Since 2000, the number of hedgehogs in rural areas has declined by 50% due to a fragmented landscape of houses, roads, walls, fences and farming.

It’s important gardens and countryside are linked to provide enough habitat for them to feed, nest and hibernate.

We would love you to join our Hedgehog Friendly Village Project!
HELP SAVE DEDHAM VALE HEDGEHOGS!

Help the Dedham Vale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty create a Hedgehog Superhighway by connecting your garden with your neighbours!

Simply cut a CD-sized hole (13cm x 13cm) in your wall or fence to let hedgehogs through, or we can do it for you!

Make sure you record your hedgehog hole and any sightings online at bighedgehogmap.org.

**Hedgehog-friendly gardening tips**

- Create wild areas with leaf and log piles for shelter and finding food
- Remove any netting to avoid tangles and make your pond safe with a ramp
- Put out water and cat or dog food to supplement their natural diet
- Avoid using chemicals that reduce the hedgehogs' creepy crawly prey
- Check for hedgehogs before having a bonfire & cutting long grass
- Make a DIY home for hedgehogs to nest and hibernate

You can find out more at: [WWW.DEDHAMVALESTOURVALLEY.ORG](http://WWW.DEDHAMVALESTOURVALLEY.ORG)