

NEW FOREST
**COMMONING
CHAMPION
BADGE**



IDENTIFYING AND NAMING TREES AND PLANTS



Dear Children,

Please can you help me by identifying as many plants as possible in the vicinity of Beaulieu Road Saleyard? I need to write a woodland management plan for the site and for this I need to know which plants are here.

I have a few ID guides which you may find useful.

Many thanks,
Lyndsey Stride



DEN BUILDING AND KNOT TYING:

Finding a shelter is a very important survival tool for people and animals. Can you build a shelter to keep a creature warm and dry?

1. Begin by building a small shelter for an animal or a soft toy. The shelter needs to be waterproof and wind proof.
2. Model use of a forked stick to construct shelter.
3. Have mini ropes and tarps ready for children to use.
4. Adult tests each shelter with water and wind!
5. Can we build a group shelter to keep us all dry?
6. Use the knot tying card to help you tie the knots.
7. A timber hitch is best for the first rope round the tree then a round turn and two half hitches for the second tree. A larksfoot will keep your tarp tight.

H&S – use ropes and tarps rather than sticks to construct group shelter.

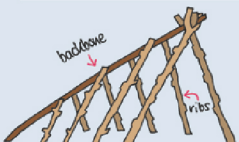
How to build a survival shelter



Have fun making your own survival shelter in the woods

- 1 Choose what kind of shelter to make:

Sloping A-frame shelter



Use two shorter Y-shaped branches to hold up a long straight pole

A tent-shaped shelter



Find two trees fairly close together to rest a strong, straight branch between

- 2 Add the ribs: Collect straight branches and line them up along the length of your shelter.



Then add some twiggly branches, weaving them between ribs to create a mesh.

- 3 Next add material to make it waterproof: work from bottom to top using whatever you can find on the ground.



Bracken is great but wear gloves before picking it



That's it! Now just crawl in and enjoy...

Remember: always take someone with you and let an adult know where you are going

