



HEDGEHOG HOUSES

CATEGORY: WILDLIFE CASE STUDY YEAR: 2007

Business Details:

Old School B&B,
Alnwick,
Northumberland



<http://www.northumberlandbedandbreakfast.co.uk>

Description:

The Old School B&B is an 18th century stone property with south facing gardens surrounded by woodland in the small conservation village of Newton on the Moor, five miles south of the market town of Alnwick. The B&B is the Winner of the North East England B&B of the year and 2007 National Finalist,

The Old School B&B has achieved a GTBS Gold award through a range of good practice in all areas. One of the measures undertaken to support the local wildlife is to provide hedgehog boxes. "At The Old School we are providing three hedgehog houses to accommodate convalescing hedgehogs. Through illness or accident, these hedgehogs will have been looked after by a neighbour, who has the facilities and dedication to nurse them back to health. Whilst we have the perfect location to give them a safe haven and eventually a successful return to a natural habitat."



Economic

- One Hedge hog home was bought and the other two were constructed out of scrap wood using the first as a template
- Approximate cost: £38



Environmental

- Hedgehogs face everyday dangers in road traffic, chemicals in gardens used on slugs they like to feast on.
- The hedgehog houses are likely to raise awareness among visitors of supporting wildlife with nesting boxes and encourage them to have one of their own



Social

- Many guests will enjoy the opportunity to get a closer look at Hedgehogs

WEB

Nature boxes for range of wildlife boxes: <http://www.nestbox.co.uk/home.shtml>
 Northumberland Wildlife Trust: <http://www.nwt.org.uk/>
 Durham Wildlife Trust: <http://www.durhamwildlifetrust.org.uk/>
 British Hedgehog Preservation Society: <http://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/>