



BRACKLEY HOGWATCH - 07528 119416

A community conservation project dedicated to growing a strong hedgehog population in Brackley and the surrounding five-mile radius - Registered Charity No. 1188770

AUGUST HOG BLOG #2

As we say goodbye to August and move into meteorological Autumn we look back on what's been happening in the world of Brackley Hogwatch and its rescuers this month.



Wonderful Mr Windsor

We, unapologetically, start with sad news. Our wonderful three-legged hedgehog ambassador, Mr Windsor, died on the 14th August, aged at least six years old. Mr Windsor had become something of a celebrity and

had a worldwide following due to his radio tracker but more so, his GPS tracker which clearly proved Andrew Jackson's belief that contrary to other experts' doubts, a three-legged hedgehog, missing a rear leg, could go on and lead a long and fulfilling life. Mr Windsor's full obituary can be found on our FB page.

This has been a busy month for rescues, and we are grateful to the public for looking out for these wonderful harmless indolent little creatures. You are our eyes and without your help hedgehogs that are ill and in need of help would probably not survive without your intervention. So, from all of us at Brackley Hogwatch and our dedicated rescuers, THANK YOU!

During August we have successfully released eleven hedgehogs back into the wild. Sometimes a hog might only be with our rescuers for a few days, others weeks, some even months. Without doubt, it is thanks to Julie Wade's and Jo Pearce's tireless care and dedication that these hogs have been given a second chance of living wild, doing what hedgehogs do and thus helping to increase the local hedgehog population.

However, there are only so many hogs that Julie and Jo can cope with and, ideally, we need more rescuers in Brackley based from

their own homes. Rescuers need to have plenty of free TIME, a suitable SPACE to keep hedgehogs (such as a shed that can be converted) and be able to DRIVE (to finders, vets, courses etc). Brackley Hogwatch will sponsor your training at Vale Wildlife Hospital and will help to fund food and medicines. Previous animal care experience would be useful but not essential. **Please get in touch for more information if you are interested by calling 07528 119416.**



Hoglet Corner



Teddy Bear Festival

Fun was had by all at the Brackley Teddy Bear Festival where we had a fundraising stall. We raised a wonderful £159 and 120 teddies were won and went home with their new little human owners.

We would like to thank Julie Lawn for her generous donation of £18 from the sale of her completely gorgeous hand painted hedgehog cards.

Rescuer, Julie Wade, brought along hoglet twins, Tom and Geri. Julie has successfully hand-reared the pair and they are now independently feeding. What a pair of super cuties and the children were totally mesmerised by them!



All Hedgehog Lives Matter!

Midi was found by a kind member of the public having sustained serious debilitating facial injuries to his jaw and a cut to his nose. Rescuer, Julie Wade, tended to his wounds over a period of months. However, because his injuries were so severe and his jaw only allows him to eat soft food the decision was made to place him in a secure enclosure with a lovely foster family who will cater for his specific dietary needs. Midi is now living not far from where he was originally found, feeling the wind in his spines, the earth beneath his feet and smelling the changing seasons. He's also made himself the most amazing nest!

Julie revisited Midi a week later to check on his progress and was delighted with how well he has settled into his new home.





Volunteers Julie Wade, Sarah Harding and Sue Bowers Merry



*Volunteer Meryl Rimmer holding
hoglet Tom*

Croughton Village Show

On the last day of August, Brackley Hogwatch had a fundraising stall at the Croughton Village Show. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers we raised a wonderful £145.00!

Tom and Geri, our hand-reared twins, were a particular hit with the visitors to our stall. Though we were saddened when a visitor commented that these were the first hedgehogs he had seen in a very long time (many years in fact). That just makes us even more determined to do everything we can to conserve these precious creatures for our future generations. Any help, you the public can give us, would be very much appreciated. Our hedgehogs will love you for it!




**Some of August's
Releases**



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