

Some facts to share to be tick aware

1. Ticks are related to spiders and have six legs to begin with but as they develop they grow a further two legs
2. Ticks can live as long as three years
3. They cannot jump or fly but they can attach themselves to animals or people as they brush past something the tick is on
4. They like to feed on the blood of animals including people
5. They can be found in woods and fields and sometimes in parks and gardens in towns where there is wildlife
6. Ticks can be found all year, but tend to be more active between spring and autumn when it is warmer
7. Ticks are very small and their bite is not painful so you may not realise you have one attached to your skin
8. Ticks may carry an infection. This can be passed on to you if the tick then bites you
9. If the tick is removed within 24 hours you are less likely to get an infection
10. There are over twenty types of ticks in the UK and over 800 across the world

