



Ealing Hedgehog Friends

Supporting sick and injured hedgehogs

Ealing Hedgehog Friends is a non-profit hedgehog rescue service based in Ealing. We are run solely by volunteers.

Our main goals are to:

- Increase the population of hedgehogs in Ealing.
- Save sick and injured hedgehogs with the help of our trained team of volunteers, partnering with local vets for medical support.
- Educate the public on how to help hedgehogs and conduct projects to promote hedgehog-friendly habitats.



Vulnerable to extinction!

Hedgehog numbers in Great Britain have more than halved since 2000.

They need our help!

We support hedgehogs – please support us.

We are self-funding and need donations for vet bills, medications and equipment. We also need volunteers with some flexible time.



www.ealinghedgehogfriends.com



For hedgehog emergencies:

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<https://paypal.me/ealinghedgehogfriend> or scan to donate.



Helping hedgehogs in your garden

Supporting hedgehogs – hedgehog friendly gardens

- Create some holes in your fence (13x13cm) and encourage your neighbours to do the same: Create a safe **Hedgehog Highway**
- Keep a part of your garden **wild**
- Offer a **log pile** or pile of branches; don't clear away all dead leaves - hedgehogs need them for nesting
- Put some **water** out during hot and dry weather (in a shallow dish)

Protecting hedgehogs – safety in your garden

- Hedgehogs like to hide in **long grass**, **piles of leaves**, and **compost heaps**. Check for hedgehogs before using a **mower**, **strimmer**, **hedge cutter** or a **garden fork** in your compost heap
- Check your **bonfire** before you light it. Or use a proper incinerator
- Raise any **netting** one foot above the ground
- Cover your **drains** and secure light well-fences (basement flats)
- Provide a ramp in your **pond** to allow hedgehogs to climb out if they fall in. Keep your pond topped up in summer so they are less likely to topple in
- Avoid using **slug pellets**, **rat poison**, **weedkiller** and **insecticide**. These can kill hedgehogs
- Keep **oils and chemicals**, such as **paint** and **wood preserver** out of reach. Hedgehogs love to lick things they shouldn't eat
- **Remove litter** and builder's rubbish promptly. Litter traps and injures hedgehogs! Be especially careful with **bin bags** at ground level. Hedgehogs will nest in them and then get thrown out with your rubbish
- Don't shut a **shed door** without checking for wildlife first. If you dismantle a shed, do it in October when the hoglets have left the nest