

## Pledge 8

### Create a hedgehog highway

Hedgehogs roam far and wide in the wild in search of food, mates and nesting sites. An average hedgehog can roam 2km in a single night!

One of the best ways we can help them is getting together with neighbours and creating a hedgehog highway.

#### How to make your own hedgehog highway

1. Check with the neighbour who share your boundaries that they are happy for you to create a hedgehog size hole in the fence/wall.
2. Measure and mark a 13cm x 13cm hole at the bottom of your fence or wall.
3. Carefully cut out the marked hole using a saw or power tool.
4. If there are very rough edges, use sandpaper to smooth them down.
5. Your hedgehog highway is now open for business!

All these steps are a more difficult with a wall instead of a fence, but still achievable.

To record your hedgehog hole, go to the national network at [Hedgehog Street](#): A joint campaign run by the People's Trust for Endangered Species and the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS), Hedgehog Street aims to encourage people to link their gardens and make 'Hedgehog Highways' that are rich in insects and free from hazards.

#### Important

##### Say no to slug pellets!

If you encourage hedgehogs into your garden, every night they can Hoover up over 100 invertebrates, such as snails, slugs and worms. So there is no need to use slug pellets, which can poison hedgehogs and birds too.

##### Think about hedgehogs around Bonfire Night.

Many hedgehogs die or suffer injuries every year, due to bonfire piles resembling their perfect hibernating sites. Please check before you light them, to avoid suffering. The British Hedgehog Preservation Society advises to avoid building your bonfire until the day it is going to be lit — this will reduce the chances of hedgehogs taking up residence in the bonfire pile for hibernation.



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