



Hedgehog Friendly Steps

<p>1. Share your Garden with Hedgehogs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Link your gardens to create hedgehog highways – by cutting a 13x13cm access hole into your boundary (with permission from your neighbours). Add a hedgehog tunnel to deter cats/dogs from using. ✓ Give them somewhere to nest; leave a wild area or build a hedgehog house. Provide leaf piles or garden cuttings for bedding.
<p>2. Make your Garden Hedgehog Safe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> × Avoid using chemicals such as pesticides, insecticides, lawn treatments and toxic slug pellets – eco alternatives are available. × Bonfires – take care and burn it on the day you build it (as they may move in overnight). Or consider alternatives to burning the wood. ✓ Ponds are great for all wildlife but make them hedgehog safe by having a shallow end or an escape ramp. ✓ Hedgehogs often nest in hedges and compost piles so be sure to check before strimming and forking. ✓ Remove entanglement risks, such as netting or loose wire. ✓ Cover drains and holes.
<p>3. Supply a source of food</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Their natural diet of bugs and insects is best – encourage creepy crawlies with a log pile, rockery, insect hotel or wildflowers. ✓ Support feed – this gives them a little helping hand – use a feeding station (to stop other animals eating it). Put out cat biscuits or meaty cat food in jelly (not fish flavour). And a fresh bowl of water! × Do not feed them bread, milk or mealworms (as these can harm their health).
<p>4. Act beyond your own garden</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Encourage your friends, family and neighbours to take these steps too, creating hedgehog friendly streets and communities. ✓ Become a Hedgehog Champion (see HedgehogStreet.org for info). ✓ Log sightings and hedgehog highways on the BigHedgehogMap.org. ✓ Drive cautiously and slowly at night to reduce hedgehog road kill. ✓ Pick up litter.