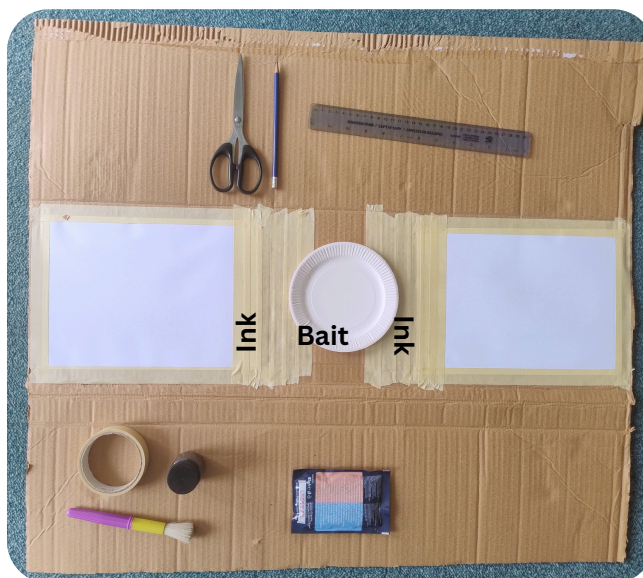




Footprint tunnels are an easy, non-invasive way to detect hedgehogs and other small mammals. Made from common household items, they're affordable, simple, and a fun activity for the whole family, while also supporting local wildlife conservation.

## What do you need?

- Large Cardboard Box
- Blank Paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Masking tape
- Paintbrush
- Charcoal powder\*
- Small dish/tray
- Bait (wet dog/ cat food)



### 1. Prepare tunnel shape

- Cut cardboard to approximately 90 cm x 75 cm.
- Fold into three 25 cm wide sections to create a triangular tunnel 90 cm long.


### 2. Lay out the base

- Secure paper at each end of tunnel base (middle section) with bait dish in centre.
- Fill gap between dish and paper with masking tape strips to form an ink pad.

### 3. Add bait and ink

- Place wet cat/dog food in bait dish.
- Mix an equal amount of charcoal powder and water.
- Paint onto masking tape ink pads.

### 4. Assemble and place

- Fold up the tunnel sides and secure with tape.
- Position in a sheltered outdoor spot on a dry night or in a shed or barn when raining.
- Use the free  what3words app and record the location of the tunnel.

### 5. Monitor

- Check the tunnel daily and replace paper and bait as needed.
- Identify tracks using the Garden Paws ID Guide.
- Email us with your findings:
  - Date tunnel placed
  - Location
  - Photos of footprints



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