



NORTHUMBRIAN HEDGEHOG RESCUE TRUST

PLEASE TAKE ONE OF
THESE LEAFLETS AND
HELP THE
HEDGEHOGS
IN YOUR
GARDEN BY
GIVING THEM ACCESS
TO COME AND GO!



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Hedgehogs are in serious decline in Britain and are now listed as "vulnerable" on the red list of mammals.

According to the latest State of Britain's hedgehogs report, since the year 2000 their numbers have fallen by up to 30% in urban areas and 50% in the countryside.

It is thought that their population is now less than a million in Britain as a whole.

There are many ways of attracting hedgehogs in your gardens and maintaining your garden for both your and their benefit:

- 1. Link your garden to your neighbour's garden – hedgehogs naturally wander and therefore need access to get from one garden to the next – hedgehogs can travel up to a mile every night - have a look at the fence or wall that encloses your garden to ensure that there is a hole for a hedgehog to get through – the hole only needs to be about the size of a CD 13cm long and high – maybe consider a few holes in the fence or wall depending on the size of the garden.**
2. Create a wild area in your garden – let the plants and growth in one small area of your garden go without tending to encourage hedgehogs to find a home there – at this time of year especially gather all of those falling leaves into a pile in a corner of the garden.
3. If you have a pond please make sure that a hedgehog can get out of it by putting a slope in place – while hedgehogs are good climbers and can swim they also need to be able to easily get out of water.
4. Stop using chemicals in the garden – in particular many slug pellets are very harmful to hedgehogs – also be careful of any netting used in the garden as hedgehogs can easily get caught up in this.
5. Check before strimming in the garden as hedgehogs tend to sleep during the day when the normal business of gardening is undertaken – strimmer tools can cause a lot of pain and damage to sleeping hedgehogs.
6. Put out some suitable food and a little bowl of water – hedgehogs will eat just plain old cat food in jelly or dried cat biscuits but both must be NON FISH. In warm weather especially when the ground is hard it is difficult for hedgehogs to find enough food and water.

Please look at your garden boundary and speak to your neighbour on either side.

One or more small gaps of 13cm by 13cm is all that the hedgehog needs at night to be on its way.

For further advice on helping hedgehogs in your garden please visit our website www.hedgehogs-northumbria.org.uk or contact Helen on 01668 216556.

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