

Scottish Badgers have records of active setts in Raddery Woods and surrounding area. This area is ideal habitat for badgers, providing the right mixture of woodland, hedgerows and grassland. The recorded setts are in the woodland itself and, it is important to point out, that setts being currently in use are fully protected by law. If the woodland was to be protected from development then that would ensure that, not only the setts themselves, but the rest of the wood would be protected for the badgers to use as a foraging area.

Badgers play an important role in local ecosystems. They help disperse seeds including those of our native trees and flowers, they control local populations of mice, rats and other rodents by feeding on them and their tunnels are used by other animals such as foxes, rabbits and otters.

A community led woodland would be an opportunity not just to protect the badgers but, more importantly, enhance the wood for the benefit of not just badgers, but wildlife in general.

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