



# High Weald Hero Activity Card

## High Weald Slide Show



**Equipment:** Plastic wallets

**Location:** This activity can be done in a variety of habitats - choose meadows, woodlands, heathland, etc., and compare your findings.

**Audience:** KS1 & 2

**Time:** 45 minutes

### Help develop children's view of habitats



**Activity Description:** Whilst outside, allow the children time to find a favourite, small object. It must be something they particularly like the colour or shape of, e.g. a colourful leaf or an unusual shaped stone. Their object will be the entry into the High Weald slide show. Once everyone has found their favourite object they must each take a plastic wallet and place their object inside. Form



the pupils into a circle, explaining they are the carousel for the slide show. Each pupil holds their object up to the light to have a closer look at it. When the leader claps their hands the 'slides' are passed to the right, so that each pupil has a new object to look at. Continue 'clicking' until every pupil has their own object back - don't be in a rush to complete, allow the children lots of time to examine the different objects closely. Encourage the pupils to discuss what they saw in the different objects. Promote talk about the different shape, thickness, texture, colour and any unusual markings or features.



Once the slide show has finished the objects can either be returned to the outdoor environment or taken back to the classroom for further investigation and discussion.



**High Weald Teaching Point:** Whilst the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is largely defined as having 5 unique characteristics - rolling hills, small irregular fields, abundant woods and hedges, scattered farmsteads and sunken lanes - its beauty is also in the finer detail. There are 50 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), 202 local wildlife sites, 10,000 ponds, 655 hectares of species-rich unimproved meadows, 61 historic parks and gardens and 6 iron-age hill forts!

Activity adapted from Avon Wildlife Trust



Check out the Learning Zone at [www.highweald.org](http://www.highweald.org)