

Hedgehog Highways

Information for Kingsbrook residents



As part of our work to help give nature a home at Kingsbrook, we are creating what we call Hedgehog Highways.

These are no more than simple holes at the base of garden fences, so that nocturnal wildlife such as hedgehogs and frogs can move from garden to garden.

Help them and they will help you, nibbling slugs and other unwanted creepy-crawlies!

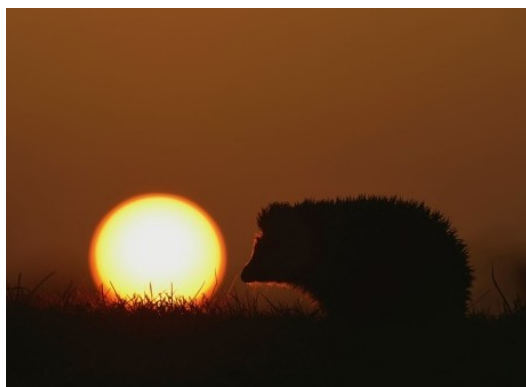
This leaflet will help you understand more about Hedgehog Highways, and how you can help.

Hedgehogs in peril

Fifty years ago there were thought to be 30 million Hedgehogs in Britain. Today, there are less than a million left, and their numbers continue to fall.

They are facing many challenges, from less food in the countryside to the danger of trying to cross roads.

Gardens could be great for them, but new housing is often surrounded by high



walls and fences. Hedgehogs are forced onto road verges instead.

The solution is simple: by putting little holes in fences and leaving gaps under gates, it gives them a network of secret routes they can follow, away from the roads.



Wildlife corridors

As well as making Hedgehog Highways, we have also designed Kingsbrook so that there are green corridors running right through the villages, like living veins.

These parks, tree-lined avenues, wide verges, and streams and pools will all create a network that wildlife – and you – will be able to follow. Hopefully, they will give you much nicer routes to take when walking or cycling through Kingsbrook.

How you can help

You don't need to do anything to the Hedgehog Highway holes. Just leave them and they will do their job.

If you do want to hide them, why not plant some flowers or a bush in front of them.

Hedgehogs will be very happy with that, because it will give them cover.

If Hedgehogs do start using your garden, you might like to feed them. Don't give them milk or bread, which can give them a stomach upset. Instead, a saucer of water and some proper hedgehog food or cat food will give them the moisture and nutrients they need.

You may need to hide the food to stop cats and foxes getting to it – an upturned plastic storage box, with a square entrance cut in the side and a heavy brick on top will do the trick.

If you do see hedgehogs, you might also like to provide a Hedgehog House, which is where they can hibernate for the winter from about November to April.



Across Britain, all sorts of wildlife is in serious decline, from hedgehogs to house sparrows.

At Kingsbrook, Barratt Homes and David Wilson Homes are working with the RSPB and Aylesbury Vale District Council to set a new standard, creating a rich environment where wildlife can thrive, and which helps improve your quality of life as well.

Further information

If you have any further questions about Hedgehog Highways at Kingsbrook, please speak to the sales team in the Show Home offices. If they don't know the answer, they will find out for you!

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