

# British Hedgehog Preservation Society

A SMALL NATIONAL CHARITY DEDICATED TO SAFEGUARDING THE FUTURE OF THE EUROPEAN HEDGEHOG



## Helping Hedgehogs!

- Ensure there is a 13 x13cm gap in your boundary fence or wall to allow hedgehogs to pass through.
- A wild corner offers shelter, protection and natural food for hedgehogs and other wildlife.
- Avoid using pesticides and slug pellets in your garden. Not only can these harm hedgehogs but also damage their food chain.
- Provide a shallow dish of fresh water and food such as meat based pet food, hedgehog food or cat biscuits, especially during long dry spells.
- Make or buy a hedgehog home, it may be used as a hibernation site in winter or as a nesting box for a mother and her hoglets in the warmer months.
- Check thoroughly for hedgehogs before strimming or mowing.
- Keep pea netting 22-30cms (9-12") off the ground so hedgehogs can pass safely.
- Check bonfires carefully and remove sleeping hedgehogs before lighting.
- Keep pond and pool water levels topped up, provide a gently sloping edge if possible or place half submerged rocks in the water as an escape for hedgehogs.



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