

Hedgehog

Hedgehogs are perhaps the cutest of British mammals. They forage at night, travelling up to 2 miles, that's a long way for little legs!

Hedgehogs really need our help. Their numbers have fallen below one million in the UK – down by 30% in just over ten years.



Quills raised in defence



Normal foraging

- **Hedgehogs are nocturnal which means that they sleep in the day and come out at night.**
- **They are called hedgehogs for a reason, they rustle around in the bushes turning over leaves and making snorting and snuffling noises similar to a pig.**
- **They eat slugs, snails, worms, caterpillars and beetles. They are truly a gardener's friend.**
- **Hedgehogs usually hibernate in areas that have cold winters.**
- **Hedgehogs have 5000 to 7000 spines on their back. These can be raised and lowered when threatened. Each quill lasts about a year before dropping out and regrowing.**