

Hedgehog Surveying in Our Gardens

Did you know that hedgehog numbers have declined by at least 30% since 2000? This is shocking considering that they are a beloved animal and were once a common sight throughout Britain! However, there are many things that can and are being done to save our spikey little friends!

University campuses like ours are the perfect environment in which to support hedgehogs due to their large areas of open land. Therefore, in February we signed up to the Hedgehog Friendly Campus scheme and agreed to aim to make our campuses Hedgehog Friendly. Currently the University is working towards their Bronze accreditation.

On 6th May for Hedgehog Awareness Week we held a live online workshop for some interested staff, showing simple survey techniques to help them discover if they have hedgehogs visiting their gardens! Jo from Hedgehog Friendly Campus gave an amazing talk on how we can search for signs of hedgehogs in our gardens and helped us build our survey tunnels. Some of our participants got great hoggy footprints in their surveys which was amazing to see! This was originally to be held on campus and we hope to conduct a survey there that anyone can join in with when back!

How can you help hedgehogs at home you might ask, well Hedgehog Street recommend:

- More gardens and green spaces linked with 'Hedgehog Highways' in fences

- More wild areas and log piles in gardens for insects and other wildlife

- More hedgehog houses and feeding stations in gardens

Once back on campus we hope to carry on our work to become hedgehog friendly!



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