

## Councillors Chronicles – No.2 Hedgehog Highway

Being a Parish Councillor isn't a job, it isn't political, it doesn't need previous experience but what it does need is care and concern for our lovely local area. It's not all about planning and building more houses that we may or may not want, it's not all about potholes and broken stiles – although they are there in the mix and are important too. Being a Parish Councillor is also about caring for the natural environment. The Climate Change Emergency is scary and we all need to do our bit but we also need to support the creatures we share this Parish with.



**Don't Fence Me In ....sang a choir of hedgehogs.**

Help the hedgehogs, help the environment!

Spring has sprung, the grass is ris, I wonder where the birdies is! The birdies are busy nesting and being free as a bird all over the place. The hedgehogs, however, may need a little. Hedgehogs in your garden are an enormous asset, eating slugs and snails and generally being rather attractive, although a little noisy when passionate! If they eat the slugs and snails, you won't need any of those nasty, harmful slug pellets. However, hedgehogs can't fly, you may have noticed this, so to help them visit as many gardens as possible during their nocturnal ramblings it's helpful if you ensure that there is at least one hedgehog-friendly entry/exit route between your garden and a field or the garden next door. This doesn't need to be a big, a gap of about 15cm square is good, a little piece cut out of the bottom of a fencing panel or a piece snipped out of a wire fence – quick and easy and the hedgehogs will love you for it!

