

Here is an Animal News story. Read the story, from page 10 of the newspaper, and then try the puzzle. To help you, we have underlined the answers to the crossword puzzle clues in the story – but you will need to match the correct word with each clue!



ANIMAL NEWS

HELPING HEDGEHOGS



THE British Hedgehog Preservation Society is asking people to think about how we can help hedgehogs while we are all spending more time at home.

Hedgehogs are one of the UK's most familiar and well-loved animals. They are always popping up in children's stories and films. But when did you last actually see one? Sadly, hedgehog numbers are falling quickly.

As more houses and building developments take over green spaces around the UK, hedgehogs are finding it harder and harder to survive. So why not try these five easy ideas to help our hedgehogs?

1. Make square holes at the bottom of fences or

walls (13cm square). This makes sure hedgehogs can move between gardens and helps to create a hedgehog highway!

2. Create a log pile, which will provide shelter and food for hedgehogs.

3. If you know there is a hedgehog in your garden, offer them meaty cat or dog food in the garden at night. You can create a simple feeding station so the food isn't stolen by cats and foxes!

4. Leave shallow bowls of water in the garden for them to drink.

5. Build a hedgehog home for them to nest in and use as a nursery.

You can find instructions on how to build a hedgehog feeding station or hedgehog home at britishhedgehogs.org.uk.

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3) Continue to live, especially in spite of danger or hardship (verb 7)

4) Well known (adjective 8)

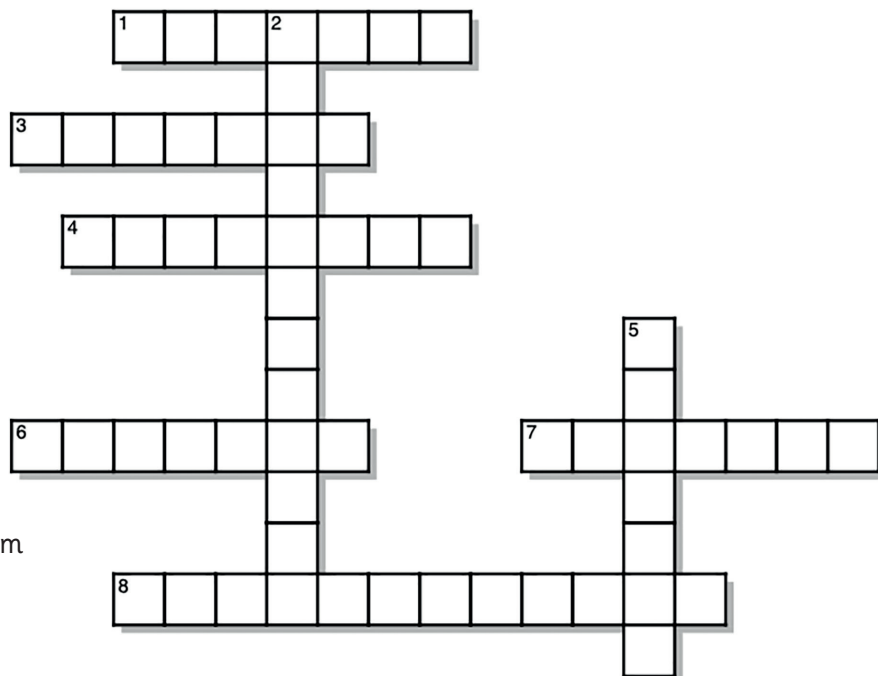
6) A place giving protection from bad weather or danger (noun 7)

8) Taking care, and keeping safe and well (noun 12)

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2) Areas of land with new buildings on them (plural noun 12)

5) Not very deep (adjective 7)



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