

## Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity Working with Local Schools

## About the Charity

SWCC is a registered Charity (Charity No 1145477) established in 2011, based at Shepreth Wildlife Park in Hertfordshire.

The aim of the charity is to support Conservation Projects both in the UK and across the world whilst educating people of all ages about the work we do.

We support other charities such as 21st Century Tiger and Wildlife Vets International, along with Charitable Campaigns run by the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria (EAZA).







Our own project is the Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital which opened in November 2012 to rehabilitate sick and injured hedgehogs from around the area. We are also carrying out ground breaking research into hedgehog populations and collating post release data in an attempt to understand the rapid decline in hedgehogs in the UK.





SWCC is managed by a team of Trustees who share a passion for Conservation.

## Building a Partnership to Educate and Inspire

We are committed to encouraging children of all ages to take an active role in conservation. Working with the Education Team at Shepreth Wildlife Park we aim to educate and inspire a new generation.

We are currently looking for local schools to work in Partnership with the Charity to help us to raise essential funds for our projects through fun activities such as Cake Sales, Welly Wanging Competitions or even Crazy Hair Days!

In return for your support, we can offer curriculum enhancing experiences across the school with visits and talks, from a member of our Charity and some prickly friends.

## Ways your school can help



• **Collect Newspapers:** During our peak season, we can get through 30+ newspapers per day with 70+ hedgehogs to clean out.



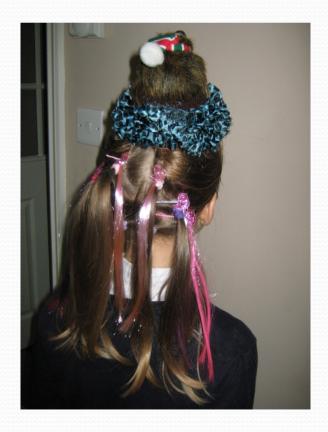
• **Collect Fleece Blankets**: Every hedgehog has a clean fleece blanket to snuggle into each day – we get through an awful lot of blankets!



• Collect unwanted Soft Toys: One of our main fundraising tools at our events is a 'Teddy Tombola', we are always on the look out for soft toys in good condition.

**Host a 'Crazy Hair Day'** A refreshing change from non-uniform days, and a great opportunity for kids to use their imagination to come up with the wackiest hair style they can in return for £1.

We will support these days with an assembly about the hedgehogs, and a visit from some prickly friends, we will also supply the prizes for the competition winners.





Nominate SWCC as your school's Charity for a year - we have done this with other schools locally and it has proved to be a very beneficial experience for both parties.

'The year has been a great success, the children have thoroughly enjoyed raising money, and following the progress of the charity. The highlights have been the various visits from the hedgehogs and talks from the Trustees.'
Nadia Stanbridge, Deputy Head Steeple Morden Primary School.

Each class in the school held their own fundraising event ranging from cake sales to welly wanging competitions. The whole school participated in Crazy Hair Day with prizes for the winners from each class presented in an assembly by one of our Trustees.

We would love to repeat this format with more local schools and have a range of activities and merchandise to support the partnership.

We are always looking for new suggestions for fundraising and would love to hear your ideas to inspire the children and enhance their understanding of conservation.



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