**Shaftesbury Hedgehog Friendly Garden Competition**

*Show us how you have made your garden hedgehog friendly and win a deluxe hedgehog house in time for the winter hibernation period!*

Please describe what you have done in your garden to make it as hedgehog friendly as possible and include up to 5 photographs to illustrate.

Extra marks will be awarded for **imagination**, **practicality** and **collaboration**!

Deadline for entry is **Friday 29th October** and the winner will be announced on Monday 1st November.

Entries can be sent by email to shaftesburyhedgehogs@gmail.com

Paper entry forms will also be available – look out for details on the Planet Shaftesbury website <https://www.planetshaftesbury.org/hedgehoggroup>

**Ideas include:**

* A wild area
* Log piles, stick piles, leaf piles
* A hedgehog house
* Hedgehog gaps in fence lines
* Working with hedgehog friendly neighbours
* Not using slug pellets or other pesticides
* A pond or other water source (make sure the pond has an escape route!)
* A hedgehog feeding station (make sure you are only using appropriate foods, feeding the wrong things can be very harmful! – see <https://bit.ly/3oGu2Mo>)
* Gardening to attract lots of hedgehog food (insects, grubs and worms!)

Challenge your friends and neighbours to get involved and do what they can to make their gardens better for hedgehogs!

***This competition is open to all residents within Shaftesbury Parish only, sorry!***

*If you live in one of the surrounding villages maybe you could organise a competition within your own village - It would be wonderful to have Hedgehog Friendly Shaftesbury surrounded by lots of hedgehog friendly villages!*

Lots of links to information and inspiration will be available on the Shaftesbury Hedgehog Group page on the Planet Shaftesbury website

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| Address: |  |
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**What features does your garden have that make it hedgehog friendly?**

Please include a description of what is shown in the attached photographs

(use extra pages if necessary)

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| **Have you attached 5 photographs showcasing the hedgehog friendly features you have created?** | □ Yes | □ No |
| Would you like to be added to the Shaftesbury Hedgehogs mailing list for news and updates on Hedgehog Friendly Shaftesbury? | □ Yes | □ No |
| Are you happy for any photos submitted to be shared in future publicity for Hedgehog Friendly Shaftesbury? | □ Yes | □ No |