

Help A Hedgehog Pack

Community guide



Kent
Wildlife Trust

Guidance on involving your neighbours

One of the best ways to help hedgehogs is to get your neighbours and wider community involved to open up more gardens and pathways for hedgehogs to explore. Hedgehogs nest in small, cosy spaces but to find food and mates they need a large area to wander around in - sometimes several square miles.

Involving your neighbours is a great way of creating this hedgehog-friendly space and it's really not as difficult as it sounds. Using your Help A Hedgehog pack you can print out and distribute action cards, introductory letters and interesting facts about the UK's only spiny mammal. Interested neighbours will soon realise how easy it is to help and your street could be working together to Help A Hedgehog in no time at all.

Tips and suggestions

- As well as posting material through letterboxes why not knock on doors and introduce yourself? A quick conversation is far more effective than leaving a leaflet and you might find you can work together and accomplish things much faster.
- Set a regular meeting at a local venue such as a village hall and ask people to talk about recent sightings, problems they've found and suggestions to help each other.
- Try to involve any local land owners or authorities that manage community grounds and green spaces. They are often willing to help community projects.

Dos and don'ts

DO be positive but patient. People may want to help but be unable to do so immediately. Give them some encouragement but understand that they may be busy.

DO be positive. Small changes in just one or two gardens can make a big difference.

DON'T force people to become involved. Focus on what you can do elsewhere and if they see the positive changes they may change their mind voluntarily.

