

# POO CLUES and TRACKING CHALLENGE

We can't always see the animals that live in the Parks but they leave clues behind to tell us who makes their home there. See how many you can spot on your walk!

## DROPPINGS (aka Scat, spraint, poo...)

**Rabbit** Pea-sized, black, light-brown or green, containing plants and grass. Usually scattered at latrines (toilets), which are often near burrows. Up to 1cm



**Fox** Usually long and twisted. If you look closely, you might find the remains of it's dinner- such as berries, bone or hair. Fox droppings are often left to mark territory. When it is fresh it can be very smelly! 5-20cm



**Hedgehog** Looks sausage-like in shape, and pointed at one end. Usually shiny and soft, as it contains berry seeds and remains of insect shells. Normally black in colour. 1.5-5cm



**Deer** Usually shiny and brown. Deer ruminate (which means they chew their food twice, like cows) so their droppings are very fine and don't normally have any obvious signs of their diet. The droppings are oval-shaped, usually in clusters. 1-1.5cm



**Bat** Usually found under the bats roost or where they access a building, they are made up of dried insect remains. Can look similar to mouse droppings but unlike mouse droppings they do not contain moisture, so will crumble easily.



**Otter** Known as spraint, it looks coarse and black, full of fish scales and shell fragments. When dry it becomes pale and crumbly. Otter spraint may also be used to mark a territory. It has an unusual musky, fishy smell. Can be found in higher ground along the side of a stream or river

