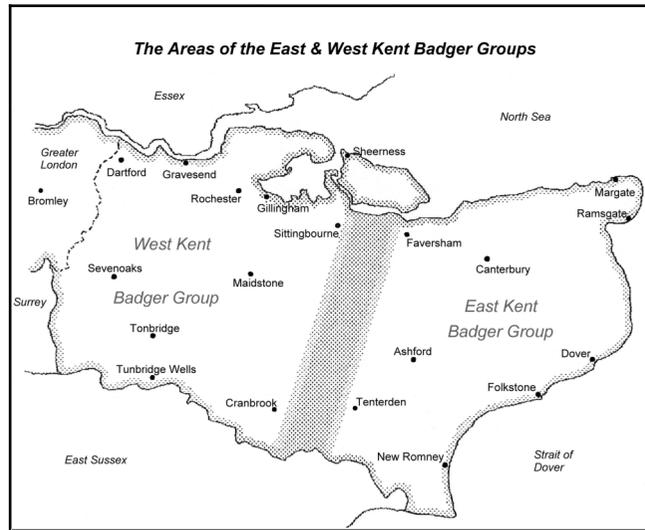


How to join

The map will guide you in deciding which area you are in.



Applications forms are available from:

Email: westkentbadgergroup@yahoo.co.uk

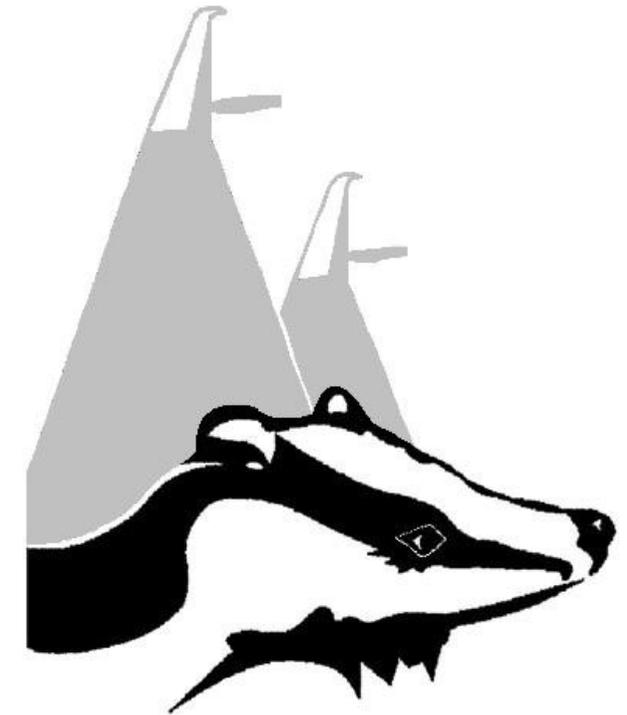
Website: www.wkbg.org.uk

For the East Kent Badger Group please
telephone: 01233 720229

The West Kent Badger Group produces leaflets on the following topics:

1. General Information about Badgers
2. *What Badger Groups do*
3. WKBG: Protecting the Badger
4. How to Watch Badgers
5. The Badger's Enemies
6. Badgers in your Garden
7. Badgers and Developments
8. Badgers and Farming

What Badger Groups do



A free information leaflet from the
West Kent Badger Group

WHAT BADGER GROUPS DO

What is a Badger Group?

Badger Groups are made up of concerned people who care about badgers and the wildlife in their areas. Too often, badgers suffer from various types of development, cruelty (including badger-digging and baiting), and here, in Kent, from the general pressures of everyday life in the Gateway to Europe.

In 1986 the badger groups which had formed throughout Britain organised themselves into a National Federation of Badger Groups (now Badger Trust), which has charitable status, and to which many badger groups are affiliated.

Most groups have county names, although larger counties have more than one group, as does Kent, dividing it into East and West. The border between the two Groups is not exact, but is a rather undefined line, starting in the north between Sittingbourne and Faversham and ending in the Cranbrook area, at its southern end. Boundaries are unimportant when a badger needs help.

What do we do?

Our activities are numerous and include:

- ◆ Educational talks to a wide variety of clubs, schools, associations and youth groups.
- ◆ Monitoring planning applications.
- ◆ Liaison with statutory and other bodies regarding potential problems for badgers.
- ◆ Liaison with the Police and RSPCA over cases of cruelty or other infringements of badger protection legislation.
- ◆ Running a 24-hour rescue service for badgers, whether they are sick, injured, or distressed in any way.
- ◆ Dealing with orphaned animals.
- ◆ Liaison with landowners and occupiers, particularly with respect to badger problems.
- ◆ Promoting badgers as part of our wildlife heritage and thereby, incidentally, helping to protect and conserve other animals and plants.

Unfortunately the Group does not generally take parties badger-watching. Its very shyness and nocturnal habits prevent the badger being watched in any numbers, and although individual members may watch badgers, the Group is mainly a conservation organisation, helping and caring for the badger, and giving advice. [See leaflet *How to Watch Badgers*]

What you can do.

- ◆ Keep an eye on your local setts.
- ◆ Watch for any suspicious activity around a sett, note the colour, make and registration number of any vehicle parked near its location. Badger-diggers are dangerous people: do not challenge them yourself, but phone the Police.
- ◆ Report casualties to the Group.
- ◆ Report injured badgers, if necessary via Police.
- ◆ Join the West Kent Badger Group and help protect the badger.

Membership of a Group is vital to its work. Those who support that work by joining and paying an annual subscription are making it possible for the Group to purchase equipment, pay veterinary bills when necessary, and cover the inevitable administrative costs. Those who feel able to help 'in the field' in any way ease the work for those who already do this; and anyone who likes committee work and administration can help by taking some of the onus off existing committee members. In whichever way members give their support, all are helping the badgers. You will get Newsletters during the year, and the opportunity to meet other members at indoor meetings and hear specialist Speakers.