







# 'HOG NEWS

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 Now that we're well into Spring and the days are lengthening, several members – including us – have seen quite a bit of hedgehog activity in our gardens. Three individuals have visited us, and occasionally spent the day in our box. The Group's **trail camera** is now out on loan, so if anyone would like to join the short queue for the two-week borrowing period, please let us know on the above email address.


 NOW – I'm afraid we are looking for someone to take over running the Eynsham Hedgehog Highway. We are moving from the area so will not be able to easily stay involved. All that's required is a couple of hours now and then to: write the Newsletter (no pressure – just occasionally when there are a number of things to report); drill 'hog holes in fences for people requesting them (we have a 13cm wood drill bit which belongs to the Group); get involved in any activities around the village like last September's Great Big Green Week; control the loan of the Group's trail camera; and of course to actively promote all things 'hoggy and keep trying to connect as many gardens in Eynsham as possible. We are holding an amount of cash belonging to the Group, and various items for display. Of course we will help the lucky applicant to ease into this highly worthwhile and enjoyable endeavour.

 The Group will also need drivers who – sometimes at a moment's notice – would be prepared to take a sick or injured hedgehog urgently to a specialised sanctuary, such as Tiggywinkles in Haddenham.

 There will be a wildlife display of hedgehogs & wild bees in **The Market Garden** from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April to promote awareness of these two vulnerable creatures. The display will remain until Easter, so we are producing some of our popular wool hedgehogs in Easter egg colours – "egghogs", see photo below – and these, along with the normal-coloured 'hogs, are priced at £4.00 for the small and £5.00 for the medium. They will be available in the Market Garden. All proceeds go to the Hedgehog Highway fund, so please support the protection of our prickly friends.

Also there will be a display on a similar theme in the **Library** window from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April. A childrens' reading time and colour-your-own-hedgehog to take home will be in the Library. Details will be shown in the Library window from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April.



 And finally, a reminder that Hedgehog Awareness week is 1-7<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Details of this can be found on the Hedgehog Street website.

