

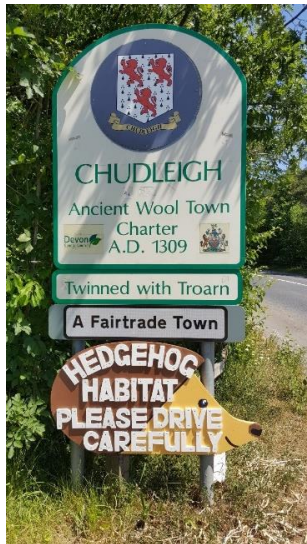


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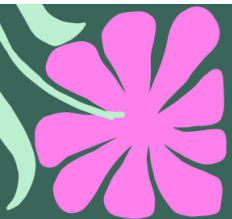
Chudleigh Help for Hedgehogs

I think we can all agree that seeing a hedgehog snuffling around a garden or open space is a wonderful sight. However, these remarkable creatures are in trouble, with a declining population and a “Vulnerable” status in the latest UK mammal review.

In September 2019, the “Chudleigh Prickly Hedge” group was established to raise community awareness about the local hedgehog population and inspire support for their conservation.

Outcome: Residents in Chudleigh are now more aware of and supportive of their local hedgehog population.

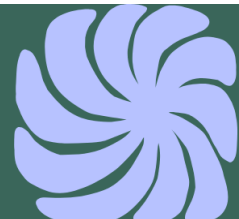




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What Was Involved

- **Twenty-five “Hedgehog Go Slow” signs** put up around town, plus two prominent signs at the town entrance (see photos).
- **Successfully lobbied two major new-build companies** to include hedgehog highways in their developments.
- **Distributed leaflets** from “Hedgehog Street” and “British Hedgehogs” at community events, garden clubs, the library, and private homes.
- **Organised a community art project** during Hedgehog Week, featuring over 200 decorated hedgehog cutouts displayed around town.
- **Arranged an educational talk** by an expert to inspire residents to support their local hedgehog population.
- **Established an active Facebook page** with over 580 members, sharing photos, sightings, and information.
- **Encourage recording and reporting** of hedgehog sightings, contributing to ongoing collection of species data.

Costs

British Hedgehogs “Go Slow” signs, were sponsored by members of the group. Signs and artwork projects were made by volunteers using recycled materials. Any funds raised at events have been donated to hedgehog rescues.

Actions

- Are there existing groups in your community raising awareness about hedgehogs? Can the Council support their efforts?
- Are there suitable locations for installing hedgehog boxes within the community?
- Could signs be used to raise awareness at local hedgehog accident hotspots?
- Could hedgehog highways be considered in all local planning?



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