



PROTECT THE PLANET AWARD RESOURCES



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Welcome to the West Yorkshire Scouts 'Protect the Planet' Award. Hopefully, this will help you engage your young people in active ways to look after their planet and empower them to feel like that can make a difference in what can be a scary issue.

The award is split into 6 key areas:

- Out and About
- Wild About Wildlife
 - Water Wise
- One World, One Planet
 - Food For Thought
 - Recycle and Reuse

To complete the award, your section will need to complete complete one activity from any four areas. You will find lots of suggestions for each area over the next few pages. We have tried to include activities that will appeal to all age groups but how your section may engage with them may be different depending on the age and skills of your young people.

Apply for your badges by filling in [this simple form](#). Once we have received your application, badges will be awarded to your section. We can't wait to see all the exciting things you get up to!



At the bottom of each page, we have made suggestions of badges that you may link this part of the award to. As well as these, the general work towards the Protect the Planet Award contributes to the badges below.



Out and About

Encourage your members to explore their surroundings

Get Walking:

- Walk a section of a local long-distance route
- Design a walk in your locality and create a leaflet for others to follow your route.
- Complete the same short walk in two different seasons and take pictures of the differences you find
- Go on a night hike

Buses and Trains:

- Go on a journey which uses public transport
- Use timetables
- Produce a map of the local area plotting on transport links

On your bike:

- Hold a bike skill evening
- Complete a ride on a bike trail
 - Spenn Valley Greenway, Calder Valley Greenway, Aire Valley Tow Path, York Greenway, High Peak Trail

Useful links:



[Scouts –
Night Hikes](#)



[Bikability –
Cycle training](#)



[Sustrans –
Trail maps](#)



[TrainEd](#)

You might want to work towards these badges:



Wild About Wildlife

Do something to support the wildlife in your area

Encouraging wildlife:

- Make bird boxes
- Make bat boxes
- Make a bug hotel
- Make bird feeders for your meeting place or gardens
- Make some bee bombs and distribute them in your local area

Discovering local wildlife:

- Visit a wildlife centre or nature reserve
- Invite a wildlife expert to your meeting
- Photograph wildlife, flora and fauna
- Go on a bug hunt

Useful links:



[Wildlife rescue
directory](#)



[RSPB
Activities](#)



[Woodland
Trust Activities](#)



[Wildlife Trust
Activities](#)



[Scouts
Activities](#)

You might want to work towards these badges:



Water Wise

Understanding the importance of water for health and leisure

Water Aid

- Create and complete a water obstacle Course
- Make pipe lines (team building challenge)
- Play the river Blindness game
- Create a water filtering system
- Rise money for a water charity

Life in the water

- Have a go at pond dipping - Bradley Wood offer this as an activity!
- Visit a rock pool and explore the wildlife you find

Saving Water

- Water trading post
- Spend a penny challenge
- Water treatment obstacle course

Useful links:



[Yorkshire Water
Activities](#)



[Water Aid
Activities](#)



[Scouts
Activities](#)

You might want to work towards these badges:



One World, One Planet

Encourage your members to understand some global issues

Find out about Fair Trade Issues

- Play a Fair trade games e.g. Breaks and Ladders
- Play Nets and fishermen
- Play the Training Shoe factory / Banana game
- Play a trading post game
- Visit a supermarket and explore the Fairtrade options they sell

Support endangered animals

- Raise money for a wildlife charity or a local animal sanctuary e.g.
 - RSPB, RSPCA, Worldwide Fund for Nature
- Adopt an animal
- Arrange a visit to find out about animals
 - Pets at home, Ponderosa, Cannon Hall, Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Chester Zoo, Knowsley safari Park, The Deep

Useful links:



[Fairtrade
Activities](#)



[Cooperative
Games](#)



[Chester Zoo
Activities](#)

You might want to work towards these badges:



Food for Thought

Discover more about where your food comes from

Grow some fruit or vegetables

- In your HQ grounds, in planters, on an allotment, in a care home/hospice grounds

Visit a Children's farm

- Cannon Hall, Swithens Farm, Wigfield Farm, Meanwood Valley Urban Farm

Meal challenges

- Take part in a 'Where does my food come from?' quiz
- Cook a meat free meal
- Cook a meal with only British ingredients
- Evaluate meat vegetarian meat-free alternatives
- Plan a meal , purchase the food and prepare it – but how many food miles have the ingredients used ? Who has the least ? How much waste packaging have you created ?

Useful links:



[Meat-free recipes](#)



[Scouts Activities](#)



[Chester Zoo Activities](#)

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Recycle and Reuse

Discover more about where your food comes from

Set up a collection scheme

- Milk bottle tops, batteries, old phones, printer cartridges, plastic packaging or pens

Clear an area of litter

- This could be local woodland, stream or park.
 - Local councils or litter-free groups can help with litter pickers and bags.

Set up an exchange scheme

- Have a bring-and-buy sale
- Set up a uniform bank
- Hold a swap a toy or book night

Make something using waste materials

- Litter monster/Scarecrow
- Create Ecobricks

Useful links:



[Terracycle recycling schemes](#)



[Ecobricks](#)



[Great British Spring Clean](#)

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