



## THE REACHING PEOPLE ENVIRONMENT FUND

East Goscote Parish Council have been successful with their application to the above fund.

We have been awarded £2000 to cover the costs of the services of a qualified ecologist to carry out a UK-Hab Preliminary Ecological Appraisal for the Parish, conduct three guided and training walks around the village and help to create a "Hedgehog Street" project.

Our aim is to engage the local community as individuals and groups and bring people together to become more aware of the local environment in terms of understanding what we have, protecting what is under threat, and enhancing the natural environment where appropriate.

An Ecological appraisal will first be carried out by qualified ecologist. This will provide a more scientific picture of our environment which will help to guide future activities. Public guided walks will then be carried out by the ecologist and a hedgehog highway project will be launched to further engage the community, especially children. This project is beyond the statutory duties of the Parish Council.

We hope that as many residents as possible will embrace this project and get involved in the guided walks and hedgehog project.