



Hedgehog Operational Group

Update for Planning Committee Wednesday 16 October 2024

Background

In-line with the council's sustainability objective the council is supportive of being a 'Hedgehog Friendly Parish' in response to the declining hedgehog population, and to seek to contribute to this vital species' recovery.

Update on progress

- A councillor and two residents have worked together with COMMS to raise the profile of the declining hedgehog population.
- The library now has a wide variety of resources for residents and is a 'drop off' point for food such as cat or dog food for hedgehogs. This is taken to Wildlife Wildline Sanctuary.
- There have been a number of residents interested in supporting the campaign.
- With a generous donation to purchase hedgehog highways, these are now stocked in Poole's shop on the High Street
- COMMS- There are regular seasonal posts with information on hedgehogs.
- In response to the interest from residents wanting to help, there will be an open meeting on Wednesday 30 October 10-11am upstairs in St Andrews Community Centre, to give information and facts and encourage residents to map sightings of hedgehogs in the parish.

Recommendations

For Planning Committee to note the update

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