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'Embrace our Differences with Love'

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An illustrated talk by
Malcolm Bennett
of Nottingham University
in conjunction with
APHA.defra.gov.uk

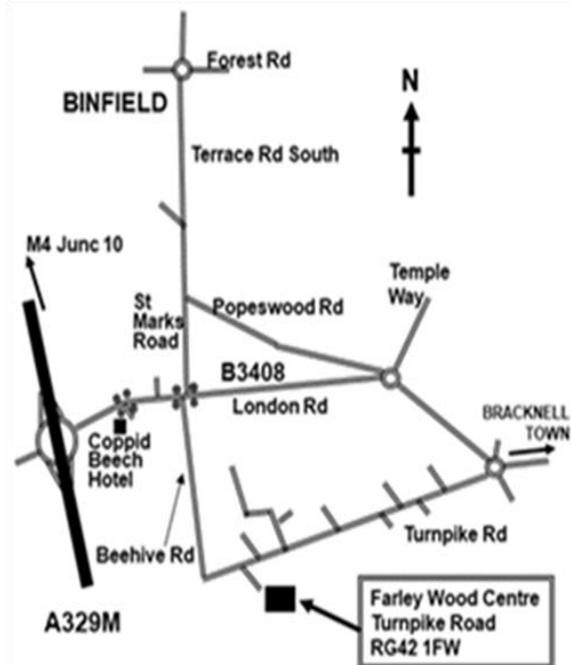
‘Badgers and TB on the Edge’

7th April 2022

All are welcome to attend the meeting and
AGM at

Farley Wood Centre, Turnpike Rd RG42 1FW
FREE - for all the family – 7:00pm for 7:30pm
Refreshments available, raffle and sales stall

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We are looking forward to welcoming you back to our first ‘face-to-face’ Public Meeting and AGM since October 2019! We hope as many of you as possible will be able to come along.

The meeting will start with what promises to be an interesting insight into on-going research into detecting the presence and location of TB in dead badgers in the “Southern Edge Area” counties, including Berkshire. Malcolm Bennett is from the University of Nottingham and the project is a collaboration with APHA’s National Wildlife Management Centre and funded by Defra. We featured an article on this research in our December 2021 newsletter, which is on our Website: www.binfieldbadgers.org.uk/newsletter) We are sure Malcolm will update us on the latest results of their studies and answer any questions that may arise.

Following a short break for refreshments and a catch up with friends we haven’t seen for a while, we will hold our short **AGM** - a chance for members to hear about what the Group has been up to over the past year and contribute any views/suggestions!



Fundraising ‘Silent Auction’ - We are planning to hold a ‘silent auction’ at the meeting to raise funds. Before Lockdown, one of our members, talented amateur artist Karen Beaney, kindly donated her beautiful, unique painting of a badger. It will be on display on the evening and is on unframed canvas, measuring 56cm x 46cm.

We will welcome bids (on cards provided at the meeting) However, if you are not able to come on the 7th, we will accept bids by email, headed ‘Silent Auction’ to:

badgers@binfieldbadgers.org.uk



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The Badger Trust reports that a rigorous independent analysis of government data shows mass badger culling is not effective at stamping out bTB in cows.

Using the Westminster government's data on the incidence and prevalence of bTB, independent scientists have shown that badger culling has had no effect in reducing bTB in cattle.

A scientific paper published today (18th March) in the Veterinary Record has rigorously analysed government bTB surveillance data between 2009 and 2020. The study concludes that incidences of bTB reduction were due to cattle measures implemented either before the cull ever began or during the cull period.

This rigorous and in-depth examination of government data, over a large area and a long-time frame, reinforces other studies and what Badger Trust has long been stating – mass badger culling is ineffective in reducing bTB in cattle.....(You can read the full report on the Badger Trust's website :- <https://www.badgertrust.org.uk/post/new-scientific-study-reveals-that-badger-culling-has-had-no-effect-in-reducing-bovine-tb-in-cattle>)

Peter Hambly, Executive Director of Badger Trust, said:

“This new study in Vet Record provides yet more irrefutable evidence that the badger cull is not working to stop, or even slow, the spread of bTB in cattle. It highlights the need for large-scale comprehensive data when designing disease control methods, not selective cherry-picking as we have seen from the government.”

He added: *“Put simply, the badger cull has to stop immediately – there is no basis for it to continue. This study shows that the government's bTB eradication policy is not working and wastes taxpayer money on a grand scale.*

The cull is an unnecessary wildlife tragedy of unprecedented proportions and diverts DEFRA away from enforcing robust cattle measures.

Over 143,000 badgers have been needlessly killed to date, and we predict at least another 140,000 will be slaughtered under current intensive cull licences that won't end until 2026.”

Please take a moment to write to your MP via www.writetothem.com, asking for badger culling to be stopped this year.

NEW SCIENTIFIC STUDY:
In-depth analysis of
government data shows
**mass badger culling
has had no effect** in
reducing bovine TB in
cattle

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The time has arrived again to renew your membership of our Group – please continue to support our activities. The ongoing bovine TB debate, habitat loss due to housebuilding and the fight against wildlife crime, mean your support is again vital.



Your renewal form is enclosed. However, if you have asked for this newsletter to be emailed to you, your form will be in the post.

- **Please check that your details are correct**, particularly post codes and phone numbers, and add any changes in the box next to the entry.
- **Email addresses are very helpful** so we can let you know what is going on; *no personal details are shared with anyone else.*
- **Core Group Communications** – please *carefully* read the ‘Opt In’/‘Opt Out’ statements, just above your signature on the form *and tick the appropriate box.* (We hope you will choose to continue hearing from us regarding badgers and other wildlife-related issues, including our newsletters.)
- **Newsletter options**- you can now indicate on the form if you would prefer to receive your quarterly newsletter **by email**, by ticking the appropriate box. *(Of course, this will greatly save on the ever increasing cost of printing and postage!)*
- **Membership rates** - the annual Membership rates continue to be £6 per adult and £2 per child (under 18). Please remember that from this fee we normally pay a levy of £2 per head to the Badger Trust to support its valuable work. (For this challenging year, the Trust have again reduced the levy to £1 per head.) The membership fee doesn’t cover our costs, so we (and the badgers!) continue to be very grateful to those able to add a donation to their fees. *Please indicate where you are able to Gift Aid any donation to the Group by ticking the box.*
- **How can you help?** - You will also see a section asking for details of how you can help - you are sure to find something that interests you, but more ideas are always welcome! Please get in touch today with your ideas, or comments on current issues – contact details are all listed on the back page of this newsletter.

Please then return your form to us as soon as possible, either by post or scanned and emailed to: membership@binfieldbadgers.org.uk

- **Payments** - there are 3 ways to pay. **(1) pay by BACS** - our bank details are: *Name: Binfield Badger Group / Sort code: 40-47-39 / Account number: 71496212;* **(2) return a cheque** (made payable to ‘Binfield Badger Group’) along with your membership form - our address is given on the form; **(3) pay via Paypal** - please use the *‘Donate’* button in the ‘Join Us’ section on the website. ***(We are charged fees for every cheque banked and for every Paypal transaction so more of your money goes to badgers if you are able to pay via BACS.)***

(If paying by BACS or Paypal, please still remember to return the form to us. It would help if you mark the form “paid via website”, or “paid via BACS” please.)

If you know of anyone who would like to become a member, they can go to the ‘Join Us’ page on our web site: <http://www.binfieldbadgers.org.uk/join-us>, where the whole application process can be done quickly and securely.



CHRIS PACKHAM PENS A MOVING EULOGY FOR A FAVOURITE BADGER



“I met this beautiful badger in the lockdown Spring. I went to see her every night and slowly won her trust. I called her the 'Golden Sow', she appeared haughty, was more standoffish than some of her group and this made her my favourite.....



Last night I found her.....

She was still warm. It's a 30mph limit and a straight road. I don't see how anyone could not see her and don't understand why they just left her in the middle of the road.

What is wrong with people?

I picked her up and sat in my car with her in my lap. She smelled lovely, musty, sharp and of the woods.

I touched her nose and stroked her head, smoothed her ruffled fur down and felt her long perfect paws. She was heavy, probably about to give birth.



She was made of the place I love; she had teased and taunted me emerging from her sett; she had held my breath as I lay frozen on her ground; she had made my heart skip beats and now hers was still forever. I cried.

I couldn't let her go. I took her home and I laid her in the sun under a tree and just sat there listening to everything she couldn't hear, smelling what she could no longer smell.

What a waste of such beauty. Not my best day. Sorry.”



Read on to find how Chris has joined with the AA and the Badger Trust to push for more signs and other measures to alert motorists to badgers and other wildlife on our roads.





A Road Safety Campaign has been launched at a critical time for badgers and their cubs. **Chris Packham and the AA join Badger Trust's call to 'Give Badgers a Brake'** on Britain's roads at peak cub-rearing season

Many people were moved by wildlife TV presenter and conservationist Chris Packham's recent heartbreaking story of Golden Sow, a pregnant badger killed by a motorist. Badger Trust is campaigning to prevent further road traffic tragedies at a critical time for badgers and their cubs. Sadly, Golden Sow did not give birth but now cubs are being born across the country and that means it's peak time for the risk of cubs being orphaned, as

badger sows roam further to get more food and are at an increased risk of being killed in road traffic collisions.

"Let's prevent tragedies like Golden Sow" - Chris Packham said

"I was moved by the amount of people who reached out to me when Golden Sow was killed. Let's try and prevent more tragedies like Golden Sow and keep those cubs safe. That's why I want more road signs and other measures to alert motorists to badgers and other wildlife on our roads, especially at night. It's a tragedy that so many badgers are killed like this each year, and double the tragedy if it's a female with cubs."

"So please give badgers a brake, report badger deaths to Badger Trust and be careful on the roads."

GIVE BADGERS A BRAKE.

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- Chris Packham, wildlife TV presenter and conservationist

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Peter Hambly Executive Director of Badger Trust added:

"We urge drivers to slow down on the roads and, if the worst happens, to urgently report badger accidents or dead badgers they see to Badger Trust and their local badger group. The badger may still be alive and may need urgent medical help. If it's already dead and it's a lactating female, our local badger groups may be able to locate the sett and support the rescue of orphaned cubs – that's vital at this time of year."



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The AA has joined the call for more road signs and for motorists to be careful on roads with wildlife, especially at night on rural roads:

Jack Cousens, the AA's Head of Roads Policy commented: *"We support the need for more road signs to warn drivers that wildlife might be on the roads in certain areas. Other than the distress that comes with hitting and usually killing such a beautiful and iconic symbol of British wildlife, there are road safety concerns with drivers making sudden evasive manoeuvres and the collision damage to vehicles."*

"Wildlife road signs are placed where there is clear evidence of a road danger. They should trigger driver awareness where there is a particular risk of collision."

"Animals have a habit of springing out of nowhere, and drivers need to give themselves plenty of time to react safely. Warning signs will definitely help."

Badger Trust, supported by the AA, has written to the Department of Transport to find out why applications for erecting new warning signs for smaller wildlife have been unsuccessful and urging them to allow more in places of high wildlife casualties. Badgers are one of the most commonly killed creatures on Britain's roads due to their instinctual desire to follow the same travel path, even after a road has been created.

Here's our Group's advice if you see a dead badger on the roadside

- *Firstly – please make sure it is dead. If it still shows signs of life, you need to call one of the numbers below:-*

Binfield Badger Group -	0844 804 1146**
RSPCA 24 hour emergency call outs -	0300 1234 999
Leatherhead Wildlife Aid (24 hour) -	09061 800132
Tiggyswinkles (24 hour Wildlife Rescue) -	01844 292292
Harper Asprey Wildlife Rescue. -	01344 623106

*** (Premium rate phone number – we will call you back!)*

- **If it is dead** – please report it to us so our volunteers can collect it.

You can report it either on our website at this link:-

<https://www.binfieldbadgers.org.uk/report-dead-badger>

or ideally, on our Messenger app linked to our Facebook page

[fb.me/binfieldbadgers](https://www.facebook.com/binfieldbadgers) – this is the best method as it is the most expeditious as carcasses will need to be fresh to be of most use for scientific research and need to be collected same day, or within a day or two at most.

Please be as specific and precise as you can with the location – ideally provide us with a grid reference or a What3Words reference or road names and landmarks.

Up to 50,000 badgers are killed each year and many more cubs are affected when they are orphaned as a result. **We need to make the roads safer for everyone!**



Spring's here – Try our BIRD SEARCH (don't get into a flap!)



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One of the biggest threats to badgers and indeed all wildlife is housing development as more and more Green Belt land is released for building. We are seeing an unprecedented level of development across the country that sadly is having a detrimental effect on wildlife as a result of habitat loss.



We have received an increasing number of calls from concerned members of the public who are reporting badgers being disrupted in their areas. In the absence of a badger group in Hampshire, two Committee members visited two locations in the county to give help and advice to local residents. One related to development, so we were able to carry out a survey and provide advice on planning laws relating to badgers and the mitigation measures that need to be put in place to protect these animals. The other one concerned a badger that was living in someone's garden after being disrupted following a sett closure on the canal bank. The property owners were quite happy for the badger to continue living in their garden after we convinced them the animal would not cause them any harm. Another call came from a man in Aldershot who wanted our advice on setting up a badger protection group in his area because he is so concerned about the amount of development and the detrimental effect it is having on the local badgers. We are providing advice on sett surveying and how to identify badger activity in his area.

One significant local site that is under threat is the release of Maidenhead Golf Club (the lungs of Maidenhead) for the development of 2600 houses.



Before.....



After

This will mean the loss of habitat for a significant amount of wildlife and the destruction of 100 year old oak trees. The golf course was owned by William Henry Grenfell (who became Lord Desborough) and was mayor of Maidenhead in 1896. The land is green belt and was bought by the Council in 1953 to protect it from development. William Grenfell would be turning in his grave if he knew the RBWM council is planning to concrete over this beautiful green oasis in the centre of the town. It is even more important now to protect nature, green spaces and trees to combat the effects of climate change.

Legal advice is being sought by the people of Maidenhead to try and obtain a Judicial Review to help stop the development. The plan is to have the area designated as Maidenhead Great Park in order that this important area can be protected in perpetuity for future generations of people and wildlife. You can follow the progress on the fight to save the golf course on the Maidenhead Great Park website - www.maidenheadgreatpark.co.uk





Some of our Committee attended the **Badger Trust's Symposium** on 5 March - an event focusing on issues impacting badgers today and an opportunity to network with fellow badger appreciators and protectors. The following articles are based on just some of the talks at the Symposium, but the Trust will be making recordings of many of the talks available for a fee.

DEVELOPMENT CRIME -

Andy

Mention badger crime and many of us conjure up images of thugs pitching badgers against dogs. These people are certainly around, their offences the most vile. Or we might think about hunts blocking setts (though why they do this when simply trail hunting is a mystery). Again, this is a serious crime committed on a regular basis, an offence against civilised living. However, we should also remember other crimes which though less overtly barbaric nonetheless cause significant suffering and distress to clans.

Perhaps signal for Berkshire is the dramatic increase in crime around development, with as many reports in 2020 as there were in the previous three years combined.

Such crimes include:

- **destroying** a sett before lodging a planning application so that there are no problematic badgers around;
- **disturbing** a sett once building is underway; and
- **taking action against badgers** on site without the requisite licence from Natural England.



Sometimes these crimes occur through a lack of knowledge, with builders unaware of badger signs and the laws protecting them. However, such occurrences can easily be prevented by the developer employing an ecologist and the subsequent provision of talks to site staff. We welcome the National Wildlife Crime Unit's efforts to raise the profile of such offences through its work with members of the Association of Local Government Ecologists.

Happily, there are responsible builders out there who do the right thing when they encounter badgers. Nonetheless, your help is needed to keep an eye on things. So, if you have concerns that badgers, or their setts, are being affected by any type of building work, please contact either us or the police as a matter of urgency.



STOPPING SETT STOPPING AND OTHER BADGER PERSECUTION - Andy

Many of us are truly amazed by the weakness of UK laws around wildlife crime, and the very lenient treatment meted out to wrong-doers. Often, our disbelief originates from concern for other sentient beings, fellow travellers on this pale blue dot. But our legal framework's failure to protect wildlife should concern even those who feel no connection with our fauna; frequently, people who abuse animals also exhibit violence towards people, and there is much anti-social crime around animal cruelty, including drug and property-related offences.

Happily, the National Wildlife Crime Unit, led by Inspector Kevin Kelly, is seeking to tackle wildlife crime in all its dreadful manifestations, providing local forces with the necessary intelligence and support. Nationally, there are seven wildlife crime priorities identified, badger persecution being one of them. Each 'priority' has a Delivery Group to focus on that specific issue, badgers being represented (unsurprisingly) by the Badger Persecution Priority Delivery Group (BPPDG). Alongside the NWCU, the RSPCA and League Against Cruel Sports are also contributing to the group's work, with Naturewatch producing educational materials for use with schools. DEFRA and Natural England (both usually responsible for sanctioning badger deaths through the cull) also provide support.



The Badger Trust is naturally a central voice on the BPPDG. Badger Trust Wildlife Crime Officer, Craig Fellowes, ensures that police up and down the country are trained in the signs of badger related crime so that they are able to respond to reports appropriately.

Through his efforts, some 880 police officers across 39 forces have received detailed training, and still more is planned. Such valiant efforts give us all hope.

As a next step, we now need the Government to make wildlife crimes recordable, thus ensuring that comprehensive records of offences are kept by the police, thereby raising their profile with senior officers. Only then will these crimes receive the resources and attention they deserve.



In order to reduce badger crime, we are asking everyone to ensure that they report incidents, providing the following guidance:

If you see a badger crime or suspicious incident in progress in Berkshire:

1. call 999 and ask for police assistance
2. ensure you get a reference number for your call
3. report the incident via the Report form on our website

If you discover a badger crime that has already happened in Berkshire:

1. call the police on their non-emergency number 101
2. ensure you get a reference number for your call
3. report the incident via the Report form on our website

(Please use the Badger Trust website if you spot wildlife crime outside Berkshire.)

In all cases, keep yourself safe and do not approach or disturb the scene. On no account should you personally approach people you suspect of wrong-doing.



Once you've informed the police, **we'd also be grateful to receive details.** (We will update the Badger Trust after you have contacted us.)

There's a reporting page on our website: www.binfieldbadgers.org.uk/report or you can email details to: badgers@binfieldbadgers.org.uk

Please confirm whether you have reported the incident to the police.

Here is a useful link to the **Wildlife Crime page on our website**, which also includes the Badger Trust Crime video: <https://www.binfieldbadgers.org.uk/wildlife-crime>



TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS –

Evidence that badgers don't hang around with cows -

Karen

Do badgers frequently visit cattle farmyards?

That was one of the questions put to the test in a seven-year trial looking at the relationship between badgers, cattle and TB in County Wicklow, Ireland.

Enda Mullen, of the National Parks and Wildlife Service, shared some of the results with Symposium attendees. A brief summary of their key findings is given here:



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Social distancing.....

So, the first question was whether badgers and cattle came into close enough contact for infection to be spread directly. GPS-tracked badger movements were plotted on a map shared with the farmers, one of whom spotted that the badgers were hardly ever in the same paddock as his cattle. As he moved his cattle, so the badgers varied their foraging location to different fields. These results were consistent with a trial in Northern Ireland which found, through GPS collars on both badgers and cattle, not a single instance of a badger coming within 2 metres of a cow.

So it appears the badgers were proficient at social distancing from the cattle!

Limit the guests to your homes....

To keep with the covid theme, the second way we control infection spread is to limit the number of guests in our homes. So, if infection isn't being spread by contact in the fields, is it due to badgers visiting farmyards? The trial continued with a larger area involving 12 badger social groups and 58 farmyards.



They found that, out of 31,000 badger locations captured via GPS, only 66 were located in farmyards – just 0.21% and these were simply opportunistic. (Indeed, one sheep farmer noted the badgers only visited his yard when he'd spilled a load of sheep nuts!).

Curiously, when visits did take place, the farmyards most likely to be visited by these badgers were stud farms, followed by disused yards. Cattle farmyards came tenth out of ten in the popularity stakes.

So these badgers avoided farmyards and they avoided cattle yards most of all. Interesting indeed!

Restrict your movements...

How did badgers fare with this covid principle? Not so well it seems! As expected, the trial confirmed that badgers ramble across several farms in their home range. But they furthermore identified what they called 'Super Rangers', male badgers who extended their home range to include that of a neighbouring group at times when that group was without a dominant male (eg. after culling). And females were found to travel extensively through multiple more distant social groups before settling just 2 social groups away.

So the badgers failed miserably on 'restrict your movements'. If badgers do communicate TB to each other, it would seem that it probably occurs in this mixing.



So, what do these results tell us about badgers, cows and TB?

Well, they quite nicely illustrate what scientists have been saying for years. Badgers can carry TB but the extent to which they can pass it onto cattle is tiny; previous scientific trials have concluded only 5.7% of bTB infections in cattle are caused directly by badgers. Indeed, some scientists question whether it is passed on by badgers at all.

However, assuming badgers do play a small part in transmission, the question of how infection is spread from badgers to cattle still remains. This trial (and others) seems to rule out direct transmission. Perhaps an explanation can be found in those rare instances when cattle, being curious, stuck their heads down sett entrances, rolled in badger faeces or sniffed at dungpits. More research is clearly needed in this area.

Whilst Enda noted some behavioural differences between Irish and English badgers, this talk provided some fascinating insights and was very well received by the Symposium attendees.



ADRIAN'S HIDE GET'S A NEW ROOF!

John

When we built and erected the hide in 1990, I was asked how long might it last and, somewhat tongue in cheek, replied 20-25 years.

This 'guestimate' life span has turned out to be reasonably accurate. However, the original felt started to leak many years ago and had to be patched up on several occasions. Finally, after years of rain having taken its toll, evidenced by rotten roof timbers, it was time for a new roof!



A complete new roof was made and, for those who are interested in such things, all of the wood used was "second user" – the main boards were courtesy of Thames Water, left over from some work they did for me and the rest was from a door frame salvaged from a neighbour's skip! It was then dressed in new sheets of green felt.

Trevor had kindly offered to transport the new roof to the copse using his trailer and, on the first weekend of the new year (2022), the roof-fitting party, comprising Trevor, Carol, Cathy and myself, met up and got the job done. The old roof came off without putting up much resistance and then the new roof was lifted up and slid into place.

Luckily we attached it to the hide with a couple of brackets – if we hadn't done so, Storm Eunice might have gobbled it up as she swept through, not long after!



WE CATCH UP WITH OUR FAVOURITE FOOTIE TEAM – THE BASILDON BADGERS!

The Binfield Badger Group are proud to sponsor Basildon Badgers FC's '**Berkshire Badgers Trophy**', which is awarded to the young player who has shown special effort and qualities while playing for their team. This time, Rob, the team coach, wanted to give a special shout out to Harry and Keegan, two worthy winners of the Berkshire Badgers Trophy:



January Badger of the Month is Harry. He was selected for consistently showing dedication (helping set up before training) and effort and is looking forward to playing in some tournaments this summer and being a key member of our league team planned for next season. Well done Harry and thank you for all your help.



Keegan has been awarded the February Badger of the Month award for showing fantastic resilience during his first league campaign for the Basildon Badgers U9. He is a consistent and trusted member of the team who applies 100% effort every time he pulls on the shirt regardless of the situation he finds himself in.

AND FINALLY.....GOOD NEWS ABOUT A LUCKY COOKHAM BADGER - Carol



We have been following the progress of a badger that was found by a member of the public in Cookham. The area where he was found was of particular concern to us because it is ear-marked for development. He had a wound on his back, possibly due to a fight with another badger, and was a little dusty.

He was picked up by the RSPCA and taken to Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital in Haddenham. After some pain relief, antibiotics and daily cleaning of the wound, he is well on the way to a full recovery. He will remain at Tiggywinkles for the next 3/4 weeks to have some dental work carried out, but overall the outlook is good for this little guy. Hopefully when he is dusted down, the wound completely healed and his teeth in

good shape he will be released back to where he was found and will be able to resume his nightly adventures around the Cookham area. He will no doubt be the envy of the local badger clan with his newly polished, sparkling gnashers!

Good luck Mr. Brock! Thanks go to the remarkable work carried out by the vets, nurses and staff at Tiggywinkles.



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RSPCA 24 hour emergency call out number

0300 1234 999

Police emergency only (use 101 for non-urgent)

999

Thames Valley Police Wildlife Liaison

08458 505505

Harper Asprey Wildlife Rescue, Camberley

01344 623106

Leatherhead Wildlife Aid, Surrey

09061 800132

Aylesbury Wildlife Hospital Trust, Haddenham, Bucks

01844 292292

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