

Agenda Item 17 July Meeting – Hedgehog signs

We have received an approach from residents concerned about Hedgehog Safety. The Hedgehog is in decline in the country at present.

Please see the extract from the email below:

We set up the Hedgehog Street group in the village a number of years ago. During that time we've gathered a record of sightings of hedgehogs around the village, many visiting gardens or seen along twittens and crossing village roads. We've also had a number of road casualties, including one in Gore Farm Close, the junction of Micheldene and the A259, on Friston Hill and on the A259 close to Downs View Lane.

I would like to enquire as to the possibility of placing caution road signs around the village, perhaps at the entrances at Windmill Lane, Micheldene Lane, Downs View Lane, Gilbert's Drive. Also, or alternatively, placing smaller signs on the road name signs around the village, either under the 20MPH signs or on the other side.

I have attached information from the BHPS and GOV websites which might be helpful.

<https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Small-animal-road-sign-placement-FINAL.pdf>

4 locations are mentioned:

- Windmill and Micheldene have "White village gate" type entrances supplied by the residents' association
- Downs View Lane (EBC but maintained by ourselves) would require a post and sign
- Gilbert's Drive has an existing 30 sign on ESCC land

Signs are approximately £60-70 each and fittings on existing posts/gates plus a new post for Downs view lane would increase expenditure to around £400. Smaller plastic signage is available but is less durable and visible.

Proposal: To consider installing signs as requested (subject to relevant permissions)

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