

# BRITISH HEDGEHOG PRESERVATION SOCIETY

## A guide to helping hedgehogs



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Stop using pesticides and slug pellets in your garden. Not only can these harm hedgehogs but also damage their food chain. Use organic methods instead.

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Add 13cm x 13cm square gaps at the bottom of boundary fences and walls to allow hedgehogs easy access to your garden. Keep a corner of your garden wild to offer shelter, protection and natural food for hedgehogs and other wildlife. Encourage hedgehogs into your garden, but never move one in from another area, as it may well have a nest of dependent young that you would be condemning to death.

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Provide a shallow dish of fresh water for all wildlife, and offer food such as meaty hedgehog food, meaty cat or dog food or cat biscuits for hedgehogs, especially during long dry spells.

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Make or buy a hedgehog home to offer a hibernation site that is safer from predators in the winter. It may also be used as a nesting box for a mother and her hoglets in the warmer months. Visit [www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk](http://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk) for a leaflet on building a hedgehog home or visit our online shop to buy a premade one!

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Check areas thoroughly for hedgehogs and other wildlife before strimming or mowing. Keep pea netting 22-30cms (9-12 inches) off the ground so that hedgehogs can pass safely under and plants will grow to the netting. If using robotic lawnmowers check areas carefully before use and never set them to run at night.

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Dispose of litter responsibly. Every year hedgehogs are injured by litter and starve to death after getting trapped in discarded rubbish.

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Bonfires offer a tempting home for a hedgehog. Ideally, collected materials should be re-sited just before the fire is to be lit, if this is not possible, the base should be lifted up with poles or broom handles (not a fork!) and a torch shone in to look (and listen) for any wildlife or pets in need of rescue before lighting. Once checked, light from one side only to allow an escape route for anything you may have missed.

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Hedgehogs are good swimmers but can become trapped in ponds or pools with sheer sides. Keep water levels topped up, provide a gently sloping edge if possible or place half submerged rocks and ramps in the water as an escape for them.

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Cattle grids can be a problem as hedgehogs fall in and become trapped. A simple rough-surfaced ramp placed in the grid will save lives. Holes in the ground should be covered or surrounded by a barrier to keep hedgehogs out.

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Take care on the roads, hedgehogs are nocturnal so are out at night. A hedgehog's natural defence mechanism is to roll into a ball - this is no match for a vehicle.



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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**

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

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

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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.

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

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Date: .....



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