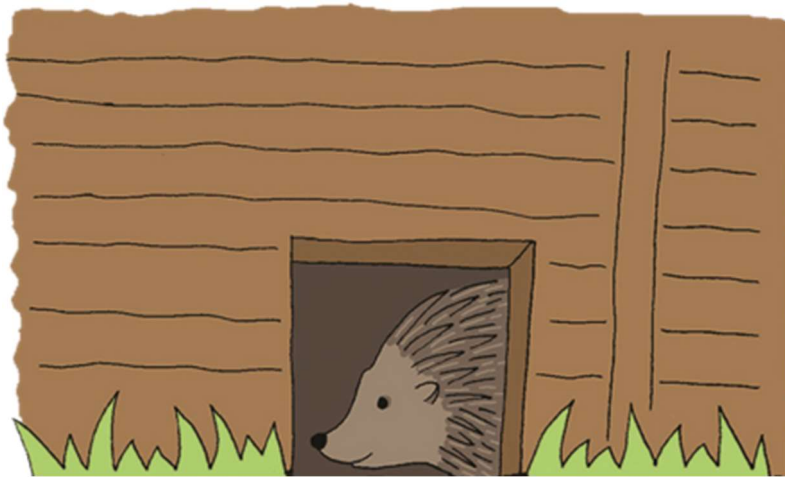


HOW TO CREATE A HEDGEHOG HOLE

Utilising funds from the Reaching People Environment Grant, East Gosscote Parish Council is pleased to be able to offer free hedgehog labels for those wanting to create a hedgehog hole in their garden.

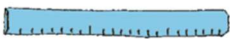
Help hedgehogs get around by making holes and access points in fences and barriers to link up the gardens in your neighbourhood.



You will need:



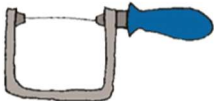
A fence panel



Ruler



Pencil



Coping saw

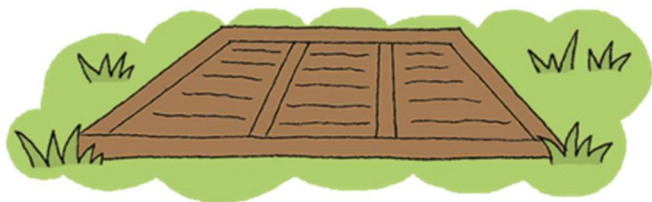


Sandpaper

Your neighbours' cooperation! Keep an eye out for neighbours doing work on their gardens, or using fencing contractors - this is the perfect opportunity to get a hedgehog hole put in!

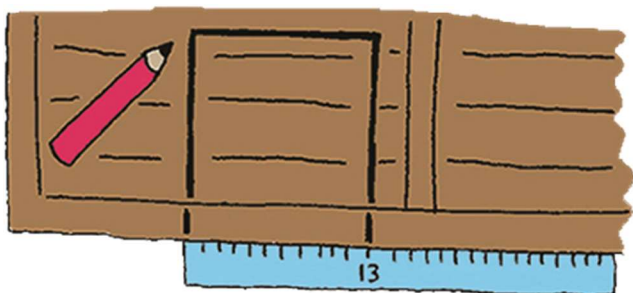
Step 1

If your neighbour is happy, remove a fence panel. The other option is to leave the fence up and use a pad saw or 'jab saw' instead of a coping saw.



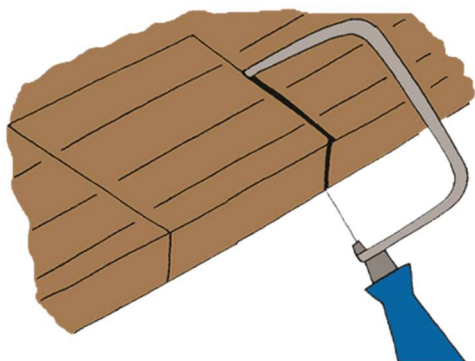
Step 2

Measure and mark a 13cm x 13cm hole at the bottom of the panel. This is sufficient for any hedgehog to pass through and will be too small for nearly all pets.



Step 3

Using the coping saw, cut out the marked hole.



Step 4

If there are very rough edges, use sandpaper to smooth them down.



Step 5

Put your fence panel back and label your hedgehog highway. We would appreciate a photograph of your hedgehog label to support our feedback for the Reaching People Environment Fund, please email this to egadmin@talktalk.net.



For more information about hedgehogs and how to help visit www.hedgehogstreet.org.

Greener Goscote may be able to offer advice with location and installation for a small donation if you can't manage this yourselves. Please contact David Cannon on 07873852372, or email grenergoscote@outlook.com to discuss this.