

Camp@Home - Activities

This activity idea was originally part of a Durham Scouts Camp@Home event. It has been adapted for broader use as part of the Scouting from Home programme

Activities at home should always be risk assessed and supervised by parents/carers, taking note of the specific safety advice provided



Bug Hotels



Bug hotels are somewhere for insects, spiders, invertebrates etc to call home - in your garden, back yard or on your balcony.

There are plenty of ideas for building bug hotels – you can do your own research for designs, or we've listed some useful links below:

Woodland Trust <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/09/how-to-build-a-bug-hotel/>

Pinterest Images <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/115334440440051025/>

Supersimple <https://supersimple.com/article/bug-hotel/>

scouts.org.uk <https://www.scouts.org.uk/activities/snug-as-a-bug/>

Building a bug hotel can count towards badges / awards for our beaver, cubs, scouts and even our explorer scouts.

If you'd like your bug hotel to count towards a badge or award please check with your section leader first and remember to send evidence to your section leader so that they can sign off the badge or award requirements.

Please remember that this only counts towards one part of a badge or award and that you will also need to complete all of the badge/award requirements to receive the badge or award.



Beavers My Outdoors Challenge Award

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/beavers/awards/my-outdoors/>

“6. Make something to help animals in the wild.
It could be a bird box or a bug hotel.”



Cubs Gardener Activity Badge

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/cubs/activity-badges/gardener/>

“5. Understand what mini beasts are and why they are good for our gardens and outdoor spaces.

“Visit a bug hotel and record what you find living there.”



Scout Adventure Challenge Award

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/scouts/awards/adventure/>

“3. Learn about any environmental issues caused by your activity.

“Take steps to reduce any harm to the environment.”



Scout Creative Challenge Award

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/scouts/awards/creative/>

“4. Construct a model using materials like a plastic kit or recycled items.

“Alternatively, make a useful item from wood, metal or plastic.”



Scout Craft Activity Badge

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/scouts/activity-badges/craft/>

“Make or decorate one or more articles using, whenever possible, original design ideas.

“You should discuss this project beforehand with a member of your leadership team. It should take around six hours to complete the project.”



Explorer Scouts Chief Scout's Platinum Award / Chief Scout's Diamond Award - Community

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/top-awards/chief-scouts-diamond-award/>

“Research and participate in an environmental or community based project to make an improvement in your local environment or community”

Design a modular bug hotel with other members of your Unit (online), that you build individual modules for, and can piece together and install in a community location when the time is appropriate