

## BRITISH HEDGEHOGS NEED US

## **BUT WHAT CAN I DO?**

- **1.** Put out shallow bowls of water in hot, dry weather.
- **2.** Provide escape routes in ponds.
- 3. Check under hedges, in grass, compost bins and leaf piles before doing any gardening work or disposing of garden waste. Dispose of litter.
- 4. Don't poison your environment by using weed killers, insecticides, fungicides, poisons, cleaners and disinfectants. Go for the natural option. Our wonderful birds and pollinators are also victims of a toxic environment.
- **5.** Put sports netting away and keep garden nets at least 30cm above the ground.

## Askermeadows Hedgehog Reserve

## **DO THEY NEED RESCUING?**

- 1. Lethargic (hedgehogs do not sunbathe) wobbly on their feet, surrounded by flies, trapped, being attacked or obviously injured? Then yes.
- **2.** Pick them up with gardening gloves. Place them in a high sided box with a towel or blanket.
- **3.** Do not try to feed them or make them drink.
- 4. CONTACT A RESCUE FOR HELP IMMEDIATELY Don't try to look after them yourself they need specialist care by experts.
- **5.** Check www.helpwildlife.co.uk for a list of rescues.
- If you disturb a nest, do NOT touch them. Carefully cover it back up and watch from a distance to make sure mum doesn't abandon them. Don't move the hoglets, if she doesn't return please call a rescue ASAP, it's important to try and locate mum.

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