

## LBB Hedgehog Report 2024

50 records of IUCN UK Red Listed Hedgehogs were received by Bromley Biodiversity Partnership in 2024 from about 20 different areas in Bromley Borough. This compares to a low of 8 records from 7 locations in 2023. Prior to 2022, a steady increase in numbers and locations recorded had been noted from the start of the survey in 2017 which reached 51 records from 18 locations in 2021. The new high in numbers and locations in 2024 reflects in part increased efforts to publicise the survey which resulted in records from 2 areas where hedgehogs had not previously been reported: Crystal Palace and Anerley west, and 3 areas from which records have been scarce: Pratts Bottom, Ramuswood Avenue/High Elms and Sundridge. Numbers also reflected the great support from Jane Andrews (Friends of Sparrow and Crofton Woods) and the Residents of Petts Wood, Knoll and surrounding areas who sent in very many records from Petts Wood and gardens around Crofton Woods. As hedgehogs travel up to 2kms/night in search of food and mates, these records are likely to have sometimes been records of the same hedgehog in neighbouring gardens. Most of our records come from security and wildlife cameras so there are few from rural areas. For a list of areas from which we have received records in recent years see overleaf. Please try and add to this.

3 hedgehog records received were roadkill, 1 hedgehog was injured by a strimmer and lost a leg (now living in a Rescue Centre) and 4 were found dead. No evidence of juveniles was reported, but at 2 locations, Crystal Palace and Albany Road Chislehurst, 2 adults were heard huffing and puffing around each other which is sometimes part of hedgehog courtship.

Posters promoting the Hedgehog Survey are available on the biodiversity page of Bromley Friends Forum website at: <https://www.bromleyfriendsforum.org> under posters. The hedgehog factsheet can be found on the same website under 'Biodiversity, Useful Documents' together with mapped records from 2017-2021. The results for 2022, 2023 and 2024 have not been mapped. If anyone is skilled in ArcGIS, CSV files of 2024 records can be supplied with a view to producing further maps as these make it very easy to see distribution patterns. Hedgehogs are a London Borough of Bromley Action Plan Species, so information regarding how to help them is available at <https://www.bromley.gov.uk/planning-policy/bromley-biodiversity-species-action-plan-hedgehog> It is hoped to update this entry in 2025.

All Bromley's records are submitted to Greenspace for Greater London (GiGL) and added to Hedgehog Street's map which can be seen at <https://bighedgehogmap.org>.

### Bromley Biodiversity Partnership Proposed Actions for 2025

- Increase efforts to publicise hedgehog survey especially in areas of the borough from where hedgehog records have still not been received by us but may be present such as Beckenham, Langley Park, Elmers End and the Bethlem Hospital area.
- Promote hedgehog welfare as per Species Action Plan at <https://www.bromley.gov.uk/planning-policy/bromley-biodiversity-species-action-plan-hedgehog> and through encouraging the provision of water during warm, hot and dry weather.
- Send records to LBB Planning Department so that when developments are planned in areas where hedgehogs are present consideration can be given to the installation of hedgehog highways linking gardens and greenspaces as part of mitigation/Biodiversity Net Gain.
- Send all records to GiGL.
- Continue to send records to Bromley Biodiversity Partnership at [bromleybiodiversity@gmail.com](mailto:bromleybiodiversity@gmail.com) as this makes it possible to carry out local actions, but also please send records to Hedgehog Street as this contributes to the wider national picture of hedgehog numbers and distribution.

- If you see a sick or injured hedgehog or a hedgehog in daylight (a sign that the animal may be unwell), please contact Mavis Righini on 020 8462 1168 or Willow Wildlife Rescue on 07858 227 337 (<https://www.willowwildlife.co.uk/>) for help and advice.

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**List of areas where Hedgehogs have been recently recorded in LBB (not exhaustive)**

Anerley  
Biggin Hill  
Bromley: old Civic Centre area / Bickley  
Bromley Common  
Chislehurst: Ashfield lane area  
Chislehurst Central  
Chislehurst & Walden Recreation Ground / Red Hill  
Coney Hall  
Covet Wood / Poverest area  
Crofton Woods  
Crystal Palace area  
Downham  
Elmstead  
Green St. Green  
Hayes  
High Elms / Ramuswood Avenue  
Jubilee Country Park  
Petts Wood  
Pratts Bottom  
Scrubbs Farm / Bus Garage area  
St. Paul's Cray  
Sundridge  
Tugmutton / Farnborough area  
West Wickham