

HELP OUR HEDGEHOGS!

Since 2000 hedgehog numbers in England have dropped by 30-75% in rural areas, up to 30% in urban areas where numbers were improving slightly. They become dehydrated easily so hot, dry summers may affect them badly. They live in scrubby areas & gardens, rough grassland & under hedgerows where there is plenty of insect prey and travel 1-2 kms/night looking for food & mates. They hibernate in deep leaf litter beneath hedges & scrub.

Please let us know if you see one!



How to Help Hedgehogs

- Leave out water in hot or dry weather.
- Have a wild area in your garden or park.
- Check for hedgehogs before strimming, mowing or bonfires.
- Have 13 x 13cm holes at fence bases so hedgehogs can pass through.
- Don't use pesticides.
- Ensure your pond has a sloping side so if they fall in they can escape.
- Wire or netting must be secure or 15cm above ground.

Please send the date, postcode or grid reference of sighting, number seen & any other information to Bromley Biodiversity Partnership at bromleybiodiversity@gmail.com The records help local habitat improvements to be made. For more information see <https://www.hedgehogstreet.org>

If you see a sick or injured hedgehog or a hedgehog in daylight (sometimes, but not always, a sign of distress), please contact Mavis Righini on 02084621168 or Willow Wildlife Rescue on 07858227337 (<https://www.willowwildlife.co.uk/>) for advice.

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