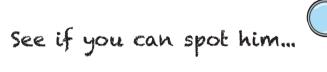
Lt started like any other sunny day in the forest. I woke up after a lovely sleep in my sett and headed out into the sunshine ready to start the day.

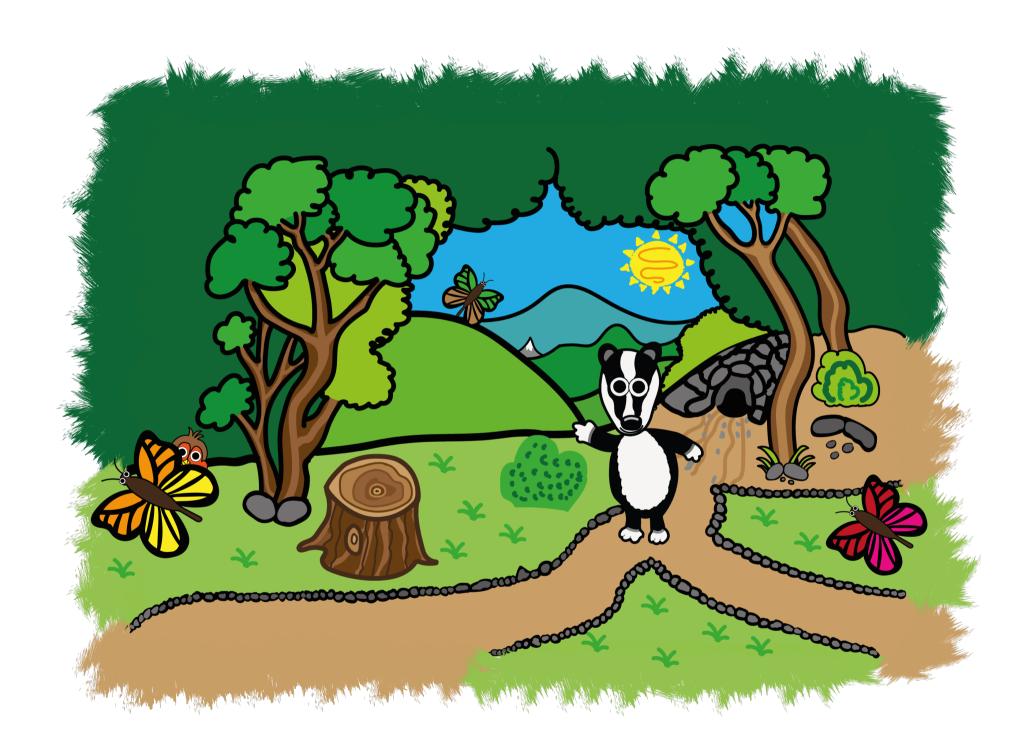
My good old friend, Mr Robin, said "good morning Benard!" in his chirpy voice. "Good morning Mr Robin!" I replied. When I was younger I hated living underground. Mr Robin helped me not to be scared. I now love to snuggle down in my sett, it's so cosy and warm, even in the winter.

Mr Robin and I have been friends ever since. He helped me so much that day and I have never forgotten how he taught me to face my fears. He may be a quiet little birdie who never boasts about his good deeds, but he is always there - even if you don't know it.

Little did I know that today would be the most amazing of days.
The day that I would meet lifelong friends and pass on the kindness that I learned from Mr Robin.







It was a beautiful sunny day in the forest.

The birds were singing and the butterflies were fluttering.

There was a pine cone on the path and I kicked it like a football. It went further than I have ever kicked a pine cone before!

That day felt like a good day.
That day, I felt like something amazing was about to happen.

And it truly did...



This had been the most amazing few days. Every day something special happened, and now I had a big group of the most wonderful friends.

"We are going to be friends for life", I said to the group. "I am so proud of you all, and I cannot wait to go on many more adventures together."

"I am going to call us THE GOOFBALLS!"

"HURRAH! WE ARE THE GOOFBALLS!" Shouted everyone.





MR ROBIN
Our unsung hero.
Helps all animals but
doesn't shout about it!
We all need a Mr Robin to
look out for us...



BENARD THE BADGER
I now love my home
sett. I also love my
new friends.



BLOSSOM THE HEDGEHOG Now loves hedges. She also loves to roll around in a ball.



GEOFF THE PEREGRINE
Now loves to fly high.
He is a great flyer and very
wise.



BINGO THE BAT

Now loves the night time.

She can see in the dark, but also loves hanging around in the daytime.



FENIX THE FOX
Now loves badgers.
He is a fast runner and
very clever.



SKYE THE OTTER
Now loves water.
She is a super swimmer
and the joker of the
Goofballs.



WILLOW THE DEER
Now has friends.
She loves being with her
friends and is a great
listener.

