**MISSING TIGGY-WINKLE:**

**Rural hedgehog numbers have halved since 2000 with just 750,000 hedgehogs left in the UK, report claims**

The British hedgehog, famed as Beatrix Potter’s Mrs Tiggy-Winkle, is under threat from intensive farming and the use of pesticides

Urban figures for the creature famed as Beatrix Potter’s Mrs Tiggy-Winkle are down by a third. They face problems from intensive farming, including a loss of hedgerows and bigger fields which reduce available habitat, and use of pesticides and tillage which reduces prey such as grubs and earthworms.

Campaigners urged people to put out wet pet food and make fence holes so they can switch gardens. The British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS) and the People's Trust for Endangered Species, plan to engage with farming communities to halt declines. The 36.5million in 1955 fell to 1995’s 1.5million and 750,000 now.

Campaigners have urged households to put out wet pet food and allow gaps in their garden fences to allow the animals to move gardens Emily Wilson, hedgehog officer for Hedgehog Street, a public action campaign run by the two groups, says: "Urban and suburban areas are becoming increasingly important for hedgehogs, so we need more people in those locations to sign up as hedgehog champions.”

"Hedgehogs are a generalist species, so the more people can do to help them in their own back garden, the more they will also benefit other wildlife."

Adapted Source: <https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/5518353/rural-hedgehog-numbers-drop/>

**Reading Questions**

1. How many rural hedgehogs are left within the UK?

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1. By what fraction have they reduced by since 2000?

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1. What was the name of the hedgehog in Beatrix Potter’s books?

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1. What problems do hedgehogs face?

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1. What are campaigners urging people to do?

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1. Which organisations are going to work with farming communities to halt the decline of the rural hedgehog population?

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1. How many rural hedgehogs were there in 1955?

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1. How many rural hedgehogs were there in 1995?

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1. Who is the hedgehog officer for Hedgehog Street?

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1. What does Hedgehog Street want people to do in urban and suburban areas?

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Your friend James loves hedgehogs and you want to tell him about Hedgehog Street and how he can become a hedgehog champion.

**Your task:** Write to James to tell him about Hedgehog Street and how he can sign up to be a hedgehog champion in his local area.

Include the following information

* What is happening to rural hedgehogs
* What people can do to help hedgehogs
* Who Hedgehog Street are
* Why he should be a hedgehog champion

Plan

Write 50-75 words

Draft

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Your friend James has become a hedgehog champion. He wants you to check the poster below. Proof read the poster and identify the mistakes he has made.

Do you like hedgehogs. if u do u should come along to the meeting on monday at the community club On monday i will let u know how u can help hedgehogs more.

Write three sentences using adjectives to describe hedgehogs

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Rewrite these sentences to make them complete sentences. Add either **can** or **have** to these sentences.

1. The rural hedgehog population numbers halved since 2000.

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1. Hedgehogs be fed on wet pet food.

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1. We make our back gardens hedgehog friendly.

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