Staffordshire Wildlife Trust

Help a hedgehog!

Encourage hedgehogs into your garden:

- **Go Wild!** Create a 'wild' area in your garden by planting wildflowers. This will encourage insects and slugs which hedgehogs love to eat.
- **Leave food and fresh water** (in a shallow dish) out to encourage spiky visitors.
- **Leave the leaves!** Don't tidy up fallen leaves as hedgehogs will use them to make cosy bedding.
- **Prickly pathways!** Cut a small hole (5" square) at the bottom of your fence/gravel board to allow hedgehogs to move freely between gardens.

Make a cosy winter home for hedgehogs:

1. Remove the lid and place the box upside down in a sheltered corner of your garden
2. Cut a hole in one end of the box to act as a door for your hedgehog
3. Cut a small ventilation hole in each side of the box
4. Line the floor inside the box with loose straw/hay and lots of dry leaves/twigs (hedgehogs love this!)
5. Using the polythene/tarpaulin cover the box and secure around the base with stones/pebbles
6. Cover the box with lots of dry leaves/twigs

What you'll need:

A sturdy plastic box

Straw/hay

Lots of dry leaves/twigs

Stones/pebbles

A sheet of tarpaulin/polythene

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