

# Hoggie News

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*Providing specialist care, treatment and rehabilitation for sick, injured and orphaned hedgehogs*



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## Volunteers urgently needed!

We are currently looking for volunteers primarily in the Fylde area that could help out in several different aspects of Charity work. Perhaps retired people with time on their hands, that would like to do something to help wildlife.

- First of all we are looking for potential foster carers that could nurse / rehabilitate a hedgehog in their own home following initial first line care / treatment done at the Rescue Centre. You will need to be 18 or over, available most of the time and have transport to be able to collect the hedgehog and bring it back for regular checks.
- Help with baby hedgehogs is also needed. These need feeding every two—four hours around the clock which can be very time-consuming and requires a lot of commitment.

If you have pets this is generally not a problem, but you must have a room so the hedgehog can be kept quiet and completely separate from the sounds and smells of all other animals. We must emphasise that hedgehogs are wild animals and must be kept as such in order to be released successfully back in to the wild. Children would not be allowed to foster a hedgehog. Full training and support will be given for the above.

We are also looking for volunteers with the following—ideally people with transport that could :

- Help with the collection of rescued poorly hedgehogs in your area.
- Transport hedgehogs to and from the Rescue Centre when necessary.
- Check out potential foster carers, suitable enclosed gardens and safe release sites.
- We also need people to help with fundraising i.e. Car boot sales, coffee mornings etc.
- Is there anyone that would be interested in following Alice's example by doing a leaflet drop in their area, and then co-ordinating the collection of donated items for the Charity Shop. Leaflets will be provided.

If anyone is interested in helping out with any of the above we would be very pleased to hear from you. Even if you are out of the immediate area please get in touch as we might still be able to use your help.



New website  
launched!

At last!! after long delays, our newly designed website is finally up and running. We hope you will take a look and would welcome any feedback from you. Let us know if there is anything that you would like to see included, or perhaps a particular topic covered. We have also included an interactive Forum which we hope you will find interesting, informative and fun. Please feel free to post your queries or comments in there.

We are hoping quite soon to introduce 'Hoggie Diaries' on the website—video clips of some of our little patients to highlight the different types of diseases and injuries that we deal with, and the care and treatment given to enable them to be returned fit and healthy back into the wild. Please take a look.

Our website can be found at:

[www.hedgehogcare.co.uk](http://www.hedgehogcare.co.uk)



Most hedgehogs will now be out of hibernation. Their reserves will be very low, so it would help them if you could put out food for your garden visitor. A dish of white meat based cat / dog food and a dish of water would be most welcome.

Thank you to everyone that donated items to sell to help us raise funds during our recent two weeks in the Charity Shop.

Welcome to our new members Sally Gammer ,  
Anna Werbycka, Shan Chapman and

Mark Heppenstall.

## Tales from Lancashire Hedgehog Care.....



*When Nicky was brought to us he was in quite a bad way with a leg which was badly broken and infected. Because of his disability he had been finding it difficult to find enough food and was very underweight. The only option was to have the leg removed. Nicky survived the operation and after two weeks of intensive post-operative care in an incubator was transferred into a recovery unit.*

*It was soon becoming obvious that Nicky was not going to let his disability get the better of him. You would hardly know he only had three legs as he could scoot around as quickly as if he had four! Especially when he could smell his dinner!*

*Nicky cannot be released into the wild because of his disability, so we are now looking for a permanent home for him. We were very pleased to hear that he had emerged safely out of hibernation earlier this week after spending the winter months in Bill's garden. We now need a fairly large, escape-proof garden for him, so if anyone is able to offer Nicky a home please give me a call.*

### UPDATE ON WENDY OUR ALGERIAN PYGMY HEDGEHOG



Most of you will remember Wendy - (previously known as Amy) our pygmy hedgehog who was rescued from unsuitable conditions. She now has a brilliant home with Frank and Malcolm.



She has been back with us this week as they have been away on holiday, so time for a quick 'MOT' and a few photos. She has settled really well in her new foster home, and as you can see from her pictures, she looks in the peak of condition.

This was 'new territory' both for Frank and Malcolm and for us. I think it was very brave of them to take her on in the first place, and the care they are giving her is second to none. Well done you two!

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### That certain age - by Sandra Duckworth

When you reach a certain age it seems	Their legs go like the clappers,
The pace it tends to crawl.	Their eyes just like a hawk.
Pensioners creep round with sticks,	It's not so bad considering
Trolleys, zimmer frames and all.	That they can hardly walk.
Oh! how we need our patience	They're off just like a whippet,
When we are in a rush.	Pretty nimble on their pins.
They tend to clog up doorways,	You can bet your bottom dollar
And then they pull, instead of push.	That the pensioner always wins.
Many's the time I've stood and held	So Golden Oldies, you can throw away
The door for them to go,	Your sticks and zimmer frames.
With never so much as a "thank you",	We know just what is going on
It's only good manners you know!	And wise to your little games.
But the ironic thing about them	A little common courtesy
Is the way they have us sussed.	Would go a long, long way.
Just head towards the checkout queue,	So set a good example
You won't see them for dust!	And make some young one's day.

*Yes, I know it is nothing to do with hedgehogs - but it's so very true!!*



Taking out a membership makes an ideal birthday gift for someone special who enjoys wildlife. It is only £10 for an adult or £8 for a child and it lasts for a whole year!

If anyone would like to renew their membership by Standing Order, please let me know and I will send you the relevant form.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

If your copy of "Hoggie News" has a cross below, it means that your membership subscription is due for renewal soon. Your continuing support is vital to enable us to provide care and treatment for many future hedgehog casualties that will need our help. Thank you.