



## Case study: Hedgehog Friendly Campus

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### Name of project or group

Hedgehog Friendly Campus. Case study by Jo Wilkinson, February 2022

### What actions for nature did your group want to take and why?

I was inspired to find out more about hedgehogs after attending a Sheffield and Rotherham Wildlife Trust event in 2016. Hugh Warwick was the guest speaker and spoke so passionately about why we need to help hedgehogs. When I found out how badly the species is doing in Britain, I was hooked. I had to help.

### What resources or support did you use?

I later secured an internship with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust in 2017, where I assisted a study on hedgehog populations in urban Ipswich, alongside their Hedgehog Officer Ali North. During that time, I saw how hedgehogs are a great way for people in urban areas to connect with nature.



Jo delivering a hedgehog footprint survey in an urban allotment in Ipswich, Suffolk

Photo credit: Ali North

### How did you empower or involve others?

In 2018, I used this knowledge to launch the Hedgehog Friendly Campus programme, funded by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society. The programme guides universities, FE colleges and primary schools to help hedgehogs by protecting them from hazards, enhancing their habitat and educating the community.



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**How did it make you feel?**

I feel incredibly proud of the hundreds of volunteers who have been involved over the last 3 years of the programme, lobbying for hedgehog-friendly changes, tree planting and litter picks, making changes to policies and even completing hedgehog footprint surveys.

**What changes have there been as a result of your actions?**

It is now a national programme, with over 150 campuses registered. In early 2022, 92 of these campuses received Hedgehog Friendly Campus accreditation

**What's next?**

In the coming year, we hope to extend the programme to more primary schools and FE colleges.