

Cliffsend Rewilding Plan



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Dear Resident,

In 2022, Cliffsend Parish Council published its outline rewilding and ecology improvement plan. A copy of this plan can be found on this website.

Part of this plan is to increase the biodiversity in the village by tree and wildflower planting to encourage wildlife to thrive in our gardens. We can all do little things to create better habitats for insects, invertebrates, birds and wild animals.

From this summer we will be using the green noticeboard on the village green, opposite the Village Hall, to communicate events and news about the local wildlife and what we can do to help. We would like to encourage participants from all ages to take part by sending in pictures and photos of what creatures they have witnessed in their garden.

We are working closely with experts from the Kent Wildlife Trust and Dottie's Little Hog Hospital in Herne Bay who rehome hedgehogs into safe areas to expand the hog population and gene pool. You will be surprised how many of these beautiful creatures survive in Cliffsend, even with the growing numbers of cars and buildings. Dottie's have assured us that Cliffsend is a perfect location for rehoming due to its open plan front gardens, green spaces, rewilding plan and proximity to farmland. Five lovely hedgehogs can now proudly call Cliffsend their new home.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could make your gardens hedgehog friendly by ensuring they can travel through gardens by leaving gaps in fences or hedging. We can offer advice and assistance should you require it.

Regards,

Cliffsend Parish Council

For any further information why not visit Dottie's Little Hog Hospital, Bullockstone Road, Herne Bay where you can find the hedgehog hospital and other rescued farm animals.

Website www.retreatintowonderland.com

It is run solely by volunteers and relies on donations to provide essential care for sick and abandoned animals.