

# Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity

## Hedgehog Hospital - Role Profile

### Volunteer Hedgehog Carer (on-site)



<b>Information</b>	<p>The SWCC Hedgehog Hospital treats and rehabilitates hedgehogs before release back into the wild. The project is run by a small number of permanent hospital staff who are supported by a team of trained volunteers.</p> <p>All applicants must be over 18 years old on the day their volunteering commences.</p> <p>The role can be quite physical as it involves carrying holding boxes from shelves to a workbench, so a reasonable level of fitness and strength is required.</p> <p>Volunteers are asked to commit to one or more four-hour shifts per week.</p> <p>Although unpaid, all volunteers must be able to prove they have the right to work in the UK.</p> <p>A mandatory Induction session is required to be attended before volunteering can take place.</p>
<b>Duties</b>	<p>Volunteers are assigned a day (or more if they wish) per week to come into the hospital to ensure all the hedgehogs are fed and their boxes are cleaned.</p> <p>Each day, every hedgehog is weighed and this is recorded on their chart along with any other information that is useful (for example, what they ate, what they dislike etc.)</p> <p>These records help to build up an overall picture of the progress of each hedgehog and they are vital when deciding on courses of treatment and consultations with the vets.</p> <p>All hedgehogs have a thick layer of newspaper in the bottom of their boxes to soak up spilt water and urine. They also have a nest area created using a couple of sheets of newspaper to make a canopy and plenty of scrunched up newspaper. Each hedgehog is given appropriate food and a bowl of water.</p> <p>Volunteers must adhere to the bio-security protocols of the hospital premises.</p> <p>Volunteers have the opportunity to become involved in the fundraising events.</p>