

Explore (Beavers)



Explore the village of Bellingham and the Heritage Centre

- 1 When you arrive at Bellingham, talk about the landscape you travelled through.
- 2 Walk around the village. Explore the alleyways, churchyard, Manchester Square and site of former ironworks.
- 3 Include a stretch of Hareshaw Burn and the River North Tyne.
- 4 What are the main buildings in the village? Which are used by the public?
- 5 Look at street names and signs for more clues about the area round about. Where do they point or lead to?
- 6 How different is Bellingham to where Beavers live?
- 7 Visit the Heritage Centre (free for Beaver, Cubs and Scout groups) to find out about Bellingham's past. Email info@bellingham.org.uk.

With sufficient notice the Heritage Centre can arrange for a local volunteer to talk about each gallery, the collections, specific objects and the area's past.

Beavers can then explore the Heritage Centre independently.

Volunteers can also lead short object handling sessions.

Your group can then explore our computer database of old photographs, under easily searchable themes such as work, leisure, schools, shopping...

They can also listen to people talking about their lives - past and present on the 'Chatterboxes', and 'Voices from the past' recordings.

- 8 Tell others in the colony what they have discovered about Bellingham.