

Action For Insects Challenge



41% of our insects face extinction, it's time to take action!
Our bugs, moths, butterflies and other minibeasts are under threat. Together with The Wildlife Trusts we're here to help. Are you ready?

For even more programme ideas check out our 'AFI' board over on
www.Pinterest.com/PawprintFamily

#AdventureForAll
www.PawprintFamily.com

Meet the FAMILY

Hi there! We're Charlotte & Jamie, the husband and wife team behind the Pawprint Family and we believe in #AdventureForAll.

It's our mission to help leaders, teachers and parents save time by providing ideas and opportunities to help them deliver everyday adventure and skills for life. We do this through our family of brands; find out more below and head to the website for your next adventure!



PAWPRINT BADGES

Pawprint Badges provides thousands of free activity ideas and resources to help leaders, teachers and parents deliver fun and adventure.

Every activity helps you share skills for life and is linked to one of our pawesome embroidered badges. Build your collection and celebrate adventures, new skills and knowledge gained.

PAWPRINT TRAILS

Pawprint Trails are treasure-hunt style walks around locations in the UK. Solve puzzles, track down the answers and explore everything our great country has to offer.

From historical sights to popular culture discover something new or rediscover a love for where you live then collect the badge to remember your adventures!

Whether you're looking for the perfect addition to your next family holiday or a few hours of fun with friends; each trail can be completed in a few hours or extended with our activity suggestions in to a weekend or a week's worth of fun!

PAWPRINT TALES

Pawprint Tales are fully illustrated stories that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Join Alfie (our fox-red Labrador) on his adventures around the UK – solving puzzles, turning detective and making new friends. With twists and turns, every tale is an opportunity to discover new places, people and history without needing to leave the comfort of your own home.

Enjoy Pawprint Tales alongside your Pawprint Trails or as a standalone adventure!

PAWPRINT TRUST

Every brand in the Pawprint Family supports the Pawprint Trust with a percentage of profits from every sale providing grants to young people. We're passionate about enabling young people to access life changing adventures.

Share your adventures and join us over on our social channels for even more adventures and a nosy behind the scenes at Pawprint HQ!



@pawprintfamily



@pawprint_family

Hello from

The Wildlife Trusts!



There are more
Wildlife Trust
nature reserves
than McDonald's
restaurants in
the UK!

The Wildlife Trusts is a movement of 46 charities working tirelessly to protect, restore and create new homes for wildlife, bringing nature back to where you live and work in the UK, Alderney, and Isle of Man. We're working towards the ambitious goal of protecting and connecting **30% of land and seas for nature by 2030**, but we couldn't do it without the generous support of our 860,000 members and 38,000 amazing volunteers!

Here's how we keep ourselves busy...

© David Parkyn/Cornwall Wildlife Trust

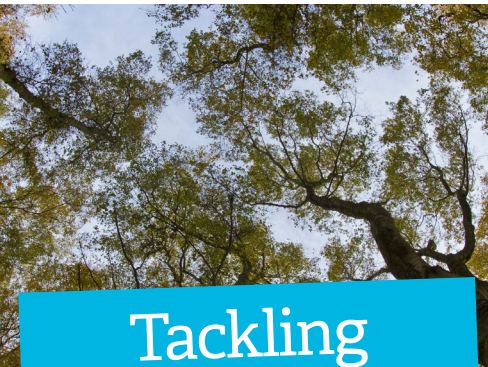


Bringing back
rare UK species



Connecting
people to nature

© Ben Hall/2020VISION



Tackling
climate change



Protecting our
seas

To find out more about what we do, head to
wildlifetrusts.org and follow us on social media:

 [wildlifetrusts](https://twitter.com/wildlifetrusts)  [wildlifetrusts](https://facebook.com/wildlifetrusts)   [thewildlifetrusts](https://youtube.com/thewildlifetrusts)

The Wildlife Trusts

Registered charity number 207238

Why do we need to take

#ActionForInsects?

Insects are essential to life on earth - but our bugs, moths, butterflies and other minibeasts are in deep trouble. With their homes being destroyed, the use of harmful chemicals and the effects of climate change, 41% of insects sadly face extinction.

But it's not too late! There's lots of things you can do to become an insect champion.

Action for Insects is a campaign led by The Wildlife Trusts, supported by a range of partners who are all determined to reverse the alarming declines in insects and help nature recover across the UK. For more, head to wildlifetrusts.org/action-for-insects

© Rachel Scopes



© Vicky Nall



Please ask your family and friends to take action too, and share what you are doing on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram using **#ActionForInsects**. We'd love to hear about the steps you're taking for insects!

 [wildlifetrusts](https://twitter.com/wildlifetrusts)  [wildlifetrusts](https://www.facebook.com/wildlifetrusts)   [thewildlifetrusts](https://www.youtube.com/thewildlifetrusts)

The Wildlife Trusts

Registered charity number 207238

PAWPRINT BADGES

Age 3 - 5



Age 5 - 7



Age 7 - 11



Age 11 - 14



Age 14 - 18



Age 18+



Craft



Food



Games



Other



Award yourselves a badge for supporting your young adventurers in their activities!

- 🐾 Adapt activities as necessary to meet your needs.
- 🐾 Add your own activity ideas or develop them into projects.
- 🐾 Use what you have; don't buy in lots of new materials/equipment.
- 🐾 No need to send us evidence, responsible grown-ups decide when the badge has been earned.
- 🐾 One challenge badge can take as long as you like; from a few hours to days or even a full term!

Please Do	You May Not
Use this resource with your young adventurers.	Redistribute or sell this resource in any way, shape or form.
Direct people to this resource online by sharing our website links.	Upload this resource to a website for download.
Tell your friends/family/colleagues about us!	Copy or modify any part of this resource to share with others either for free or for sale.
Share photos of you enjoying your adventures with us on social media.	Use any text, graphics, content or fonts without our written permission.

You can view the extended terms of use on our website
www.pawprintfamily.com/terms-conditions



Craft

**PAWPRINT
BADGES**

- 🔍 Build a bug hotel or compost heap from logs, sticks and other plant material.
- 🔍 Decorate a plant pot with your Action for Insects pledge and plant some seeds in it that will attract pollinators.
- 🔍 Design and make a seed packet; use our free resource to help you.

Why?

Seed packets are ideal for helping to spread the Action for Insects message. Why not make a few seed packets and then give them as gifts or as a Random Act of Kindness?

- 🔍 Upcycle a washing up bowl and make a mini pond. Visit wildlifewatch.org.uk/how-make-mini-pond for more info!
- 🔍 Design a garden using our free resource. Where will you create different habitats to support insects at different stages of their development?
- 🔍 Create a planting guide with information on insect friendly plants for all seasons. Share it with friends or neighbours and create a bug friendly neighbourhood! Check out wildlifewatch.org.uk/activities for some ideas and more info.
- 🔍 Not got a garden? Upcycle an old bucket or tyre to make a mini garden suitable for a balcony/courtyard. Alternatively create a mini habitat in a plant pot or window box.
- 🔍 Make your own seed bomb.

What?

Seed bombs are little balls of earth packed with seeds. Used by guerrilla gardeners for brightening up public spaces they leave little explosions of colour and patches of wild flowers. They're great fun to make and date back to ancient times. In Japan they were known as *tsuchi dango* or 'earth dumplings' and in ancient Egypt were used to restore farmland after the Nile's spring flood.

- 🔍 Design an insect. Get creative and invent your own insect. What will the 3 body parts look like? How about the wings? Where will it live? What are its favourite plants/food?
- 🔍 Make your own sweep net for your bug hunt.
- 🔍 Colour in your own butterfly memo peg. Use our free resource to help you and brighten up your fridge or workspace.



Food

**PAWPRINT
BADGES**

🔍 Crushed egg shells can be used as a natural barrier for slugs in the garden instead of harmful pesticides. Make a recipe using eggs and then use the egg shells to protect your flourishing garden.

🔍 Shop chemical free.

What?

Pesticide Action Network UK have created a great resource called 'Dirty Dozen, Clean 15' showing pesticide residues on common fruit and veg. Buy veggies from the 'clean' list and make a meal with them as an extra challenge.

🔍 Supermarket sweep! See how many products you can find in your local shop/supermarket marked as Fairtrade or Rainforest Alliance Certified. Both these accreditations help farmers to farm more sustainably and restrict the use of chemicals.

🔍 Host your own funky fruit and veg competition with friends and family. Who can grow or find the wonkiest, weirdest looking piece of fruit/veg?

Did You Know?

16.9 thousand tons of pesticides are sprayed every year across our countryside and that doesn't include what's used in gardens, towns and cities. Harmful chemicals kill plants and insects and cause pollution of our waterways.

🔍 Take a look in your fridge or cupboard. Which foods rely on pollinators to grow? Were you surprised?

🔍 Discover food chains and food webs that include insects.

🔍 Make your own hungry caterpillar fruit kebabs based on Eric Carle's, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

🔍 Bake your own caterpillar Swiss roll cake.

🔍 Charlotte fondly calls raisins 'flies'. Bake a cake or make biscuits using 'flies'.

🔍 There are 60 species of dung beetle in the UK, make some edible 'dung balls'. That's chocolate truffles to you and me!

🔍 Bake some biscuits to look like ladybirds or your favourite insects.

🔍 One bee colony can make 100kg of honey per year, that's 220 jars!! Make some honey biscuits or honey cake.



Games

**PAWPRINT
BADGES**

- 🔍 Take part in an insect quiz. Find one for free at: www.wildlifetrusts.org/insect-quiz
- 🔍 Create your own set of Insect Trump cards; use our free Trump Cards Template to help you.
- 🔍 Bug or not? Take a look at a bunch of creepy crawlies and minibeasts; can you correctly identify which of them are actually insects?

Did You Know?

All insects share the same body design of 3 parts (the head, thorax and abdomen) and some have wings. Examples are butterflies, beetles, bees, ants and dragonflies.

- 🔍 Have a good old fashioned beetle drive. Roll the dice to build your beetle and the person who builds their bug first is the winner.
- 🔍 Moth or not? Can you tell the difference between a moth and a butterfly? Take a look at some pictures and see if you can identify the differences between the two.
- 🔍 Play a game or two of bug bingo.
- 🔍 Have a caterpillar crawling competition.

What?

Imagine a sack race but horizontal. Jump in your sack or sleeping bag and transform yourself into a caterpillar. Then, race to wriggle to the end of the course. Fun for all ages! We dare you not to laugh when you start wiggling and wriggling along!

- 🔍 Act like an insect. Decide on actions for different types of insects and then have a game a little like Simon Says but with your bug actions. Last one to complete the action correctly is out.
- 🔍 Crickets are an insect; have a game of cricket with friends/family.
- 🔍 Go on a 'bug hunt' treasure hunt. Can you find the bugs hidden around your garden or home? They could be pompoms or painted rocks.
- 🔍 Have a stag beetle ring toss. Create a pair of antlers like the stag beetle's (which are actually over-sized mandibles) and compete tossing rings over them. Score points for each ring you get on an antler.
- 🔍 Feed the hungry caterpillar throwing bean bags of 'food' into a hoop.



Other

PAWPRINT
BADGES

- 🔍 Make a pledge to take #ActionForInsects and support the work of The Wildlife Trusts using our free resource. Share with your community.
- 🔍 Visit your local garden centre and find some peat-free compost. If you can't find any why not talk to the owner about the benefits of peat-free? Find out more at: www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/actions/how-go-peat-free-your-garden
- 🔍 Campaign against the use of pesticides. Check out the work of PAN UK at: www.pan-uk.org/supermarkets
- 🔍 Switch to natural cleaning products! What we wash down the drain has a big impact on our aquatic insects. Be kind to them and choose eco-friendly options. What swaps can you make at home/school/work?
- 🔍 Go on a bug hunt; see how many species you can find. Create a spotting sheet at: www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/things-do/get-started-your-spotter-sheets or grab a ready made one at: www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/activities
- 🔍 Take a survey of your garden or local green space. How insect friendly is it and how can it be improved? If the space doesn't belong to you why not share your findings with the owner and tell them what you've learnt about making spaces more insect friendly?
- 🔍 Do something to raise awareness of insect decline in your local community. You could put on a performance, write and perform a song, create posters or take part in a discussion on your local radio station.
- 🔍 Volunteer to help manage a local green space or park. Can you help with the planting or encourage more infrequent mowing?
- 🔍 Find out about the life cycle of different insects in the UK.
- 🔍 Read a bug related book like *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle or enjoy some insect themed poetry in *Cricket in the Thicket* by Carol Murray.
- 🔍 Explore water surface tension with a science experiment. The chemicals that make soaps bubbly are called surfactants and take away the surface tension of the water. This means insect like pond-skaters fall in and can't survive.
- 🔍 Paint some pebbles to look like insects to brighten up a local green space or your garden, window box or yard.
- 🔍 Help spread the word about Action For Insects and write to a friend to tell them what you've been up to.

Adventure Complete?

Reward your young adventurers with their Action For Insects Challenge badge to **mark their achievements!**
Head to the website to bag yours, download certificates and discover even more adventures!



Create a Keepsake!

Experienced **adventure**? Made **memories**? Then it's time to create a **keepsake**! Our Pawprint Family camp blankets are the perfect place to **sew your badges** and look back on them for years to come.



Personalise it!

Got your camp blanket? Then it's time to make it yours! Our alphabet badges are **big, bright and bold**...the perfect addition to your camp blanket, hoodies, bags and more. What will you personalise first?



Even More Rewards!

We're all about added value here at Pawprint Family. In addition to the 1000s of **free activity ideas** and resources you'll find **loyalty stickers** in every order and you can claim Children's University learning hours too!



Subscribe to the **Tribe News** for all the latest adventures direct to your inbox!

Scan me!

