



## Step by step guidance on recruiting your neighbours

If you already know your neighbours, then this should be easy! But if you don't – then perhaps this is a chance to get to know them better.

1. Fill in your name on the enclosed invitations and post them through your neighbours' doors so that they have a chance to find out about the project before you speak to them.
2. Add your name and details to the posters and put them up in your window, pub, local shop or village hall etc.
3. Knock on your neighbours' doors to introduce yourself and tell them about *Hedgehog Street* and how they too can help.
4. Call a meeting of interested people in your local pub, church hall or home, and agree a plan of action, with each member being assigned certain tasks. Use action cards here.
5. Begin work in your own garden and perhaps invite neighbours round to show them what you have achieved.
6. Or you could all work together helping each other (and less able neighbours) to make their gardens hedgehog friendly.
7. Keep a note and photographs where possible of the work you do for hedgehogs and post them on our website gallery and forum to encourage other Hedgehog Champions around the country to follow your lead.
8. Visit our website regularly to see how other *Hedgehog Streets* are doing and swap tips.

### Tips and suggestions

- o You could try setting a regular date to meet e.g. every 1st Sunday of the month so people know when to meet.
- o If you have communal grounds managed by a third party, try and involve them in your meetings.
- o If you know of other *Hedgehog Streets* in your area, why not get together and organise a joint event?

### DO's and DON'Ts

- DO sound positive. Encourage people to become involved & help out where possible.  
- DO utilise everyone's different skills (some may be better at gardening, have more time or be stronger; others may like to make cups of tea for others or lend tools or advice).  
- DO ask us for help and advice at any stage or visit our website and use the forum.

- DON'T force anyone to become involved (especially elderly or frail neighbours).  
- DON'T worry if only 1 or 2 people are interested. Every action you take to improve your garden will have a benefit. It may gather more interest from others later on  
- DON'T over-exert yourself; your health and safety are paramount

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