



Hedgehog Welfare

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Hedgehog Information

It's been a busy Spring and Summer for us all as hot weather and long dry periods have beset the seasons. As a result, hedgehogs have, and still are, struggling to find sufficient food - which is why they need our help. So, if you can, leave out a handful of chicken-based kitten biscuits scattered on the patio or lawn. And don't forget the important bowls of clean fresh water. They need to be full every night. Hungry hedgehogs are not just a problem for our region; the story is the same throughout the country. Janet has been helping people who found hedgehogs and they told her there was nowhere for them to go locally. Calls have come from as far as Cornwall, Staffordshire, Bedfordshire and five people in Scotland as well as Cambridgeshire, Derbyshire and Leicestershire. Most asked the local vet what to do - and too often the reply was to have the animal put to sleep. However, it only takes a little care and attention, and TLC, to have the hogs back on their feet and fit to face the wild again. Janet has been encouraging callers to liaise with their vets, as their charges usually need some parasite treatment and discuss how the hogs can be helped. Most of the young hogs that were found were returned to the wild, as well as some adult ones.

We just hope that we have rain soon, if not, it's going to be an extremely busy few months ahead. So please help save our hedgehogs.

Interesting Article We Thought you May Like

There was a very interest article by the Mammal Society on "How garden feeding affects the health and foraging behaviours of foxes, badgers and hedgehogs" by Jono Fletcher.

A short precis of the article by our editor is as follows:

Animals that adapt to an urban lifestyle - coping with humans, traffic, and disease - must also contend with a bountiful food supply. And not all of it is good for them. The food can originate in allotments, outside restaurants, and what people throw away. However, left-over human food can present a problem for urban mammals. It is often made from derivatives and laced with additives. More than half of the UK's daily calorie intake is made up of processed food - including white bread, reconstituted meat, and biscuits. Research has shown animals that exploit human food sources have a reduced protein intake. Jono Fletcher's work can be found in this link: [How garden feeding affects the health and foraging behaviour of foxes, badgers and hedgehogs - The Mammal Society](#)

Update on the Petition for increasing the Protection of Hedgehogs:

A petition to move hedgehogs to Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act has been debated in Parliament. Eleven MPs took part in the discussion and supported the request. Hedgehogs are currently protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (Schedule 6). They are also covered by the Wild Mammals Protection Act (1996). This means it is illegal to kill or capture them using certain methods. It prohibits cruelty and mistreatment. However, it is argued, none of the legislation covers the reasons why hedgehogs are in decline. A move to Schedule 5 would ensure nesting sites and hedgehogs are protected from disturbance. Other mammals that are "vulnerable to extinction" - hazel dormice, serotine bats, barbastelle bats and Orkney voles - have Schedule 5 protection. The list also includes red squirrels, water voles, otters, and all bat species. The petition - which had more than 108,000 signatures - said: "Now the hedgehog has been listed as vulnerable to extinction in the UK, we are calling on the Government to move hedgehogs to Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to allow them greater protection." The Government responded: "There are currently no plans to give hedgehogs further legal protection." "An evidence-based review of Schedule 5 of the Act is in progress, and we will consider any recommendations arising from this." Watch the debate - cut and paste the link to your browser: <https://youtu.be/q7N78GThPkA> <https://www.london-globe.com/united-kingdom/2021/09/06/save-vulnerable-hedgehogs-petition-with-108000-signatures-debated-in-parliament/>

Patient News



In our last newsletter the **Breaking News** was about six hoglets who came to us late on 10th June 2021. With the initial love, care, and devotion of Sally - and then our wonderful band of carers who took over - we are pleased to report all six have been released. Pine, Monkey Puzzle (the only male) Magnolia, Spruce, Poplar, and little Spindle also made the local and national press. Let's hope they



are all doing wonderfully well. We choose the gardens where they were released with great care. We knew they would continue to find food and water. They all spent a few weeks in Sally's walled vegetable and flower garden. Only water was supplied - all other food was hidden or natural. The more recent photo was taken on the 10th July 2021 just before they went into the walled garden - just one month after they came to us. As you can see, they are all large, healthy, and glad (perhaps) to be reunited together again.

On 29th August 2021 we took a call from a gentleman who loves his wildlife. He was heartbroken



as he had disturbed a nest when he went to his compost heap. The five hoglets were about seven to ten days old and the mother had run off. They were between 50g-60g. We named the males Reed, Rush, and Red Champion (the runt and Sally's special one) and the two females are Poppy and Primrose. (We are now on wildflower names at present). In the photo it looks like four but there is one right under them all.

For those who are receiving these newsletters by email you will be able to see a short video attached of Poppy (the largest female) lapping for the first time. She tried after 1 ml, so Sally had to top her up with a bottle. We hope you enjoy it the video. At present they are all doing well and putting on weight. Their eyes are just starting to open today (4th September 2021) but are not fully open. We will update you more in the next newsletter.

Last Saturday 4th September 2021 Claire one of the trustees gave Sally a break from the Newark Five as they are known, just for one night and for Sunday. Sally was going out for the day, and it is important that we give cover for one another, especially when you are bottle feeding as it is needed during the night as well as the day. Claire has looked after other hoglets in the past. Claire had a slightly different approach to the lapping technique, we called it the OK Corral method, the fencing was built by Darcey, Claire's young daughter who is in training as a hedgehog carer, the generation of Hedgehog Carers.



Donation in Memory of Barney Sharpe

We would like to thank Hilary Sharpe (the lady often seen helping Sally on the Hedgehog Welfare stall) who sadly lost her husband, Barney earlier this year after nursing him with cancer.

Hilary has sent us a truly kind donation of £100.00 from the church collection in Barney's memory. Our thoughts and love are with Hilary, and we would like to thank her for all her support of Hedgehog Welfare. Although she cannot be at this year's annual fund raiser, she has produced lots of cards and knitted hedgehogs for Sally to sell, so she will be with us in spirit. Thank you, Hilary, see you soon.

Quiz Results and News of a New Quiz

Our Dance On Quiz closed on the 9th July 2021 and raised the wonderful amount of £320.00 from 148 entries. Thank you to everyone who entered. Hedgehog Welfare is grateful to John Kitchen for writing, checking, and organizing these quizzes.

The winners of the Dance On Quiz are:

First prize: £15 Vivienne Birkhead from Didsbury, Manchester

Second prize £5 Emma Grenside, Earley, Reading

Consolation prize: £5, Shirley Lee, Quinton, Birmingham,

John has another quiz "What's My Line?". If you would like to enter, please contact John on letsgetquizzical25@yahoo.com (John's E-mail address). Or if you prefer, they are available from Hedgehog Welfare at janethedgehog49@gmail.com or by post from Hedgehog Welfare, PO Box 8686. Grantham, NG31 0AG. If you are applying by post to Hedgehog Welfare, please send your £1.00 entry fee per sheet with a SAE for us to send the quiz to you. Make cheques out to Hedgehog Welfare. Or you can pick one up from John and Pat who will be at our annual fund raiser on the 19th September 2021. This quiz closes on 29th October, 2021.

Thank you, John and Pat, for all your support, it is very much appreciated. Many people say they do not know how they would have made it through all the lockdowns without you keeping their brains going.

Hedgehog Welfare Annual Fund Raiser - 19th September 2021 (Foston Village Hall, NG32 2LG)

Our Annual Fund Raiser is going ahead, see poster attached, if you could put one up locally it would be appreciated. We are hoping that as many of you as possible will come along to give us your support and talk to any of the trustees about your hedgehog queries. We will all be glad to give you a few minutes of our time. All volunteers will be either wearing face shields or a face



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Annual Fundraising Event

Sunday 19th September 2021
2:00pm - 4:30pm
Foston Village Hall
(Just off the A1 between Newark and Grantham)
Sat Nav: N632 2LG

Free Admission

STALLS including:

Daisy Dog Creatives
Selling a fantastic range of unique hand-sewn gifts

Hedgehog Welfare's
Gift, plant, card and craft stalls
A variety of hedgehog themed gifts and crafts and a selection of beautiful garden plants

Refreshments!
Relax, enjoy a drink and sample our delicious home-made cakes!

RAFFLE
With a collection of wonderful prizes up for grabs!
To be drawn at 4:00pm on the day

Every year, Hedgehog Welfare supports over 500 hedgehogs just like me!

For more information contact Janet on 07940 714830 or email janet@hedgehog49@gmail.com
Please do not use the email to report sick, injured or orphaned hedgehogs.

mask or both. We are asking our volunteers and stall holders to do a Lateral Flow Test before coming to the event, as we want you all to feel as safe as we can. We will have masks to hand out if you have lost or forgotten yours. There will be hand sanitisers in the hall. There is a one-way system, and everyone will have to check in with their name, address and telephone number or using the hall's QR Code on your mobile telephone. Please come along and support us.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THESE NEWSLETTERS, PLEASE EMAIL BACK (OR FOR THOSE WHO RECEIVE IT BY POST CAN YOU EITHER PHONE, TEXT OR DROP HEDGEHOG WELFARE A NOTE) AND WE WILL REMOVE YOU FROM OUR DATABASE.



If you have any stories for the newsletter then please contact our editor, Philip Braund. Philip is a former Fleet Street journalist and an award-winning television producer for ITV. He can be contacted on DaisyDogMedia@gmail.com

Is it the same in every animal as well as humans?
The Newark Five (Girls Room)



The Newark 5 (Boys Room)



Breaking news, as well as the Newark Five hoglet we already had in, on 10th September we took in a very underweight hedgehog (Sea Kale) at just 95g. Luckily the Newark Five and Sea Kale are mostly going to the food themselves, so will not need regular bottle feeding. We have received another disturbed nest of six, which are only about 12-14 days old (the Ropsley Six). We have done some juggling around and thanks to our wonderful hedgehog carers, Lynda and Tracie who are now looking after the Newark Five and Claire (who lives close to Janet) is looking after Sea Kale. We are now at our maximum and cannot do any more until we can release some of the hedgehogs.



Sea Kale 10-09-2021



The Ropsley Six 10-09-2021

