Shropshire Wildlife Trust Hole Creation & Connectivity

Connectivity in Gardens

Ensuring hedgehogs can pass freely through your garden is the most important thing you can do to help them. Hedgehogs travel at least one mile every night through our parks and gardens in their quest to find enough food and a mate. If you have an enclosed garden you might be getting in the way of their plans. We now know 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. However, we can make their life a little easier by removing the barriers within our control – for example, by making holes in or under our garden fences and walls for them to pass through. *(Hedgehog Street*)







Highway Holes

Types of 13cm x13cm Highway Holes:

- Fence A hole can be cut using tools such as drills and coping saws.
- Gravel Boards Enquire with your local building companies for hedgehog-friendly gravel board replacements. (See <u>https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/help-</u> <u>hedgehogs/link-your-garden/</u> for some companies.)
- Shropshire Fencing Supplies Ltd. Supply these locally.
- Gravel Boards can be cut with some difficulty, but using tools such as a core drill and some help.

