

Hedgehog Relocation Program.

Knoxwood Wildlife Rescue Centre runs this program every spring to relocate the hedgehogs that we have had in the hospital over winter. These hedgehogs have not been allowed to hibernate for various reasons, either because of their weight entering winter or because of injuries sustained that require treatment.

All hedgehogs in this program are for **release back to the wild** and are NOT pets, nor are they disabled and must not be confined in an enclosed garden.

Before enquiring whether you can relocate a hedgehog please ensure your circumstances fill ALL the following criteria.

Hedgehogs will not be relocated to:

Housing Estates

Properties on or near a main road

Non-hedgehog friendly allotments (every tenant on the lot must be hog-friendly for us to relocate hedgehog to an allotment, no slug pellets, netting etc.)

Areas likely to be a hazard to the hedgehog such as playparks & dog walking areas.

Closed gardens – please enquire about the waiting list for a disabled (un-releasable) hedgehog for these premises.

Gardens that are already visited by or are populated with breeding females each year

You must be able to make the following provisions:

Permanent location of a hedgehog house

An enclosure (such as a rabbit style run) around the hedgehog house (minimum 2 foot by 3 foot) around the hedgehog house that can be removed after 2 weeks, leaving the hedgehog house in situ.

You must be able to feed the hedgehog every evening **without exception** for a period of at least one month (as you would with a pet)

A safe route out of your garden

This is not an exhaustive list, we will forward you a full questionnaire should you fill the above criteria. If you feel that you may be able to relocate a hedgehog please get in touch via email at fundraising@knoxwood.org and provide:

Name, Address, POSTCODE, contact details and pictures of the area.

We always have more requests than hedgehogs, please do not be upset if we do not have one for release in your garden, we select the properties that offer the best chance for the individual hedgehog.

Thank you for your interest!

