

## Local knowledge (Cubs)



### Show knowledge about Bellingham and its locality after visiting Bellingham and the Heritage Centre

Complete three of the following:

- 1 With other cub scouts, go on a short walk around the village. Point out features of interest (Lock-up Lane, village hall, site of former iron works, Cuthbert's Well, the 'Lang pack', a gun captured during Chinese Boxer Rebellion, site of the medieval castle, Irishmen's graveyard.) Take photographs and collect information for a group presentation.
- 2 Visit, as a place of historical interest, the Heritage Centre in Old Station Yard - to find out more about the locality. You can also investigate local railway heritage. Look for all the places you could travel to from the old railway station.
- 3 Identify what changes have happened in and around Bellingham. The Heritage Centre has a set of old photographs that you can use around the village. Stand in the same place where the photograph was taken, look for changes and discuss why.
- 4 Talk to someone who has lived in the area for a long time. Ask questions to find out how it has changed. The Heritage Centre can arrange for a local volunteer to talk with your group when you visit the Centre. He/she can also use historic objects to explain how things have changed.
- 5 Research the meaning of, and collect pictures of, Bellingham's coat of arms. Tell a leader in how many places they have seen this used. Do the same with the Northumbrian flag and other images that symbolise the area's local identity, such as that of a sheep.

- 6 Locate on a map and visit the location of all emergency services in the village - police, ambulance, fire brigade. Find out which are staffed by volunteers and paid employees. What other buildings provide services to the community?

(The Tourist Information Centre in the Heritage Centre has information about the village and a trail that you can follow. Tel: 01434 220616 Email [info@bellinghamtic@btconnect.com](mailto:info@bellinghamtic@btconnect.com))

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.