Local fencing companies email/letter template

Use the template below to contact your local fencing companies, calling for improved hedgehog connectivity in your local area.

Please remember to copy **campaigning@suffolkwildlifetrust.org** into any emails you send.

Subject: Opportunity to Promote Hedgehog-Friendly Fencing

Dear [Name/Company],

I am a local resident in [area] with an interest in wildlife conservation and wanted to share a simple way fencing companies can support hedgehogs in our area and be part of Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Hedgehog-Friendly County campaign.

Hedgehogs are in decline across the UK, and one of the biggest challenges they face is being unable to move between gardens and other areas because of solid fences and walls. Wildlife organisations recommend creating hedgehog highways by leaving a small 13cm × 13cm gap in suitable boundaries, allowing hedgehogs to travel safely between habitats.

[Include a personal element here if possible. Do you see hedgehogs in this area? Do you never see hedgehogs in the area, even if you would expect them to be there? Are you a wildlife supporter? Would you be more likely to use fencing companies that supported hedgehogs and other wildlife? Keep it short but impactful.]

Would your company please consider:

- Offering and promoting hedgehog highways as an option when installing new fences.
- Including information about hedgehog highways on your website or social media.
- Considering wildlife-friendly boundary designs.
- Encouraging customers opting for hedgehog highways to share this with Suffolk Wildlife Trust at www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/hedgehogs

These measures are quick, inexpensive, and can make a significant difference for local wildlife while demonstrating your company's commitment to nature and sustainability.

If you would like to support the Hedgehog-Friendly County campaign as a business, you can sign up to become a **Hedgehog Hero** at www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/hedgehogs. If you wish to include the **campaign logo on your website** to show your support to customers, please contact Suffolk Wildlife Trust at wilder.communities@suffolkwildlifetrust.org

Thank you for taking the time to consider this suggestion. I would be delighted to hear if this is something your business might be interested in supporting.

Kind regards,

[Name]

[Town/Village]