



HEDGEHOGS

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Hedgehogs are the UK's most loved small mammal, but their **numbers are in steep decline** resulting in them now being on the 'Red List' as **Vulnerable to Extinction**. There are many reasons for the decline in numbers, including biodiversity and habitat loss, as well as gardening-related injuries.

Numbers have declined from

30 million

in the 1950s

to



less than 1 million

in 2018

Ref. PTES

At least **46%** have been lost in the last 13 years, with **half gone in rural areas**

Ref. hedgehogstreet.org



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"We have over 60 hedgehog rescues on our database...the consensus is there has been a significant increase in hedgehog casualties and deaths since Spring 2020 caused by strimmers and other garden machinery,"

Val Green, One Voice for Animals

Unlike other animals, **hedgehogs don't run away from danger** - they just curl into a ball where they are. This makes them **exceptionally vulnerable to injuries or death from strimming**.



Image: Christopher Morgan

The **Hedgehog-Friendly Fencing** project has seen successful partnerships with **Jewson** and the wider **STARK UK** group, with a **new product range**.



Hedgehog Aware are actively seeking new partnerships with companies in the **building supplies, housing, construction and gardening equipment** industries, to promote the message about helping hedgehogs and small wildlife in UK gardens and land.

The scale of the problem

Of the **24 hedgehogs** injured by gardening equipment and admitted to the Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital near Chichester over a **two week period**, **just four survived**.

Source: BBC News

A hedgehog can travel **up to 2km or more, every night**, making hedgehog highways a vital step in ensuring they can access food and suitable habitats.

You can make a difference...

- ✓ The UK **domestic garden tools and equipment market** is estimated to be worth over **£5bn** annually*
- ✓ There are around **27 million gardeners** in the UK**
- ✓ **82%** of the British public **want to attract more wildlife into their gardens** and look to help the birds, bees, butterflies and hedgehogs+

ONE Simple Change - putting a sticker on the handle of gardening equipment as a reminder to check for hedgehogs before starting work will give hedgehogs and other wildlife a better chance of survival.

**statista.com*

***lovethegarden.com*

+gardenforum.co.uk



Hedgehog Champion **Dylan Allman** is based in South Wales and runs the 'Be Hedgehog Aware' campaign.

Dylan has been featured in the media, including Sky News, BBC The One Show and Radio 4, following the success of his campaign and partnerships with multi-national companies and UK-wide local authorities.

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