

Photographing suspected badger setts for Scottish Badgers

Photographing suspected badger setts and sending us the photos can enable us to give you advice much more quickly than arranging a site visit.

Photographs do need to cover particular features, and this guide shows you how to take photos that do that. This advice assumes that you are using a digital camera or camera phone.

- 1) Take a general photograph of the area in which the suspect sett is located. This might be a garden if it is under decking or a shed, a bank if it is under a road or it might be of a woodland or field.
- 2) Take a picture from about four feet away of any holes that you think have been made by a badger. If there's any footprints or hair, please take photos of these as well.
- 3) Take a close up picture of the hole entrance with the camera a foot from the entrance of the hole and the flash on – ideally focus on the tunnel beyond the hole.
- 4) If possible place something in pictures 2 and 3 that gives a scale. A ruler or clearly read tape measure is ideal but a coin or keys will do. Make sure the coin or keys do not fall into the hole!
- 5) It is not necessary to photograph all the holes if there are many of them. Just pick two or three that seem the most active and the biggest.
- 6) Once you have taken your photographs email them to operationscoordinator@scottishbadgers.org.uk
- 7) Once we get your photographs someone will assess them and contact you with advice as soon as possible.

Thanks for your help.