

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BADGER GROUP

Actively involved in the welfare of badgers
in Northamptonshire



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PRESS RELEASE

Baffle the Badger goes on Tour

Superdrug Badger visits West Northamptonshire towns and villages

Baffle the Badger, now a Northampton icon, is venturing out of her Northampton territory to visit her badger cousins this April and May, on a tour of West Northamptonshire towns and villages.

Baffle caused a national media storm when she dramatically crashed through the roof of Superdrug at Grosvenor Shopping Northampton in February 2020. Quickly rescued, checked over and released by volunteers from Northamptonshire Badger Group, she has left a long lasting legacy being recognised in the shopping centre with a Blue Plaque and a dedicated 'Badger Street' renamed as a mark of admiration for her species.

Now a mascot of the Northamptonshire Badger Group, her legacy continues and the 'Baffle Tour' will visit locations in West Northamptonshire including Daventry, Towcester, villages in between and finishing in Brackley. The tour will share information and educational messages about badgers and the work of Northamptonshire Badger Group volunteers. The Group has been running for over 30 years, predominantly covering only North Northamptonshire. A few years ago it expanded to cover all Northamptonshire and wants to ensure residents of West Northants know more about badgers and the groups' work, to improve their records, educate and gain new members.

This tour coincides with a crucial time for badgers in parts of West Northamptonshire, particularly in and around Towcester and Brackley. Baffle wants to share her concern about the likelihood of the badger cull coming to these areas later this year, which will see thousands of Northamptonshire Badgers killed over 4 years.

West Northamptonshire residents are encouraged to come and meet the Northamptonshire Badger Team, have a photo with the Baffle Mascot and learn more about these iconic mammals that we are so lucky to have in our county.

Dates: Saturday 9th April: Northampton Abington Street. Saturday 4th June: Brackley Community Carnival. Towcester and Daventry TBC.

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NOTES TO EDITOR

For 30 years Northamptonshire Badger Group, a dedicated group of volunteers have been actively involved in the welfare of badgers in Northamptonshire. They collect and record data on badgers, their activity and setts to hold an accurate picture. Supply information and work with authorities, planners, developers and highways to help protect badgers and their habitat from development. Encourage the use of roadside warnings and road tunnels. Assist Wildlife Crime Police Officers and the RSPCA where harm to badgers is suspected. Rescue injured badgers, pay for vet treatment & return badgers to the wild. Advocate for badgers & support the public with advice.

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