



Dear

May I introduce you to the British Hedgehog Preservation Society. The Society was formed in 1982 and its aims are:

- (1) *Promote the conservation of hedgehogs and their habitats, by means of campaigns, advocacy and educational projects that raise awareness of the practical steps needed to help reverse the decline of hedgehogs and improve their welfare.*
- (2) *Provide advocacy and an expert source of information and advice to the public, businesses, governmental and other organisations regarding the conservation, ecology, behaviour and welfare of hedgehogs.*
- (3) *Promote knowledge of and the understanding of current laws for the protection and welfare of native hedgehogs in the British Isles and seek further legal protection as necessary.*
- (4) *Identify and provide funding for research (which shall be published) that is of benefit to the Western European hedgehog and*
- (5) *Provide information and support educational projects, especially for the younger generation, to promote understanding, appreciation, respect and a humane attitude to hedgehogs and other wildlife.*

To carry out this programme, we ask supporters to contribute as follows: Minimum Annual Individual UK £7.50 / Overseas £20.00, Minimum Annual Family/Group UK £12.50 / Overseas £25.00, Minimum Life-Long Supporter (single payment) UK £300.00 / Overseas £500.00. Our supporter rates are kept as low as possible to help spread information about hedgehogs as far and wide as we can – they are considerably lower than supporter rates for many other wildlife charities. We are very grateful to all supporters, and if you do feel able to make a small donation above the minimum rate, or offer an occasional one-off donation, your generosity would of course be very much appreciated.

You can help even more by signing the Gift Aid Declaration and Banker's Standing Order on the reverse of this letter. As the Charity is a non-profit making organisation, it is exempt from Income Tax and so is able to reclaim the tax paid on all your future subscriptions or any donations you might be able to make until you tell us otherwise. The only stipulation is that you must be a United Kingdom taxpayer, paying enough tax - either income tax or capital gains tax - to cover the amount we claim from the taxman. At no cost to yourself you are increasing the income of the Society and helping more hedgehogs. However, if you do not pay tax you cannot sign the declaration. Please fill in the declaration if you are eligible - it can make a huge difference to hedgehog welfare. Please note we cannot claim Gift Aid in your name if you are not the applicant (ie if purchasing for a gift).

Twice yearly newsletters are sent out to all supporters, detailing progress and including some expert/professional information on hedgehog matters. A wide range of hedgehog goods can be obtained from our "Hogalogue", which is also sent out to all supporters and available to others on request. New supporters will receive a certificate, an information booklet, a car sticker, our latest newsletter and a "Hogalogue". Items can also be ordered from our online shop, see our website for details.

We would appreciate any fund-raising schemes you can arrange on our behalf; we leave you to decide which method will suit you and your friends. A fund raising pack is available on request.

But, most importantly, please give the Society all the publicity you can. Tell all your friends about us and encourage them to become supporters too.

Best wishes,  
Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

**PLEASE TURN OVER**

### Patrons

Chris Beardshaw • David Domoney • Dr Amir Khan • Dame Twiggy Lawson DBE  
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# APPLICATION TO JOIN THE BRITISH HEDGEHOG PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Title: ..... Name: .....

Address (please print): .....

Postcode: ..... Telephone No: ..... Age (if under 16): .....

I/We wish to enrol as:      Annual Individual UK minimum £7.50 / Overseas minimum £20  
                                     Annual Family/Group UK minimum £12.50 / Overseas minimum £25  
                                     Life-Long Supporter Single payment UK minimum £300 / Overseas minimum £500

I/We enclose Cheque/Postal Orders/Cash £ .....

Please make cheques payable to: **British Hedgehog Preservation Society**

Please tick box if you require information on WILLS ☐

How did you learn of the society eg. advert, show etc. ....



**IF YOU ARE A TAXPAYER, BY SIGNING THE GIFT AID DECLARATION BELOW, YOU CAN HELP BOOST THE SOCIETY'S INCOME - AT NO COST TO YOURSELF**

## GIFT AID DECLARATION - Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the BHPS from the tax you pay for the current tax year.

Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick this box: ☐

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £..... and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

**The British Hedgehog Preservation Society.**

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Title: ..... First name or intital(s): ..... Surname: .....

Full home address: .....

Postcode: ..... Date: ..... SIGNATURE: .....

Please notify the charity if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address or no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

**WHETHER YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE GIFT AID DECLARATION OR NOT, PLEASE HELP US BY USING THE FORM BELOW**

## BANKER'S STANDING ORDER

Bank Reference (for office use only): .....

**IMPORTANT:** Please return this form to us rather than setting up payments online with your bank or by sending this form direct to your bank because we may miss to make you a supporter if we do not process your Standing Order through our office.

To The Manager: ..... Bank/Building Society

Address of Bank/Building Society: .....

PLEASE PAY TO THE NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK, LUDLOW (Sort Code 53-81-18) FOR THE CREDIT OF  
BRITISH HEDGEHOG PRESERVATION SOCIETY ACCOUNT NUMBER 02935546 the sum of (minimum £7.50)

..... POUNDS ..... PENCE (£.....) NOW, AND THEREAFTER ANNUALLY

EVERY 1st ..... UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE IN WRITING FROM ME/US.

Bank/Building Society Account Number: ..... Signature: .....

Please Print Title: ..... Name: .....

Address: .....

..... Date: .....



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Please return completed form to B.H.P.S., Hedgehog House, Dhustone, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 3PL