

A number of minibeasts live in the smallest of spaces - in cracks, crevices and small burrows. Spiders, centipedes, ants, woodlice and earthworms are just some of them. You can usually only see them if you look very carefully.

Look out for holes, cracks and crevices along walls, pavements and verges.



Which parts of your route have the most?

Can you think what mini-wildlife might be using them?

Can you spot any obvious minibeasts?

Discuss what you see with your walking partners.



*Bee climbing into hole in a wall*



A number of plants can grow in small cracks and on rough surfaces, such as tree bark and walls - mosses, lichens and some grasses and wildflowers.

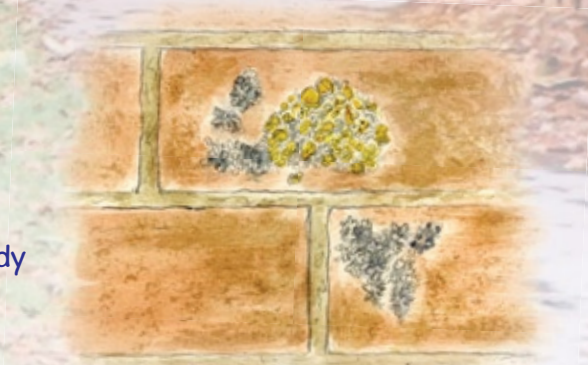
Mosses are green and look sort of 'furry'. Lichens are strange-looking plants, usually growing flat and brown or grey-green in colour.

Look out for mosses and lichens on walls and pavements.

Which parts of your route have the most mosses and lichens?

Are they growing in damp, shady areas or dry, open areas?

Can you see any grasses or wildflowers trying to grow in small cracks?



*Lichen growing on a wall*



*Moss growing at the edge of the pavement*



Discuss what you see with your walking companions.