

Hedgehogs are endangered and we need to do all we can to protect them.

Hedgehogs and Uttlesford District Council Eco Forum

DO

Provide access gaps in fences from your garden - 13 x 13cm hole at the bottom of a fence or wall is ideal.

Provide a shallow dish of fresh water every evening and supplementary food such as meat/chicken based kitten biscuits.

Provide escape routes from garden ponds with steps or a gentle sloping ramp.

Hedgehogs can swim but they need to be able to climb out.

Check areas before strimming or mowing - hedgehogs suffer terrible injuries from strimmers.

Move garden rubbish before burning or forking as a pile of leaves might just have a sleeping hedgehog in it.

Keep netting off the ground in gardens and recreation grounds.

Hedgehogs can easily get caught up and badly injured in netting and starve to death.

Cover drains and check outbuildings and greenhouses before shutting the door.

Dispose of discarded litter and elastic bands dropped by posties

Take an injured Hedgehog to your local vet or rescue centre.

Take care on the roads - a hedgehog's defence mechanism is to roll into a ball.

DON'T

Use slug pellets or pesticides - the hedgehogs will take care of your pests.

Give them milk, bread or mealworms or cat/dog food containing fish or gravy.

Worry about fleas - hedgehog fleas are indigenous to hedgehogs and will not live on your family pets.

Disturb a nesting hedgehog. There is a risk she will abandon the nest.



Thank you
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much.