



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

JULY HOG BLOG #1

Welcome, fellow hedgehog lovers, to our new monthly **Hog Blog** in which each month we will give an update of what's been happening; good and bad.



Tom and Geri are being hand-reared and have yet to open their eyes

As expected, July has seen an increase in the number of baby hoglet rescues. Some as a result of their mum dying or because she's abandoned them. We have admitted 16 babies into our care and thanks to the dedicated work of our wonderful volunteer rescuers we are

hopeful to be in a position, once they're large enough, to release them back into the wild where they belong.

As you can imagine, this has resulted in a lot of time and effort and a special mention must be given to Claire Shepherd at Smudges (Daventry) for her invaluable help and guidance.

This month, we have had several cases of hogs being brought into us after having been observed -sometimes, over a period of days- out in the day! Sadly, this delay has resulted in them either being too far gone to survive and subsequently having to be PTS or so badly dehydrated that any treatment we have administered is futile and sadly they have died. Please remember, A HOG OUT IN THE DAY IS NOT OK! The only exception is a nursing mum or one out collecting nesting material, but they will be moving with purpose. If in doubt, please call 07528 119416 so that we can give advice and, where necessary, rescue. The sooner we can intervene, the better chance we have of saving a precious life.

This month a total of three hedgehogs have completed their treatment, been microchipped and released back into the wild. Well done to everyone involved.

At this time of year it is vitally important to leave shallow bowls of water out for any visiting hogs and that ponds should either have a ramp, beach effect or bricks at the edge to ensure a hog can easily exit.



With all these mouths to feed and cages to clean we are always so grateful for donations of food (meaty cat/dog food and/or kitten biscuits) and puppy training pads. Donations can be left at 29 Newbery Drive NN13 6NN. Details of how to make a financial donation can be found at the bottom of page 2. The hogs will love you for it!

THANK-YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS DONATED THIS MONTH.



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GOOD LUCK MAISIE



Back in May, Maisie was brought in after a dog attack. After being nursed back to health by Julie Wade, Maisie was found a safe place for a soft release.

Live long and go multiply Maisie!

Thank you to everyone who visited our stall at the Greatworth Fayre. We raised a magnificent £196. The winner of the hedgehog house was Lynne from Greatworth, seen here being presented with her prize by Becky Warwick Lacey.

Our next fundraiser is on Wednesday 14th August at the Teddy Bear Festival at Brackley Town Park from 10am to 2pm. Please come along and support us!



SAY NO TO SLUG PELLETS

This year seems to be especially bad for slugs and snails, probably due to all the wet weather we have had. Please do not use slug pellets or pesticides as these can poison hedgehogs. Try using natural alternatives like crushed eggshells, coffee grounds, garlic spray or copper around your tender plants. The outdoor use of slug pellets containing metaldehyde was banned in Great Britain in March 2022.

Brackley Hogwatch FB Page

Don't forget to post photographs/videos of your visiting hogs on our FB page. With over 2,000 followers we'd love to see the hogs visiting your gardens!

DONATIONS – would be gratefully received as we rely entirely on local fundraising and donations. These can be made in several ways:

By BankTransfer: Account name: Brackley Hogwatch sort code: 30 96 26 Account: 77712468

By Paypal: @Brackley Hogwatch or hogwatch@outlook.com

By Card: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/Brackleyhogwatch>

Cash/cheque donations made payable to Brackley Hogwatch c/o Julie Wade 29 Newbery Drive, Brackley NN13 6NN