



**Somerset**  
Wildlife Trust

# Homes for Hedgehogs

## Dear Hedgehog Lover

### Could you make a home for a hedgehog?

Whilst they're fully deserving of their place as one of the most charismatic and best-loved mammals in the UK, it's a sad fact that numbers of the humble hedgehog has been declining since the 1950s.

### Our hogs are in serious need of a helping hand!

By signing up for this pack you're already a hedgehog hero, but your mission - now that you've chosen to accept it - has only just begun!

There are so many things we can do to help - even small changes can make a huge difference to our prickly friends. Over the next three months we're going to give you lots of ideas, inspiration, information and hoggy facts - all to guide you in creating homes for hedgehogs on your own doorstep.

### We want Homes for Hedgehogs all over the county, so welcome on board!

Inside this starter pack you'll find a useful booklet full of information and advice on how you can make your garden or local community space a real home for hedgehogs. We've also included a wall-chart for you to use to record any hedgehog sightings in your garden, a wildlife gardening booklet and a postcard that you can use to share your love for all things hedgehog with a friend or family member!



From 1st August, you'll be receiving a series of emails covering useful topics such as what hedgehogs like to eat, how to build a hedgehog house, what to do if the hedgehogs in your garden are sick or injured and much more.

### **Unleash your inner citizen scientist!**

While you might well be lucky enough to regularly spot your prickly friends at different points of the year, we'll also be holding our first ever official Somerset hedgehog count between 11th and 18th September. We're asking you to unleash your inner citizen scientist and help us build data on the real state of hedgehogs in Somerset.

Our plan is to repeat this count each year so that we can monitor the changes in hedgehog populations. This will tell us a great deal about the quality of the habitats they call home and their distribution across the county, which means we can focus our conservation efforts where they will have the most effect.

### **And whatever you do as a hedgehog hero, we want to hear about it!**

If you are on social media share your pictures of hedgehogs or the things that you are doing to give them a home using [#HomesforHedgehogs](#).

Together we can give  
hedgehogs a home!

