

# School of Professor Brock

**BADGER  
FACTS**

Level

Entry

## Where do badgers live?

Badgers live underground in a SETT; a network of tunnels and nesting chambers

Badgers spend about 70% of their lives underground

A badger clan may have many SETTS in their large TERRITORY. Only one will be their MAIN SETT which is the family home inhabited all year

1 to 30 or more D-shaped entrances

Width 30cm

Tunnels - 20 to 100 metres long!

Tree roots are often used to support tunnels

Setts are mostly found on slopes in woodland or hedgerows.

### Keeping COMFORTABLE

- The sett keeps badgers dry in the rain, warm in Winter and cool in Summer
- Badgers sleep separately in Summer and together in Winter for extra warmth
- They line nesting chambers with bedding shredded from vegetation, such as grass, leaves, bluebells etc. This keeps them off the cold earth floor

### Keeping CLEAN

- Badgers do not usually go to the loo inside the sett but might use a single chamber if they have to
- Badgers refresh their bedding regularly to reduce parasites. Green bedding may even kill these insects. Wow!

### Keeping TIDY

Spare bedding might be stored in an unused chamber; their very own laundry cupboard underground to keep tunnels clear

### Keep OUT!

A dung pit immediately outside the sett entrance is a message to others: Keep out!

Nonetheless, foxes and rabbits may move into a disused sett or even a disused part of a sett where badgers are still living

Most tunnels are less than a metre below ground but can be deeper

Setts may be handed down over centuries from one generation to the next