



A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE GBG COMMITTEE!!

As 2023 draws to a close, we would like to thank all our fantastic members for everything they have done for the group and for our wonderful badgers. We are really grateful for your support us this year, whether by attending a training session, helping with our GBG stall, coming along to a group sett survey, reading the newsletter or just paying your subs.

GBG is also extremely grateful to Badger Trust which has provided invaluable support to enable us to grow and develop as a group through a very generous grant from the Clare Hammacott Fund.

The Clare Hammacott Grant.

The Clare Hammacott Grant is available to all affiliated Badger Trust Badger Groups in order to help assist and promote the projects and work being done by the Badger Groups on the ground in their local area. The Clare Hammacott Grant opened in 2018 and awards grants of up to £1,500 for a wide range of projects aimed at promoting badger awareness and protection.

Clare was a proud supporter of Badger Trust and was determined to see a future where badgers and humans coexisted peacefully and in harmony. After a long battle with cancer, Clare sadly passed away in December 2016. She was resolute in her determination to protect badgers, leaving a significant legacy to Badger Trust to help champion and protect badgers for years to come.

Clare believed volunteers and Badger Groups are at the forefront of badger protection efforts in the here and now. This grant fund has been set up in Clare's memory, as per her wishes and using money left to Badger Trust, and is offered in order to preserve her legacy and provide Badger Groups with much-needed support for their ongoing efforts and projects.

GBG have used the grant to purchase some desperately-required badger rescue equipment, including a catch net,

grabber, hi-vis clothing and a variety of catch and carry cages. We now have a group of badger rescue volunteers amongst our membership, trained to use the new rescue equipment thanks to an excellent session run by Oxfordshire Badger Group.

