

HEDGEHOG CROSSING - Installation instructions

Thank you for purchasing a Wildlife World hedgehog crossing. This has been created from recycled plastic making it both strong and durable.

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society states that one of the main reasons why hedgehogs are declining in Britain is because our fences and walls are becoming more and more secure, reducing the amount of land available to them. By installing a crossing through your boundary fence, you are enabling hedgehogs to roam over a larger area. The average hedgehog covers over 2km every night in search of food. During the mating season (April-May) a male can travel over 3km in search of a mate.

HOW TO INSTALL THE HEDGEHOG CROSSING

Before installing the crossing, you will need to decide on a suitable location. Consideration should be given to your neighbours (do they have small pets which could escape through the hole?) and to where the hedgehog will enter/exit from i.e. avoid encouraging them onto a busy road. It is worthwhile explaining to your neighbours why these access routes are important to hedgehog conservation. Ensure that you have the fence owner's permission before making a hole.

1. Once the position has been decided, place the plastic surround against the fence. Using a marker pen, trace around the opening. picture 1.
You will need to cut approximately 1" (2.5cm) outside of this line.
2. Drill a hole at the top of the entrance approximately 10mm diameter. picture 2.
3. Using a jigsaw or pad saw cut a hole in the fence. picture 3.
4. Attach the hedgehog crossing to the fence using a suitable length fixing. Ensure that screws do not protrude through the other side of the fence. picture 4.



Mark the outline



Drill hole



Cut 2.5cm outside of the line



Fix to fence

More information can be found on:

<https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/about-hedgehogs/>

<https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/>

<https://ptes.org/>