

JOIN THE BIG HOG FRIENDLY LITTER PICK CHALLENGE



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#Pick4Prickles



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From **19th September - 30th November 2023**, we're challenging your university, college and school to collect the most litter from your campus and local community. The winner of each category receives a free Hedgehog House complete with a bag of hedgehog food from the British Hedgehog Preservation Society.

Why take part?

Wildlife often gets trapped in litter, leading to injury or even death. Taking part in the challenge helps wildlife, cleans up your community and helps you complete your Hedgehog Friendly Campus award! All volunteers receive a digital certificate too.

Registering your team

Click [here](#) to register your university, college or school as a team before 18th September. You'll find resources to help you advertise the challenge here too.

Who can be part of your team?

Anyone! As well as staff and students, the challenge is a chance for the local community to help hedgehogs and other wildlife. Parents, families, and colleagues can all contribute to your team total, wherever they live! You could even ask a local school, park group or business to volunteer.

Where can you take part?

Litter doesn't have to just be collected from around your university, college or school. Volunteers can add to your team's Trash Total on their street at home, at a local park, on a lunchtime walk - wherever!

[Register Your Team](#)

Judging the winners

The team with the biggest Trash Total by the end of the challenge wins their category. You will be asked to send photo evidence of the litter you've collected at the end of the challenge.

Use bin bags to collect your litter, but if you're using other bags then we'll account for this in the judging. A full bin bag equals 3 supermarket shopping bags, for example.

Submitting evidence

Stage 1: Collect photos of litter collected throughout the challenge from your volunteers.

Stage 2: At the end of the challenge, email info@hedgehogfriendlycampus.co.uk with the following:

- One folder with all volunteer photos (so we can count your Trash Total!). Please don't email photos individually.
- The number of individuals that took part overall.
- An estimate of your Trash Total.

To be counted towards your Trash Total your photos must clearly show the number of bags collected.

What is the deadline?

The 30th of November is the final day of the challenge. You must email your Stage 2 evidence to us by **5 PM on Monday 4th of December 2023.**

What will volunteers need to take part?

Volunteers need a litter grabber and bin bags. If volunteers don't have their own litter grabbers, they may be able to loan them from:

- Your Estates Team or gardeners
- A student union
- Your local council
- Keep Wales Tidy Litter Picking Hubs
- Clean Up Scotland's Community Clean-Up Hubs

Advertising the challenge

Use the resources on our [website](#) to advertise the challenge on social media, webpages, emails, newsletters etc. to recruit volunteers. Let them know they're helping you to become a **#HedgehogFriendlyCampus** and that they'll receive a digital certificate as a thank you!

How do volunteers get their certificates?

All volunteers are eligible for a digital certificate, not just those of the winning team. We will email the certificate to your team at the end of the challenge for you to share with your volunteers.

Who is responsible for risk assessments and health and safety considerations?

Your team. Please consider and communicate any specific health and safety procedures to the volunteers who take part in the challenge. You may wish to speak to HR or Health and Safety staff at the university, college or school before taking part. We have provided some generic advice for participants below, but your institution is responsible for any risk assessments that may be needed.

General advice for litter pickers:

Please avoid:

- Sharp objects (e.g. broken glass)
- Clinical waste (e.g. syringes)
- Hazardous areas (e.g. fast running rivers)
- Lone working
- Heavy lifting

Please ensure that you:

- Wear gloves
- Cover any cuts
- Keep hands away from your eyes and mouth
- Wash hands straight away after litter picking
- Wear sturdy, appropriate footwear and waterproofs if needed
- Recycle any plastic, glass and aluminium

If you find any dangerous, poisonous or hazardous materials, contact the Environment Agency on **0800 80 70 60**.

Thank you and good luck!



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