



## 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

SEPTEMBER HOG BLOG #3

As we bid goodbye to September it has been another busy month for Brackley Hogwatch. We would like to thank all the finders of sick hedgehogs and orphaned hoglets. Without their care and intervention these beautiful creatures would have inevitably not survived, so thank you for caring.

We have successfully released back into the wild more hedgehogs this month thanks to the wonderful, dedicated work of rescuers Julie Wade and Jo Pearce.

### INTRODUCING OUR NEW RESCUER

We are delighted to announce that Carlyne Mollon has joined our team of rescuers. Specialising in the hand-rearing of hoglets - a particularly tricky and very time consuming role - she has already successfully hand-reared two little hoglets, Salt and Pepper, and they are now feeding independently and gaining weight. Carlyne has a wealth of knowledge having, in the past, volunteered at Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital. Carlyne recently attended a course at the Vale Wildlife Hospital & Rehabilitation Centre and was very interested to learn that Vale's findings show that, due to climate change, it may not be unusual for hogs to have three litters per year! Looks like she's going to be busy! Welcome to the team Carlyne.





An episode of Countryfile (from Anglesey - BBC iplayer) had a very good item about hedgehogs and how they face an uncertain future. It is estimated that there may be less than one million hedgehogs left across England, Scotland and Wales, down by as much as 75% in rural areas, since the Millennium. Farming practices, the use of pesticides, slug pellets and loss of habitat are attributed to their decline. Hedgehogs are on the red list and really in trouble. However, we can all take simple steps to help save them by: introducing hedgehog highways with neighbouring gardens; leaving shallow dishes of fresh water out every night; having a feeding station offering dried kitten biscuits and/or meaty cat/dog food (not fish); leaving a corner of your garden to grow wild thus encouraging an abundance of the insects hedgehogs love to feed on and providing a hedgehog house in a quiet spot in your garden. For more information about how to help hedgehogs please see our ***EASY GUIDE: Encouraging Hedgehogs into your Garden and How to Keep them Safe*** which can be found in the files section on our facebook page.

## BRACKLEY HOGWATCH 2025 CALENDAR

We had great fun photographing hoggies Tom and Geri, Mr Knuckles and Alistair for our 2025 calendar which will be available to purchase at the end of October (details will be posted on FB in due course). Brackley Hogwatch would like to send heartfelt hoggie thanks to Craig (*Craig Ridgley Photography*) for very generously giving his time and expertise. Craig's unstinting patience resulted in an album of stunning photographs for our calendar.

As the adage warns "Never work with children or animals!" Thank you, Craig.





## HAPPY HALLOWEEN

The hedgehogs of Brackley wish everyone a Happy Halloween **BUT** please help to save our lives by removing all old PUMPKINS off of the ground. As much as we love to eat them they are NOT GOOD for us and cause DIARRHOEA, which can result in DEHYDRATION which can be POTENTIALLY FATAL.

**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](mailto: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