



# 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

## DECEMBER HOG BLOG #6

Did you know that the weather worldwide in 2024 is set to be the hottest on record and in the UK multiple records were broken in almost every season? So what impact does this have on our beloved hedgehogs?

From our personal observations, possibly due to the milder weather, we have seen an increased level of hedgehog activity during December indicating that some hedgehogs have yet to hibernate and that some possibly will not hibernate at all. During winter a hedgehog out in the day is not OK and needs rescuing but as long as you're only seeing your prickly little friend at night then here's how you can help.

If you don't already leave food and water out, why not make your *New Year's Resolution* to do just that by helping hungry foraging hogs with supplementary

feeding? It's very easy to do and relatively cheap. Sainsbury's and Tesco's own brand kitten biscuits are perfect, and this simple act of kindness could be the difference between life and death for a visiting hog.

With the weather in January forecast to become colder a shallow bowl of fresh water and an offering of kitten biscuits will be very welcomed by any visiting hogs in your garden. A dish of meaty cat/dog food will also be well received.



Bedding of dry leaves or barley straw left in a pot, on its side, will also help hogs to top up their nests and help to keep them warm.

During 2024 our brilliant rescuers have tended to over 100 sick and injured hogs and although we haven't been able to save them all, we are proud of our achievements. Releasing healthy hogs back into the wild is our ultimate goal. But we desperately need more rescuers to join our local network

of hedgehog carers based from their own homes. You 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 do get in touch for more information.**

**B**rackley Hogwatch is run by volunteers. We do not receive any funding and rely entirely on the generosity of donations from the public and from our many fundraising events. Our Amazon Wish List has been a huge success, and numerous donated goodies have been gratefully received by our dedicated rescuers.

**T**he trustees, rescuers and volunteers at Brackley Hogwatch would like to thank everyone who has donated this year. Without your support we wouldn't be able to continue, so, from the bottom of our hearts, **THANK-YOU!**

*Wishing all our Supporters, a Peaceful and Happy 2025!*



**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

Amazon Wish List: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3I8R6PWJ5920E...>