

Do the Earthworm Challenge! Learn more about the health of your soil and contribute to *Citizen Science*.

The **Earthworm Challenge**! A *Citizen Science* activity devised by Dr Matthew Shepherd, Senior Specialist in Soil Biology for Natural England, this event is still open. Whether you are a farmer, gardener or allotment holder - learn more about nature's ploughmen and their importance for soil health, structure and so much more. Did you know that there are many different species which perform different roles?

Dr Shepherd says this activity can be carried out at any time of the year - you can repeat from time to time. Farmers might like to take up to 5 samples from different parts of a field and samples from arable fields would be great. You can help build up some serious scientific data by taking part in this, so a better understanding can be developed of what soil management best promotes healthy, living soil. Children love taking part in this activity - a good learning experience during lockdown, and exciting for adults too!

Submit your results on https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIHKGUDGPM0ec17edE-Hg_HHWJwrskRbxjJ_uxqZb4m7jjNw/viewform