

## **Using tracking tunnels to monitor hedgehog populations**

Hedgehog numbers have reportedly declined in recent years and this project aims to investigate the decline. The project aims to trial a systematic method of monitoring hedgehog populations using easy-to-assemble tracking tunnels which record hedgehog footprints.

Tracking tunnels will be placed for a week across a number of sites in East Notts and checked daily for prints. The project will be run in the first or second week of April when hedgehogs become active, then once again in either July or August. Results will hopefully give an insight into hedgehog distribution and abundance.

Volunteers are required to help place tunnels at the weekend and also to check them daily during the week, recording finds and replacing bait or paper if necessary. Survey areas are 1km square so some walking will be involved. Outdoor shoes and clothing are advisable. Having your own transport is not necessary but would be useful.

If you are interested please contact me by email at [n0289349@ntu.ac.uk](mailto:n0289349@ntu.ac.uk)

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