



MESSAGE FROM YVONNE

Firstly I would like to thank Cynthia, who, sadly for us, is leaving us, for all her help and dedication she has shown Hedgehog Rescue, particularly by doing our accounts and applications for grants. She has supported us for seven years and without her we wouldn't be this far forward. Thank you Cynthia! Cynthia is going to put her feet up after Xmas so we are on the lookout for someone to take over her role as volunteer accountant, see opposite.

Thank you also to everyone who has donated, whether it's their time or their money, to help us keep going. As always, it's invaluable. It's always great to find a surprise parcel of hedgehog food or equipment on the doorstep.

It's been a little while since the last newsletter, and it's great to see that, since then, both of our local universities have won gold status as Hedgehog Friendly Campuses. If you'd like to know more, they both have articles here, but it's good to see that the students are taking action.

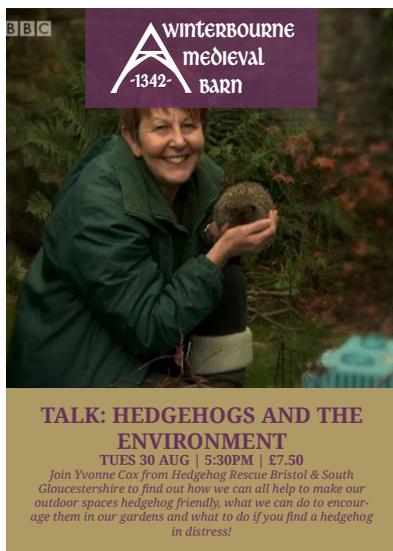
<https://www.thestudentsunion.co.uk/news/article/thesuatuwe/Award-winning-status-for-hedgehogs-on-campus/>

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As usual, I've been out and about giving talks to schools and community groups such as the Women's Royal Legion and one at the wonderful venue of the Winterbourne Medieval Barn in August.

One last message to everyone... after your Halloween celebrations, don't forget to lift your pumpkins off the ground. Although squirrels love them, they are really bad for the stomachs of hedgehogs who are trying to fatten up for winter. Just putting them up high will keep them out of the way.

Yvonne



VOLUNTEER ACCOUNTS PERSON NEEDED

We are on the look out for a volunteer book keeper to keep on top of our accounts and grant applications.

You would probably need to commit steadily to about 1 hour a month for the accounts and then some other time for grant applications when they become available. We are not a charity or VAT registered so the paperwork is fairly straightforward.

If you have accountancy/ grant application skills and think you might be interested, please let Yvonne know.



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WHO'S IN, WHO'S OUT..

Marilyn and Monroe

Two blonde hogs were from a late litter of five hoglets found in Wick village. Volunteer Julie got a phone call and took the hoglets in as they were too small to survive. At first they were doing fine at hers but they started losing weight after about 10 days, so she took them to HR for medications and they are now steadily gaining. They will go back to Julie's once their meds are finished and stay with her until they can be released.



Kiwi

Kiwi was found at Southmead hospital weighing just 350g. She had a very bad spinal injury, was dragging her back legs (see photo), vomiting and had diarrhoea. She started antibiotics and large dose of steroids for the spinal injury. After a day we considered putting her to sleep but she showed slight signs of recovery so we kept going and she got a little stronger everyday. She could still curl up so when she was a bit better she went outside into an enclosed area by herself to strengthen up. After 6 weeks she went in with the other hogs, gained weight and was released at 1450g.

Tom



A member of the public brought hedgehog Tom to volunteer Claudia's. Unfortunately he was in a very sorry state; severely dehydrated and with awful flystrike. His treatment involved lots of baths and removal of maggots. He received fluids and medication for 10 days. When he was well enough we took him to Jo's outside hutch for him to gain weight and was recently released back into Claudia's garden.

Hilary and Jim

These little hogs were picked up from a vet in Bradley Stoke. They originated from different locations and weighed just 336g and 328g. Both had to have a full treatment of medications due to wormy faeces and some weight loss. Happily both released in Autumn into a garden in Bradley Stoke in a hog friendly neighbourhood near the nature reserve - a great area for hedgehogs.





BONFIRE NIGHT IS FUN FOR US BUT CAN BE DEVASTATING FOR HEDGEHOGS

**If you can, re-site
your bonfire the day
that you light it.**

**Or please check your
bonfire before lighting it.
Look for signs of life;
hedgehogs may be
sleeping in it!**





ONE WAY TO DEAL WITH SLUGS

We've all been there... you want to be kind to wildlife and you stop using slug pellets. The next thing you know, pesky slugs have come along and eaten all your plants! It's a test of anyone's patience... but one answer is to try and grow plants that slugs hate!

We've found a great article by Gardener's World that give you a list of ideas for pretty plants and flowers that slugs will leave alone. The great news is that many of them are also attractive to pollinators and other insects, so it's a win-win for wildlife and you get to have beautiful flowers in your garden too.

www.gardenersworld.com/how-to/grow-plants/20-slug-proof-plants

The shortlist is:

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| 1) Aquilegia | 11) Hellebores |
| 2) Penstemon | 12) Lavender |
| 3) Euphorbia | 13) Campanula |
| 4) Cranesbill geraniums | 14) Heuchera |
| 5) Ajuga Reptans | 15) Crocosmia |
| 6) Foxgloves | 16) Cyclamen |
| 7) Astrantia | 17) Ferns |
| 8) Alchemilla Mollis | 18) Fuchsias |
| 9) Japanese Anemone | 19) Nasturtiums |
| 10) Astilbe | 20) Hydrangeas |

Come along to the CHRISTMAS TABLE TOP SALE

at Ladden Garden Village, Brimsham, Yate on Saturday 19th November between 10am-4pm,

We will be taking the HR stall along so it would be great to see you!

OUT AND ABOUT THIS YEAR

Over the Summer, Lynne and John have been active with the stall. Firstly attending the Jubilee celebrations at Warmley Forest Park

Thanks to Ros Pyle of the Friends of Warmley Signal box. The HR stall was between Friends of Warmley Signal box and the Friends of Siston Common, close the path joining the Bristol to Bath Cycle Track. The event started at 1pm, was well attended and very well organised. We had lots of positive talk of hedgehog sightings around Siston and people were very interested in doing more to help the hogs.

John manning the stall and watching the Jubilee flypast of the Spitfire, Hurricane and Lancaster planes



Another successful event in terms of raising awareness was the Yate Ageing Well Festival. With the stall situated in a great location, we received a lot of enquiries from locals asking about the HR hospital. Several said they had hedgehogs in their gardens, were doing things like putting out plenty of water.





MOST COMMON REASONS FOR HOGS COMING IN IN AUTUMN

Autumn is upon us and we have hedgehogs coming in for different reasons than at other times in the year. Obviously a high-profile reason is that of the bonfire season, when we see burn injuries. The easy way to prevent this is to check your bonfire on the day, before you light it.. or better still, move it into place on the day.

It's also a time of the year when we see a lot of strimming injuries and disturbed nests due to people tidying their garden for winter. With strimmers it's simple, please check the area you are going to trim before you do it, as hedgehog can easily lose a leg in an altercation with a strimmer - we have them in every year!

If you can, we advise people to leave their gardens over winter. Yes, it might look a bit messy, but there's a lot of goodness in the garden for wildlife if you leave it be. Seed heads are invaluable to birds, leaf piles encourage insects to over-winter under them - creating valuable winter scoffings for hedgehogs.

Autumn is very warm this year, and late juveniles are able to forage that bit longer... but we still need to be on the look out for ones that are looking small. If you can, put dry cat food out on a regular basis for them... this is particularly invaluable at the moment as a lot of hedgehog rescue centres are often too full to take new ones in.



Current common injuries for our hedgehogs intake involve garden strimmer, which can sadly be fatal for hogs.

We often have injured hedgehogs from bird attacks, but one avoidable problem is, as always, that we get several hedgehogs coming in with injuries from dogs.

Ideally, please keep an eye on your dog at all times, but we realise this is sometimes difficult and if you can't, please make sure there is lots of cover in your garden where hedgehogs can stay safe... space under a shed, some tunnels of logs or rocks, or some good undergrowth will help.

Earlier in the year we saw the below sign by a development site. It's great to see constructors taking note of the importance of wildlife corridors. We are interested to see what else is being done to help hedghogs, so do let us know if you see anything.

