



Naseby Project Badge

Beavers Introduction and Activity 1

Introduction

Northamptonshire Scouts are delighted to have joined forces with the Naseby Battlefield Trust to create a brand-new badge for Beavers. Together, we've designed a programme of exciting new activities to teach our Beavers about the English Civil War and the Battle of Naseby.

The aim of this badge, and collaboration, is to educate Beavers on the importance of the Battle of Naseby within the context of the Civil War, as well as the lasting impact the battle had on the country.

To earn this badge, Beavers will have to complete three activities. The first activity will provide the Beavers with context about the English Civil War. Activity 2 will offer details on the Battle of Naseby, and Activity 3 will focus on the outcome and aftermath of the battle.

Activity 1

The Battle of Naseby happened a long time ago, on 14th June 1645. It was an important fight during the English Civil War. The battle took place near a village called Naseby in Northamptonshire.

In this battle, the Parliament's army, led by Sir Thomas Fairfax and Oliver Cromwell, won against the King's army, led by King Charles I and Prince Rupert. The Parliament's army captured many soldiers and their supplies.

After this battle, the King's army couldn't fight back much, and King Charles I had to give up in 1646.

Today, the place where the battle happened has special monuments and places where people can learn about the battle and see where it happened.

Please read this story below to provide Beavers with an introduction to the English Civil War.

There are also pictures of Cavalier and Roundhead soldiers:



The King Who Wouldn't Listen

A long time ago, there was a King named Charles. He had everything—fancy clothes, yummy food, big castles, and lots of shiny crowns and jewels. Wasn't he lucky? But there was a problem... Charles thought he was better than everyone else. Every morning, he looked in the mirror and said, "I'm special!" He told people what to do and never listened when they spoke.

What he didn't seem to realise, was that this made him appear to be very rude and nasty. The people didn't like this. They said, "Charles, you need to be kinder!" But did Charles listen?

No, he didn't!

After a while, the people got very tired of Charles bossing them around. They made a big team and decided to stop him. They wore plain clothes and metal hats and were called the **Roundheads**. One of their leaders was a man named Oliver.

They trained very hard and became one the one best teams in the whole of the country. Charles made his own team, too. They dressed in fancy clothes with big hats and feathers. They called themselves the **Cavaliers**.

Both sides had lots of small fights, and then they had one big fight in a place just down the road, here in Northamptonshire, called Naseby. There wasn't just people involved, there were lots and lots of big horses riding all over the countryside looking for a fight. Lots of cannons and smoke and loud bangs.

Guess what?

Charles lost! He had to stop being King. But even then...

Did Charles listen?

No, he didn't!

So, what happened?

He was taken to London and Charles had his head chopped off!

He lost everything. If only Charles had listened, things might have been very different!

Cavalier Soldier



Roundhead Soldier

