

**Worksheet 1 – Shapes.**

In this picture there are two big shapes in the fields on the top of the hill. Do you know what kind of shape they are?

The small shapes on the hill are a bit of a mix up. They are not really pictures but can you guess, or perhaps you know, what they are?



It is easy to say what kind of shapes are on top of the hill. It's more difficult to say what kind of shapes are on the hill because each one is made up of lots of little shapes like a jig saw puzzle. When you put all those little shapes on the hill together what do they make a picture of?

Invent your own badge, draw it on thin cardboard, write your name underneath it, then cut it into fairly large, straight-edged pieces to make your own jigsaw.

The London Rifle Brigade badge, cut in 1916, is thought to be the first regimental badge to be carved on Fovant Down. Many regiments who followed also cut their badges on the hill, and at one time there were about twenty different badges on show.

Twenty badges means that there were twenty different regiments stationed in Fovant at some time or other, so there must have been hundreds, if not thousands, of soldiers living there. They weren't all in Fovant at the same time of course, but there must have been quite a crowd of soldiers in the area at any one time during World War 1. I wonder where they all lived?



- Where do YOU think all those soldiers lived at the time those badges were cut?
- If they lived nearby what did they live in?
- Do you think they camped out in tents?
- Or would they have lived in proper brick buildings or wooden huts?

The picture at the top of this sheet is what the place looks like now. All the soldiers are long gone, but the badges remain to remind us of why all those soldiers were there almost a hundred years ago.