

How to Help Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have been declining across Surrey for some time and we want to stop this happening. So here's a list of simple things you can do to help save our hedgehogs!

1. Make sure it is safe for hedgehogs

- Lift any netting off the ground
- Make sure there is a slope for hedgehogs to get out of ponds
- Check long grass and under hedges before strimming, mowing and turning compost
- Stop using pesticides and slug pellets



2. Can the hedgehogs get into your garden/allotment/school field?

- They need holes around 13cm x 13cm big to get in and out
- They can be under gates, in hedges or cut out of fences
- Having holes on each side creates a hedgehog highway, especially if you talk to your neighbours and they make one too!



3. Provide water

- This can be in the form of a pond or water bowls on the ground.
- Other creatures will benefit from this too!

4. Provide food

Natural hedgehog food are invertebrates like worms, slugs, caterpillars and beetles. Create homes to encourage these creatures, including:

- Hedgerows
- Log piles
- Leaf piles
- Meadow/long grass area
- You can also supplement hedgehogs' diet by providing food, check out [Hedgehog Street](#) for more information

5. Is there shelter?

These are places that hedgehogs may use for summer nests, nursery nests or hibernation nests.

- Hedges
- Compost
- log piles
- leaf piles
- Long grass/ Meadow
- Hedgehog home

If you have any questions or stories about hedgehogs near you, get in touch!

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