

Dear Householder,

Survey of Wroughton Hedgehogs, (Address)

Wroughton is one of five areas in Wiltshire which is piloting a National Hedgehog Monitoring Programme. The monitoring will be carried out in 30 randomly selected locations in the village using cameras including gardens, parks and recreation areas.

Please can you help us by allowing us to put a camera in your garden?

I'm writing to ask if you would allow our volunteers to put a camera in your garden to help monitor hedgehogs and other animals for the NHMP? You wouldn't need to do anything other than allow us access at the end of September and again a month later.

The camera will be positioned 20-30cm off the ground, on a fencepost or tree, and will operate continuously for 30 days, capturing images of any animal that enters the field of view. After the 30 days, we'll collect the camera, and upload the images to a dedicated online platform where volunteers can help identify the animals in the images. (You can help with this stage if you're interested!) **Any images of humans are automatically filtered out before anyone views them.** We'd like each site to be resurveyed each year so we can see how populations change over the years. The intention is to repeat the monitoring for a further 2 years to see if there are trends in the populations.

Please let the Local Co-ordinator, Chris Cossey, know if we can set up a camera in your garden by emailing chrissarah.wroughton@outlook.com or phoning 07752640131. Please remember to include your name and address. If you agree we will follow up with a visit to check where we will site the camera. Steve Litchfield and Rosemary Young are also helping me with this project.

This programme is led by wildlife charities The British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) and People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES), in partnership with Nottingham Trent University, ZSL's London HogWatch, Durham University and MammalWeb. We'd also be delighted if you were to sign up to the regular updates we intend to send to everyone involved in this important venture so you can see how the data from your garden contributes to an ever-growing wealth of hedgehog knowledge.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the NHMP coordinator on the email address or phone number below.

Many Thanks

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