

ANIMAL TAILS

HOLLY HEDGE ANIMAL SANCTUARY'S newsletter jam-packed full of heart-warming stories

SUMMER 2018



HOLLY HEDGE
Animal Sanctuary

Providing shelter from harm and
the promise of a brighter future

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MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER



It is with a heavy heart that I have to break the news that Holly Hedge has less than a year's running costs left in our reserves, and unless we are able to raise at least **£500,000** we may not be able to continue to help

nearly as many desperate and needy cases. Our financial situation is largely due to building the new kennels which were so urgently needed, as the existing ones were dilapidated and crumbling. The dogs are so much happier in their new surroundings, and far less stressed, so a great result achieved – but at a huge cost.

Rising bills

Also our vet bills have risen considerably and reached a staggering £100,000 in the last financial year, as no animal is denied the veterinary help they need to enjoy the best quality of life. We have followed our hearts and carried out our solemn promise to do everything in our power to make our rescues pain free and whole again. We struggle financially to keep up with the insurmountable numbers coming to us in urgent need of veterinary treatment. Some poor souls have stoically endured excruciating pain for years before coming to Holly Hedge, and the difference made to their lives once treatment has been given is worth any amount of money spent to make them pain free and happy once more. Many have needed expensive operations to give them a new lease of life; others have been in road accidents with no owner coming forward and life-saving operations have had to be carried out or these poor souls would have died of their injuries.

Fighting to survive

We don't pick and choose all rehomeable dogs and cats we take in either. We take them off the streets, many living rough in pitiful conditions after fending for themselves for years, enduring starvation and freezing cold weather, fighting to survive in a harsh world, and learning the hard way that some people can be so cruel and heartless. At Holly Hedge they are shown love, kindness, given every home comfort possible, and shown that people can be caring and trusted. It is so heart-warming when their faith is restored once more, and they are ready to face the world again in a loving new home. We find homes for up to 800 rescues a year and the joy of seeing them go off to their lovely new homes is what keeps us all going.

Devoted and dedicated

Our staff is second to none and give all our rescues love in abundance as well as plenty of enrichment to help them cope in a kennel/cattery situation. Their devotion and dedication knows no bounds and the animals always come first. We have the best Managers ever, whose care and compassion shines through, and Holly Hedge couldn't be in better hands.

Going the extra mile

We cannot harden our hearts and refuse sick, elderly or injured animals, and we cannot contemplate refusing the treatment they need to enable them to lead happy, normal lives, some being on the brink of death and needing emergency medical treatment. We know we cannot save them all which is heart breaking, but we go that extra mile and try our very best to give them a future – which is our legacy of love no matter what the cost, it is only what these dear helpless creatures so richly deserve.

Future proofing

We have plans in place to sustain the future of Holly Hedge, and through kind friends have bought the field opposite which will generate income in the future, and enable us to apply for biodiversity grants and help dwindling wildlife also. No funding came out of the coffers as the field was purchased thanks to the kind help of Animal Friends Insurance, Pat Hopper, and all of us on the Board of Trustees. There are other cost cutting measures in place, as well as income generating strategies, but right now we are on a mission of survival, and we so desperately need your help to overcome the challenges that inevitably lie ahead.

Mending the broken pieces

Holly Hedge exists purely to help animals in need, and strives to give them all a much brighter and happier future. It costs £650,000 a year to keep the Sanctuary running to a high standard and give our rescues the best possible chance of a new beginning and a happy ever after. They come to us with broken hearts, broken limbs and broken spirits, and it is our job to put them back together again.

There is nowhere more totally committed to making a better life for those who have no voice. Please help us in our vital mission to always be there for animals who need our help.

Help us to help them

Thank you so much for reading this rather epic plea. It is truly a plea from the heart for all our precious rescues as we cannot contemplate letting them down. Please, please help us to help those dear souls who cannot speak for themselves. There is nowhere more totally committed and dedicated to turning their lives around for the better than Holly Hedge. Our rescues mean the world to us, but we cannot exist on love for them alone.

On a much happier note we hope you enjoy this magazine filled with some of our Happy Ending success stories and the wonderful work we do.

Best wishes

Pauline Leeson

Founder

PAWS IN PERIL

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TED'S STORY

This poor emaciated Collie Huski mix came to us after he was found collapsed in a field, completely helpless, clearly exhausted and unable to stand up. To add to his discomfort, Ted was covered in faeces and urine, indicating that he had been locked up somewhere for a long time. He was in such a devastating condition that it just broke everyone's hearts. The photos show how terribly malnourished he was, weighing just 11 kilos on arrival, half what he should have been. He would not have survived another night lying out in the freezing cold.

Over the next few months, Ted had extensive ongoing veterinary care, regular check-ups and tests to ensure he had no damage to his internal organs, such as kidney failure due to the level of starvation. He also needed our love, time and affection. The changes in Ted both physically and mentally were astounding; this once weak, starved, shy boy became a different dog - confident, outgoing and twice the size! This transformation eventually led to us finding him his perfect forever home where we're sure he will live out the rest of his days in the knowledge that he is finally safe.

PEPPER'S STORY

This dear little cat came to us as a desperately poorly looking stray in real need of TLC and urgent veterinary treatment. Pepper was so thin and emaciated and had a dreadful skin infection on his tummy and back legs. He also had a cleft palette. Despite the terrible condition he was in and the suffering he must have been enduring, Pepper was still full of purrs and really keen to climb onto our laps for cuddles and love, which he clearly hadn't had for a very long time, if ever.

It really was touch and go for a while as to whether he would pull through but, as always, we were determined to do everything we could to give this stoic little lad the best possible chance of survival and a happy future to look forward to. After lots of medical attention and love from our dedicated staff and volunteers, it didn't take long for Pepper's 'forever family' to come along and fall in love with him.

Pepper's outcome and complete recovery is just one of many examples of Holly Hedge's dedication to the wellbeing of each and every one of our beloved cats and kittens and we are fully aware that we couldn't achieve such success without the incredible support of all the kind people who donate to our ever increasing vet bills.

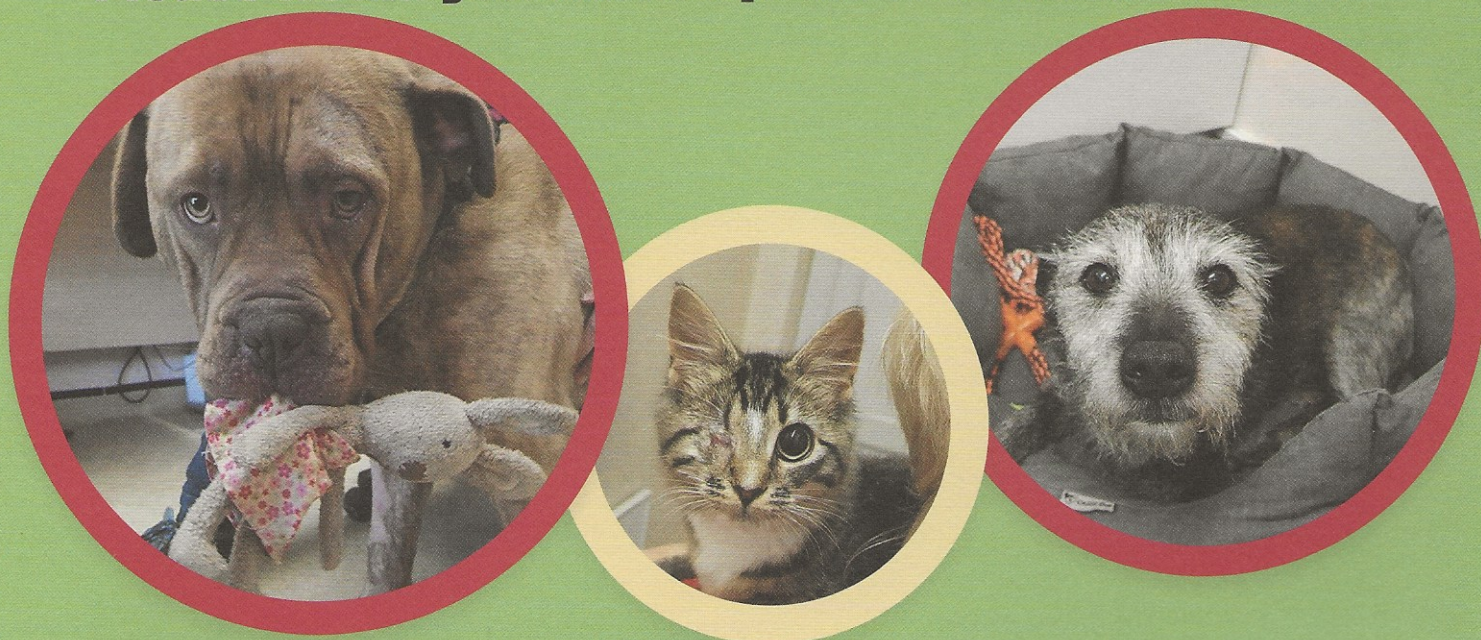
Without our support they would never have found their
Happy Endings.

www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/hollyhedge/pawsinperil

PAW PALS

Our aim at **Holly Hedge** is to find all the animals that we take into our care their fur-ever homes. Whilst they stay with us, you could help us to help them by becoming their Paw Pal.

Please would you like to sponsor someone like us?



A Monthly donation of:

- £5** Pays for my flea and worming treatment
- £10** Pays for me to have a microchip
- £20** Pays for nutritious food
- £50** Pays for on-going medical treatment

By donating a monthly amount, you can help to look after the animals in our care whilst we find their fur-ever homes. Your monthly sponsorship will help pay for their needs at Holly Hedge – like regular nutritious meals, veterinary care, a warm bed, and toys to keep them happy and entertained. It will also help us keep them vaccinated, wormed, microchipped, neutered and to pay towards any other medical treatment that may be needed.

What do I get in return?

As a Paw Pal you will receive our monthly e-newsletter, a welcome pack, certificate and thank you letter from one of our resident dogs and cats. It's so easy to join – just follow the link!

www.hollyhedge.org.uk/donate/sponsor-kennel-cat-pen/paw-pal

KITTEN & PUPPY SEASON

This year, once again, we have seen an increase in our very youngest residents arriving, and sadly many of our kittens have come in alone as little orphans. With the rise in sales on the internet the last ones in the litter may struggle to be sold, and sadly some end up turned out with no home of their own. We are also faced with stray cats still not being neutered, having their babies on the streets, with people finding them and taking them to safety, but sadly many don't survive if removed too young and it is always crucial to contact a rescue if you suspect you may have feral or stray cats in your gardens or workplace who appear to be pregnant or nursing.

We take many of these little souls who we nurse back to health often feeding through the night whilst providing all the medical help they may need. With many cats not being vaccinated we are also seeing a rise in cat related viruses which can affect their immunity system meaning regular trips to our vets, antibiotics and round the clock nursing.

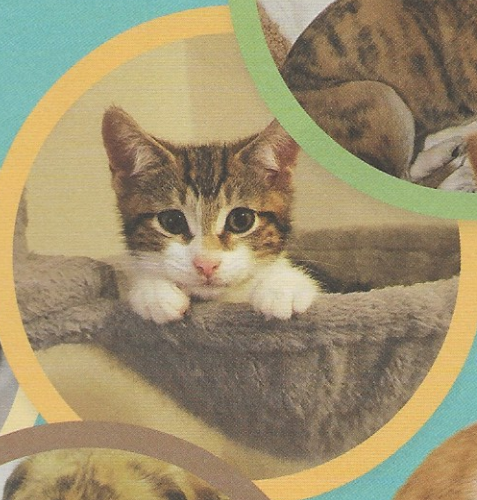
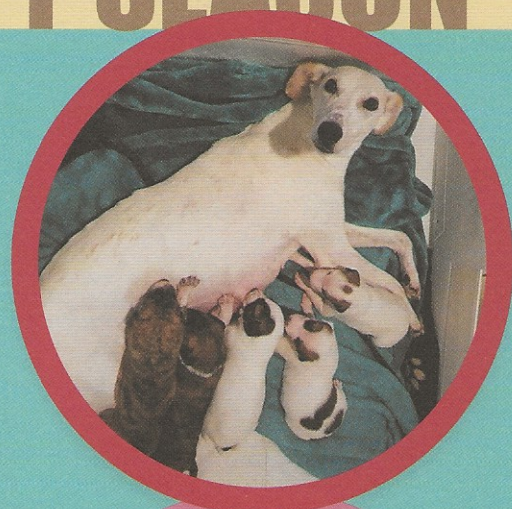
The staff have been kept on their toes when this year's first pregnant mum gave birth to a beautiful litter of Lurcher Puppies, shortly followed by the arrival of 8 large crossbreed puppies! About 10 weeks old, they were sadly handed in to a local boarding kennels, however we are so glad that the owner was responsible by taking them to professionals, rather than trying to give them away for free on internet pages such as Gumtree.

At least they know they will be matched to the right homes and have all the medical care they need.

Arnold, along with some of his brothers and sister unfortunately suffer from a condition called distichiasis, which means he has multiple extra eyelashes in both eyes. These extra lashes grow at an odd angle and rub on the surface of his eyes, causing discomfort and pain, often causing corneal ulcers. Whilst our vet is able to pluck these lashes to give him some relief, this is only a temporary solution and the lashes will regrow. At some point in the future Arnold and possibly his siblings will need referring to an Ophthalmology Veterinary specialist, who will most likely have to surgically remove each lash and its hair follicle. This is highly specialist treatment requiring specialist equipment, and, as such, doesn't come cheap. We have been advised that his treatment may cost £2500. Although this is a huge amount of money, we really want Arnold to have a pain free life. So please help us to help him by donating to his cause and to help others who sadly without our help may never have the happy ending they deserve.

Its easy just follow the link below to donate. Thank you so much.

www.justgiving.com/campaign/puppyarnold



ARNOLD

HOLLY HEDGE FARM & SMALL FURRIES

We have some very special residents who have come to Holly Hedge over the last few months. Some of you may not know that although we predominantly rehome cats and dogs, we occasionally get an unusual resident or two in urgent need of a safe place to stay.

However, with Holly Hedge resembling Noah's Ark, with the arrival of two Pygmy goats, two hamsters, a chicken and a cockerel, three bunnies, a Shetland Pony called Minty and another called Millie! we have certainly been kept busy at the Holly Hedge farm! Thanks to a brilliant team of corporate volunteers, we were able to clear out and restore an old temporary kennel block that has been used for storage for a long time creating new housing for small animals... however with a bit of modification we were also able to create a small stable just right for our goats who were with us just a few days before being rehomed, thus making way for our largest resident Minty the pony who was in urgent need of a rescue space to avoid being given away for free on Facebook. He has such specific needs and with many horse rescues bursting to capacity, we felt it essential to offer him a safe haven.

All of these residents have managed to find experienced homes with the best possible housing but we still have our beautiful long haired Rabbits still looking for a home.

Sadly, many hamsters and small animals are bought and sold in pet shops, usually with insufficient housing, not enough space, extremely small hutches and cages, and after the novelty wears off, many of those small animals will find themselves neglected or in rescue. They are not easy to keep, and it takes time and money to care for them properly. However we are hoping that with the addition of suitable housing, we will be able to offer a safe haven to those who will come to need our help in the future.

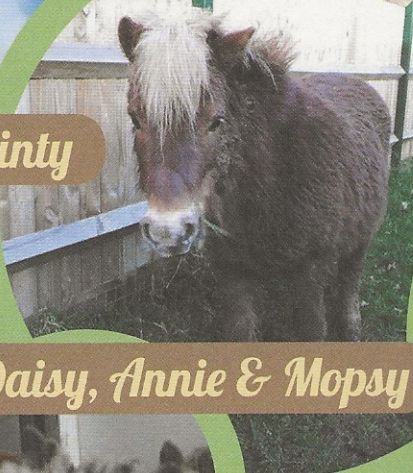
George & Mildred



Millie



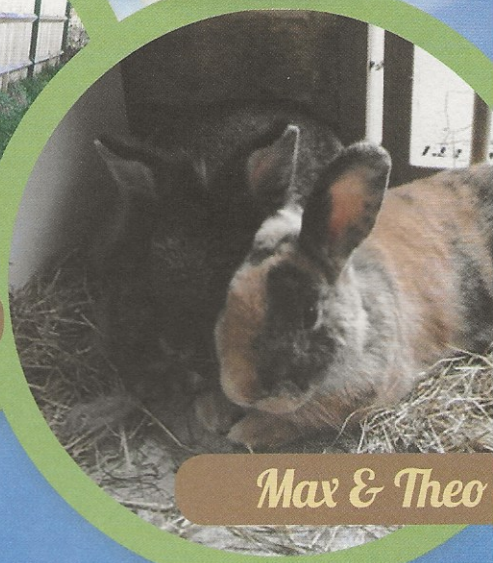
Minty



Daisy, Annie & Mopsy

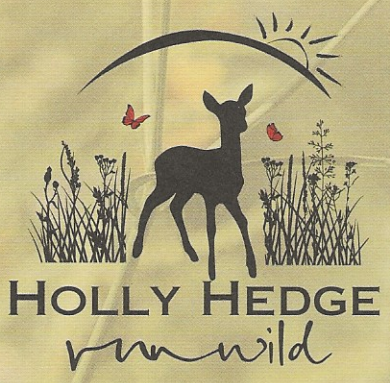


Max & Theo



WILDLIFE MEADOW PROJECT

HOLLY HEDGE
WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION AREA



A wild flower meadow for butterflies & bees and doggy heaven

A local housing development is affecting woodland & wild life habitat.

The woods next to the Sanctuary site in Wild Country Lane was taken over by a housing developer and building work north of Barrow and Church Wood began in 2016.

Damage to the ancient woodland and the effect on our neighbouring woodland creatures could not be ignored, which is why Holly Hedge Trustees decided to purchase the field next to its entrance to provide a haven for wildlife, and restore lost habitat.

With the help of an Avon Wild Life Ecologist, plans were discussed to create a wild flower meadow, build a stone bat folly and install a wild life pond. The meadow will provide a safe haven for wildlife, bringing local bats, birds, deer and woodland creatures under the protection of the Sanctuary.

The new meadow will also offer 3.5 acres of open space for Holly Hedge Rescue Dogs to run free.....

Our dogs have historically walked the woodland since the Sanctuary opened in 1992 and because of strict safety rules must always be exercised on harness and on a lead.

Our play paddocks are fun, but too small for properly running free. Happily, the new Freedom Meadow will give the dogs plenty of open space to run and explore.

This Conservation Biodiversity Project is being funded with a Grant from VIRIDOR CREDITS ENVIRONMENTAL COMPANY

Everyone involved with Holly Hedge would like to extend their gratitude and heartfelt thanks to Viridor Credits for the Grant to fund our Meadow Project installations which will help to protect our neighbouring wildlife and enable us to create and enhance habitat. The support will also help to launch our Wild Flower Meadow Campaign and widen our education programme.

We would also like to thank **Cemex Ltd (Freemans Quarry)** for their donation of quarry dust and stone, **Bristol Water** and **Wessex Water** for their donation of aggregate and concrete cylinders and a contribution from **Bristol Airport**.

This very kind contribution will provide materials for the installation of the wild life pond and the stone bat folly. This local support is so very much appreciated.

WILD LIFE ORGANISATION SUPPORT

The Conservation Project will be supported and partnered by **Avon Wildlife Trust** who will advise, monitor and store records.

Avon Wild Services will be installing the pond and folly and monitoring the planting of hedgerows and saplings and helping with the Wild Flower Campaign.



LETTER FROM OUR BEHAVIOURIST



Settling in your new rescue pet into its forever home

When we adopt a rescue dog or cat, it's an exciting time for us. We usually have expectations of how our new pet will slot into our lives. Hopefully the rescue centre will already have provided a decent handover, addressing any specific needs relating to the animal who is being taken home. Sometimes the handover might be done relatively quickly once the home check has been passed, and other times it might be done slowly over several weeks, so that the new owner and animal can get to know one another and training protocols can be fully understood.

Every animal who ends up in rescue has a different history and unique temperament and personality. Whether they have been adopted from a kennel environment or a temporary foster home, their ability to adapt to their forever home is going to vary depending on the individual.

There are some dogs and cats who will largely be unphased by their recent transitions between temporary and permanent homes and who will adjust to their new environment, routine and family members with ease.

However, these animals are likely to be in the minority and most will require a gentle and understanding introduction and settling-in process. Try to avoid visitors whilst your new pet is settling in, despite how keen you might be to introduce them to friends and family.

Confused cats

It can be common for cats to find the best place to hide, or the highest place, and stay there for a certain amount of time until they are confident enough to explore their new environment and interact with family members. It's sensible to just leave them be, and allow them to decide to venture out and initiate human interaction in their own time. For these cats, sometimes allocating them with their own room with everything they need (that becomes their 'core territory') and gradually increasing the area available to them, can help them feel safer and more secure.

Different dogs, different needs

Some dogs may require company for a while before attempting to separate yourself from them, both when you are still home or when you leave the house. This may be days, or weeks. Other dogs may actually need some space from humans and some may only settle properly when they are left alone. Some may find the outside world overwhelming and won't require walks initially, whilst they adjust to their new home environment and then walks can be introduced slowly so that the dog finds the experience calm and positive. Other dogs may only be able to fully relax when they are out on a walk, and find the home environment more challenging. The key thing is to try not to have any expectations and to listen to the dog you have in front of you, providing them with as many ways to be as relaxed and settled as possible.

Three is the magic number

Behaviourists often refer to the phrase "three days, three weeks, three months" when chatting to owners of new rescue dogs. The first three days dogs are often in an inhibited state, where they may not have much of an appetite and don't show too much of themselves. During the first three weeks, they are likely to start settling in but this period is still classed as the 'honeymoon period' and the dog won't start fully fitting into its new routine or be exhibiting its normal behaviour until about 3 months. It can be normal for new owners to think "what have we done?!" at some point during the settling-in process, especially when expectations are not meeting reality. Support should be provided by the rescue during these times, but it is also important to try not to have any expectations when adopting a new pet but instead try to 'go with the flow' and take it a day at a time.

Introductions to existing pets

The introductory process to an existing pet is one of the most important factors in a successful future relationship together. Whether you are introducing a dog to an existing cat, a cat to an existing dog, a dog to an existing dog or a cat to an existing cat, it is really important that both the new pet and the existing pet both have their own space. With dogs, babygates (or dog gates) are essential. Time together should always be supervised and food, chews, toys and other valued resources should be managed appropriately to prevent any conflict. Cats will need their own separate core areas, with separate feeding and drinking stations, numerous litter trays and a very slow introduction. Dogs must ALWAYS be prevented from chasing a cat, so a lead should be used whenever the dog and cat are in visual contact (even with a gate that the dog can charge at).

If you have any queries relating to the introductory process, chat to the rescue before taking your new pet home so that you can be sure you are setting them up for success from the start. If it all goes smoothly, in a few weeks time you won't be able to imagine life without them!



Pet Sense

Behaviour talks

Throughout the year we will be holding various talks for Dogs & Cats from some of some of Bristol's best behaviourists.

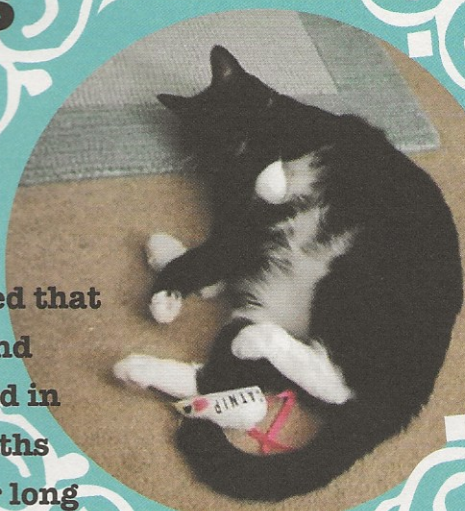
All ticket sales help to raise much-needed money to look after the dogs and cats in our care, at only **£5** at ticket there's no reason not to come along and you may learn something new and exciting about your own furry residents or just expand your knowledge on animal behaviour. Please support these wonderful events by clicking on the link

<https://hollyhedge.designmyright.com>

HEARTWARMING HAPPY ENDINGS

Happy Endings For So Many!

We have been delighted that so many of our dogs and cats have been adopted in the last couple of months especially some of our long termers such as our beloved Diesel who was with us for almost a year! We always love to receive updates and stories of their antics as they settle into home life, we also love to see how loved they are with their new families. We thought we would share a few of our happy ending pics with you. If you have rehomed from us please join our Holly Hedge Facebook community where we often share our happy endings. Please feel free to email us with updates, pics and vids. After all, this is why we do what we do - to see the transition from their arrival, their journey with us and then to see them thrive in a new home is the best feeling ever! See page 10 & 11 for more pics!



Layla

We adopted Olivia, now known as Layla (after the song) the leg loving cat, about 10 months ago. Holly Hedge were fantastic with Layla, however even with their skills and patience they took 25 minutes to try and get her in the travel box! Suffice to say she was not an emotionally available animal when we first got her. She hid behind the sofa for a week before we started to notice some signs of her exploring. After several months we got to a stage that she was eating dreamies from our hands, even standing on our legs to get to strategically placed ones. She then began to jump on the bed, granted only for dreamies, but still a giant step from where she started from. Within the last 3 months she has begun to follow us around the house, rubbing against our legs and seemingly enjoying our company. After recently moving house and having the ordeal of getting her back into a box to bring her here, we were amazed to find she was 'legging' us on the first day! She was so loving we even had to Google whether a cat nibbling your leg is a good thing! It is! Holly Hedge suggested we didn't rush into letting Layla outside due to her mental state, and this has proved key advice as we are now confident she will return. Now we look forward to getting her even more settled into her new home before we take the step of letting our previously semi-ferrel feline into the great outdoors.

Rodney

I had recently lost my cat Woody & wanted a new companion. On scrolling through the website I came across Rodney. I went to visit him & he was just perfect, just what we needed. I was advised to be patient with him as he wasn't really enjoying cattery life. On picking him & up & getting Rodney home he was clearly very nervous, he didn't come out from behind the sofa for about a week. I persisted with him & gave him a lot of reassurance & patience that everything around him at home was a nice place for him to be. After a few weeks passed he got even more confident & started to get on with my other cat Alan. Due to me being patient with him he is now going out & exploring with my other cat Alan. Rodney is literally a different cat to when we first picked him up. He would, even if I closed the door behind me for example, run away & hide. Rodney doesn't do this anymore so I know he is very happy in his new home & has settled in well. Rodney loves attention but only on his terms & of course he loves his dreamies. Rodney was a bit of a mystery cat as I didn't have much history on him only that he was living with another man called Rodney hence his name, but at some point in his life he'd definitely been loved by somebody I think.



HEARTWARMING HAPPY ENDINGS

Milly - now Ivy

Our patron Monty Halls, famous for presenting many of his wonderful BBC shows such as the Great Escape series, and his beautiful family paid us a surprise visit a couple of weeks ago and fell in love with one of our youngest residents, 10 week old Lab x Ivy

Monty originally came to Holly Hedge and found his best friend Reuben many years ago but after sadly losing Reuben to heart disease in 2016 they have taken time as a family to overcome this grief of losing their best friend before feeling ready to adopt again.

We were delighted to help Monty's family find their perfect match! As they have had a Labrador before and as they have a highly active and adventurous lifestyle we felt this would suit this fun, excitable puppy to use her energy as she gets older.

We are so pleased to hear that after just a few days, it feels like she has belonged to them forever, making herself well and truly at home. This little lady has certainly landed on her paws and we are just delighted that once again Monty and his family have chosen us to be the charity to help them find their purrfect match.

Please check out Monty's facebook page www.facebook.com/TheOfficialMontyHalls/ for all his latest adventures! and of course for the occasional sneak peak of Ivy as she grows up... I'm sure we'll be seeing a lot more of her!



Midnight

Those of you who have been following us for a while will remember Midnight who was with us for almost 4 years, and our longest resident. We worked with various issues and health problems with him, and the staff adored him, and he them. The long wait for his forever home was worth it to see him looking so happy and contented. Midnight has turned out to be the sweetest, most loving boy, who loves his new life with his adoring owners. All of us at Holly Hedge are so grateful to Christine and Simon for giving him the chance to prove that all he needed was to be loved and wanted, and to have a 'proper' home with his very own garden.

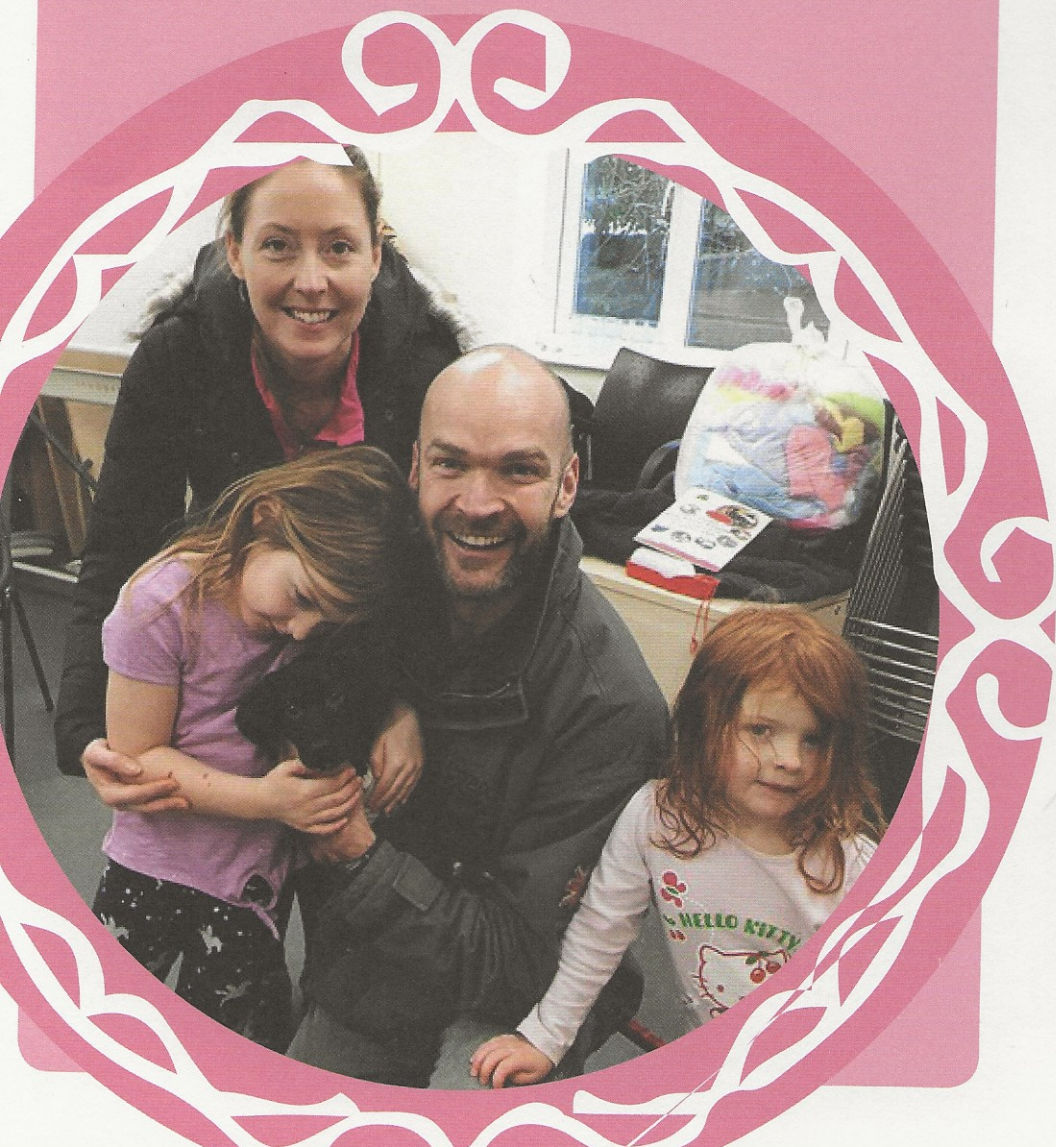
Hello everyone, Midnight here.
Wow - life is AMAAAAZING

I am soooo happy, I love everything about life - my home, my new family, my new bed, my new Ted(s), my new friends (yes, I have friends), walking, running, paddling in the stream. I even like the poodle parlour! The list is endless and I love everything. I especially love trying to grab a sneaky kiss from my female human - Chris. I still love my food and I'm still on a diet, I'm not sure that I like this word by the way!!

Apparently I look wonderful. My coat is beautifully shiny and I have a nice waist, my legs are also getting lovely and strong, it must be all the running that I'm doing. Life is just so good. I'll never forget my friends at Holly Hedge though, so if you ever want to come over and visit, then please do, I will be very happy to see you. But please make sure that you bring me a treat - but don't tell Chris and Simon (my humans)!

Thank you Holly Hedge for everything that you've done for me.

Midnight

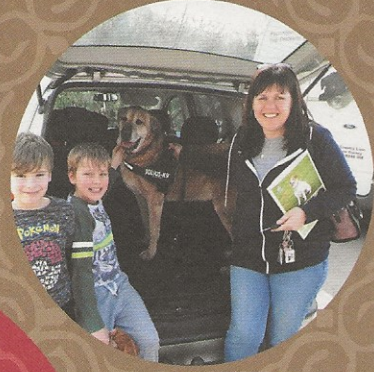


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HARRY



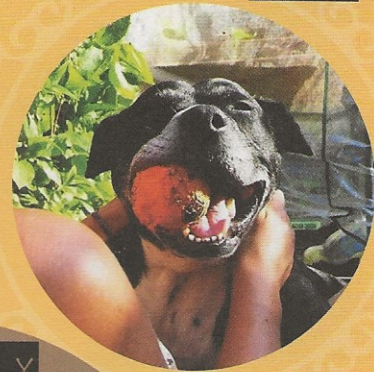
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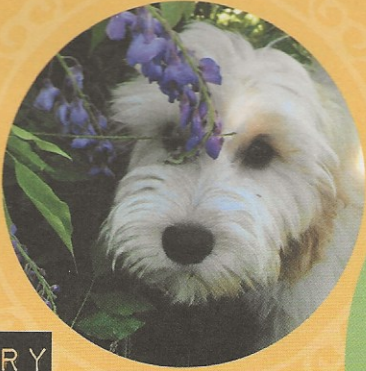
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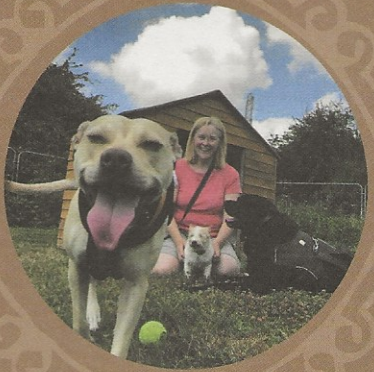
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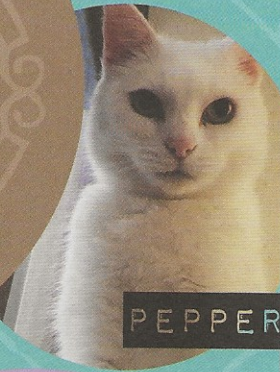
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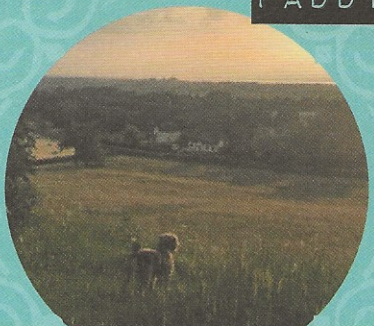
DILLY & TABBY



THOR & DRUID



PADDY



ZEUS



PLEASE GIVE ME A LOVING HOME

Name of animal	Details	Name of animal	Details
BAILEY 	Breed: American Bulldog x Rottie Sex: Male Age: 5 Good with cats: to be assessed Good with dogs: Yes, smaller ones Good with children: Yes, 14 years +	DANA 	Breed: X breed Sex: Female Age: 6 Good with cats: No Good with dogs: Yes Good with children: Yes, 14 years +
COCO 	Breed: Chihuahua x JRT Sex: Male Age: 3 approx Good with cats: No Good with dogs: Yes, not to live with Good with children: No	MILO 	Breed: Jack Russell Terrier Sex: Male Age: 3 Good with cats: Unkown Good with dogs: Yes, some Good with children: Yes, 10 years +
LADDIE 	Breed: Collie X Sex: Male Age: 6 Good with cats: No Good with dogs: No Good with children: Yes, 14 years +	KARMA 	Breed: Boxer X Sex: Female Age: 2 approx Good with cats: to be assessed Good with dogs: Yes Good with children: Yes, 12 years +
LIMO 	Breed: Greyhound Sex: Male Age: 4 Good with cats: to be assessed Good with dogs: Yes Good with children: Yes, 6 years +	BUSTER 	Breed: Staffie Sex: Male Age: 6 Good with cats: No Good with dogs: No Good with children: Yes, 10 years +
SCOOBY 	Breed: Great Dane X Sex: Male Age: 2 Good with cats: No Good with dogs: Yes Good with children: Yes, 14 years +	EDDIE 	Breed: Parsons Terrier Sex: Male Age: 8 Good with cats: No Good with dogs: Yes, not to live with Good with children: Yes, 14 years +
ALBIE 	Breed: Jack Russell Terrier Sex: Male Age: 2 Good with cats: No Good with dogs: Yes, smaller ones, not to live with Good with children: Yes, 16 years +	DAISY 	Breed: Lurcher Sex: Female Age: 8 months Good with cats: No Good with dogs: Yes, some Good with children: No. Adults only

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Name of animal	Details
ALFIE 	Breed: Grey & White DSH Sex: Male Age: 12 Good with cats: Yes Good with dogs: Yes Good with children: Older, sensible
GEORGE 	Breed: Black & White DSH Sex: Male Age: 12 Good with cats: Yes Good with dogs: Yes Good with children: Older, sensible
HABIBI 	Breed: Domestic Short Haired (DSH) Sex: Male Age: 12 approx Good with cats: Unknown Good with dogs: Unknown Good with children: Teens
HAZEL 	Breed: Black & White DSH Sex: Female Age: 3 Good with cats: Yes Good with dogs: Unknown Good with children: Sensible
JAZZ 	Breed: Domestic Long Haired (DLH) Sex: Female Age: 15 Good with cats: No Good with dogs: No Good with children: Sensible, teens
MISTY 	Breed: DSH Sex: Female Age: 16 Good with cats: No Good with dogs: No Good with children: Teens

Name of animal	Details
OLLY 	Breed: DSH Sex: Male Age: 4 - 5 approx Good with cats: No Good with dogs: No Good with children: No
VEOLA 	Breed: DSH Sex: Female Age: 4 approx Good with cats: No Good with dogs: No Good with children: No
BIFFA 	Breed: DSH Sex: Female Age: 4 approx Good with cats: No Good with dogs: No Good with children: No
VICKI 	Breed: DSH Sex: Female Age: 7 Good with cats: No Good with dogs: No Good with children: Unknown
MILLIE 	Breed: DSH Sex: Female Age: 18 Good with cats: No Good with dogs: No Good with children: Unknown
FLUFFY 	Breed: Black & white DLH Sex: Male Age: 12 approx Good with cats: Yes, FIV Good with dogs: No Good with children: Older

CHARITY SHOP NEWS

Our Nailsea shop is going from strength to strength with the help of some amazing volunteers who dedicate their time raising much needed funds for the Sanctuary.

A new manager who has a huge passion for Holly Hedge and the animals in our care is delighted to take our shop in a new and exciting direction, expanding our merchandise and adding new products to our retail offering at the Sanctuary too.

We have expanded to **Weston-super-Mare** adding **upcycled furniture** to the items for sale.



CALLING DESIGNERS, ARTISTS AND COLLECTORS

If you have a flair for design and can help turn old into new, then we would love to hear from you. Donations can now be taken to the Sanctuary and we are keen to find **designers, artists and collectors** to help find small pieces of furniture that can be created into something special to sell at our shops. Please email sarahschrantz@hollyhedge.org.uk if you have any ideas or know people who can help.



HOW YOU CAN HELP HOLLY HEDGE

VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISING CHAMPIONS

We always need volunteers to join our friendly team of fundraisers. There are so many events and activities that take place throughout the year, there really is something for everyone, from a few hours a month to as much time as you would like to commit.. You can help us collect at supermarkets, run table-tops sales, deliver flyers and put up posters, bake cakes and man refreshments stalls, find venues and get permission to hold fundraising collections and events. Our fundraisers are the life blood of the Sanctuary, without the funds they raise we would not be able to care for the 800 plus cats and dogs who find themselves in our care. If you would like to help please contact us or pop in for a chat, we'd really love to hear from you!



VOLUNTEER ANIMAL CARE ASSISTANTS

This role is to assist our kennel staff with the morning cleaning, feeding, walking and socialisation for a whole day 8.30am – 4pm. This will be for a minimum of one set day per week for a minimum of 6 months due to the level of training required. We have positions for both cats and dogs, but applicants should be aware of the physical nature of the role and have the confidence to work unsupervised.



VOLUNTEER WEEKEND COORDINATOR

As the weekends can be our busiest time with visiting public we would love a volunteer to help our staff liaise with volunteer dog walkers, helping to choose dogs to walk, confidently harness and then collect from reception. Applicants will need to be confident with dogs and able to harness using our positive training methods. As above this will be a committed role for either a Saturday or Sunday for a minimum of 6 months.



VOLUNTEER RECEPTION ASSISTANTS

Our phone lines and reception area can be a really busy place. To help us achieve a faster rehoming process, to help assist the public with enquiries about the Sanctuary and to assist with fundraising, we are looking for confident charismatic people who would like to volunteer for a minimum of one set day per week in our reception. This is an exciting and varied role which would suit someone with previous office experience, however full training will be given. The ability to use a computer and simple database will be essential.



Volunteering can be a brilliant gateway into the animal care industry and is ideal for those wishing to gain experience for a future career or to gain references for their CV. We are a lovely friendly team and those wishing to go beyond and help us in other ways will be rewarded with knowing what a huge difference your help will be to us and all our furry residents.

Applicants should email volunteering@hollyhedge.org.uk to arrange an informal interview and learn about the roles and what they would entail.



OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP



Text to Donate

Donating to Holly Hedge could not be easier with our campaign text code.

Text HHAS12 followed by your donation amount to 70070 to donate to Holly Hedge and make a difference today.

Holly Hedge Merchandise

We are now stocked up with a new array of Holly Hedge merchandise.

We have a selection of clothing, tote bags, doggie bag dispensers, dog water bottles and frisbees.

Goods can be purchased at the Sanctuary, shop, by phone or on the online shop.



PAWPALS

Become a Pawpal! Go to the link below:

www.hollyhedge.org.uk/donate/sponsor-kennel-cat-pen/paw-pal

A Monthly donation of:

- £5 Pays for my flea and worming treatment
- £10 Pays for me to have a microchip
- £20 Pays for nutritious food
- £50 Pays for on-going medical treatment



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our festive Christmas cards are in stock and on sale in the shops and at the Sanctuary. There are various packs and they are priced at £3 per pack, with all profits going directly to Holly Hedge. Please drop by to buy a pack.

If you aren't local, you can order by phone on 01275 474719 or via the website.



UPCOMING EVENTS

FUNDAY

& FUN DOG SHOW

Sunday 9th September 2018 • 11am – 4pm
Ashton Court Estate – Dovecote Entrance

Fun Dog Show • Spectacular furry foto entry show
 • Doggie sprint • Stalls and table-top sales
 • Raffle • Refreshments
 • Games & activities for all the family
 • Bouncy castle • Face painting
 • Doggie games
 • Free micro-chipping and so much more!

For more information:
www.hollyhedge.org.uk
 Ashton Court car parking charges apply



Entry £2 Kids FREE!



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STAFFY STROLL

STAFFY AWARENESS WEEK
 16th till 23rd September 2018

STAFFY STROLL
Sunday 23rd September at Ashton Court
 (Bower Ashton Entrance)
 11am till 1pm



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LADIES PAMPER EVENING

on Friday 19th October 2018 at 7.30pm
 in aid of Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary
 at **Long Ashton Community Centre**
 Long Ashton BS41 9DP

Lots of different mini treatments to try including
 • Facials • Reflexology • Massage or maybe have your nails done!

Lots of stalls to browse including
 • Neals Yard Remedies • Tropic • Body Shop • Forever Living
 • Stella & Dot

There will be a raffle, tombola, cakes, tea & coffee and a bar open!

£5 incl. a glass of bubbly




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FRIDAY MAY 10 2019
 7.30pm-11.30pm

in aid of **HOLLY HEDGE** Animal Sanctuary

Tickets £12 (£15 on door)

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THANK YOU!

Marshfield Farm are known for their incredible ice creams but last month they asked for recommendations of local animal charities they can support with the launch of their new **Scoop's Ice Cream for Dogs**. We're incredibly excited to announce this year they chose us as their Animal Charity for 2018!

Thank you to **Leighton** of **LG Fencing** for providing us with fences to help limit the exposure of passing dogs to our isolation units.

We were delighted to be part of **@MarksandSpencer #MarksinAction in Bristol**.

M&S staff from the Imperial Park store gave up their time to make improvements to our sensory garden. With a £500 budget we were so excited to shop for lovely things and the team worked so hard to create this gorgeous space by painting the fences, improving the flooring, adding games and activities, providing storage and seating and still some money was left to add dog friendly plants etc....We are so grateful for their support and so are our furry residents! Plus they raised an additional £390 towards our paws in peril appeal! We will keep you updated with the progress but thank you to all the team for working so hard.

A huge thank you to **Barclays Bank** who donated **£500** to a project of our choice. This year we chose to purchase paint and supplies to repaint our cattery. To work around kitten season, we will be completing this section by section, but the team made a great start!

A massive THANK YOU to **Andy** the **Sales Manager** at **James Wellbeloved** for donating great quality James Wellbeloved dry food for our resident dogs and cats. We find that the hypoallergenic food is so good to feed as it has no colours or additives and our residents absolutely love it!!!

We were delighted to be part of **AirBus Community Awards** this year, and thanks to our supporters we collected enough tokens from the Bristol Post to generate a prize fund of **£500!** **AirBus** have also donated and collected food and supported us throughout the year.

Nature Diet is a wonderful premium food that all of our dogs love so much, providing us with over 6 pallets a year of food certainly goes a long way to feeding the residents we have.

Thank you to **ALL** of our continued supporters who help us to raise the essential funds we need to continue the work we do, and to our wonderful staff and volunteers without whom, **Holly Hedge** would not be the place it is today!!



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As a big animal lover, I volunteer my design skills to Holly Hedge regularly. Perhaps I can help you to help your business grow?

Contact **Tania** for:

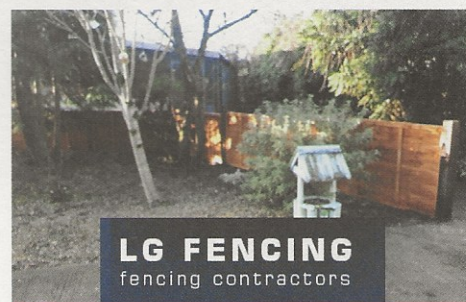
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- exhibition stands • newsletters and much more besides!

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James Wellbeloved

EVENT NEWS

1940s VE DAY SWING FOR VICTORY

Our 6th **VE Day dance** organised by **Tania Taber** and **Ginny Matchwick** was a great success and held, once again, at Prince's Hall, Clevedon. We raised **£2,336.46** for Holly Hedge on the night. **Ginny** also organised an auction to run alongside the VE Day event which raised **£1581.50** making a grand total for the whole VE Day theme, a **BRILLIANT £3,917.96**.

We were joined once again by the fantastic 17 piece **Thornbury Swing Band** who helped our guests dance the night away along with support from **Sweet Harmony** (**Jess Prescott, Kiana Elise Ashton, Mollie Kent**). Ration bags were given out free too! We opened up our vintage kitchen selling homemade jams and rationed chocolate as well as an abundance of delicious cakes all kindly donated by Holly Hedge supporters - **thank you to each and every one of you**. **Local Pages** supplied us with tea, coffee and sugar rations for our vintage kitchen too. There was also a raffle and vintage pop-up hair salon with thanks to **Tanika Solan** (**Bath Academy of Media Make-up**), **Angela Puddy** (**Level 4**) and **Ben** (**Price & Driscoll**) for guests to have a 1940s style hair makeover before taking to the dance floor. Our Normandy Veteran, **Reg Charles** was in attendance as usual, along with **John Thorn**, who was a Spitfire pilot during the war. We also had a group of actors volunteer to put on some Allo Allo fun for us.

We would like to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** to **everyone who attended** along with our fabulous **staff** and **volunteers** that helped make the event happen: **Sarah Schranz, Lucinda Pullin, Valerie Hoare, Jenny Green, Jacqui Nelson, Nicky Leeson, Dianne Stephens, Kate Donnelly, Pip & Simon Sharp, Sandy Bingley, Ellen Palmer** and **Michael, Matt Rose** and **Mandy Hawkes**. **Kate Williams** and **Andy Burgess** wrote some fantastic Allo Allo sketches and appeared alongside a troupe of 11 other actors (**Matthew Abbott, Emily Frances Arnold, Toby Brierley, Joanne Brookes, Katherine Embling, Christopher Forte, Marianne Hodgkinson, Lucy Payne, Michael Relph, Philip Saywell, Paul D. Watts**) as well as an appearance by **Hettie** (a rescue dog) of La Résistance. **Layla Sidwell** of **FStart Photography** took some fabulous photos of the event too (see right). **Ed Barrow** and **Emma Sparkles** laid on a dance lesson for people to learn the basics and we had some Spivs mingling amongst the guests selling black market goods. We had a 1940s parade of fashion from **Linda Harris** and the **Blitz Buddies** - **thank you so much to each and every one of you!**

Next Year's VE Day is being held again in **Prince's Hall Clevedon** on **Friday 10th May 2019** (see poster to right). There will be the usual high-energy dancing, the **Thornbury Swing Band** and much, much more. Tickets will be on sale around **March** time 2019 - so buy early to make sure you have your ticket for this fun, 40s experience! Contact either **Ginny** on **07909 531857** or **Tania** on **07989 945980** or email us at **swingforvictorybristol@gmail.com** for further information!

MEADOW PICNIC

Sunday 16th September • 2pm

Conservation Project Launch Party - Picnic in the Field

To launch our incredible wildlife meadow project we would like to invite our Holly Hedge supporters with an interest in the environment and local wildlife to join as we celebrate the launch of Holly Hedge Meadow Trust. Throughout the year we have begun to create a Wildlife Haven in our meadow with the help of environmental funding and wildlife agencies, work has begun to replace fencing, create a pond and bat folly and plant wildflower seeds to create our wild flower meadow attracting many species from the area and giving them a safe space to thrive.

To celebrate the progress of the project and to share our future plans we would like to invite you to join us for an afternoon picnic with cheese, wine & nibbles. £5 per person.

Tickets available from **fundraising@hollyhedge.org.uk**

£5
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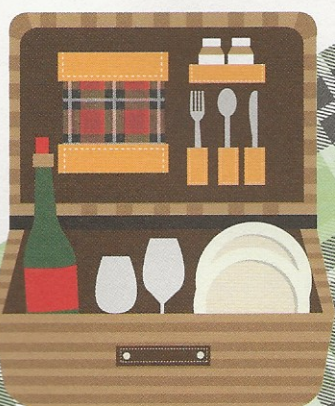
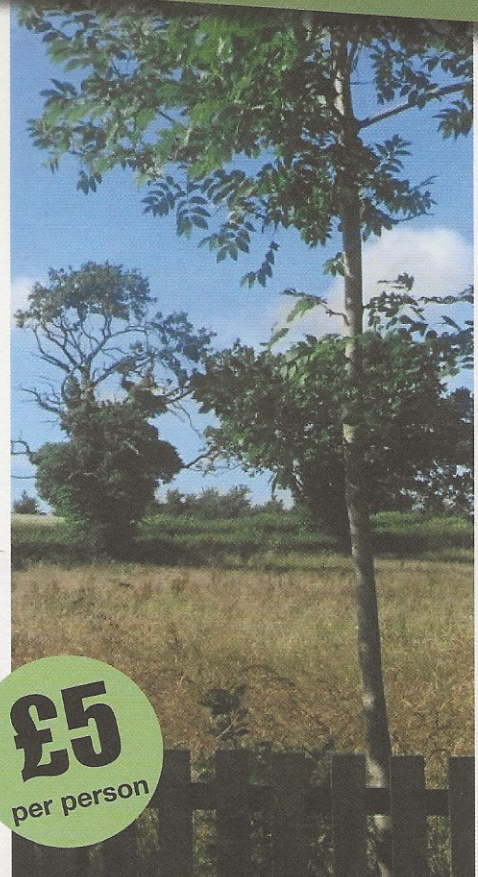
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Tickets **£12**
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DONATION FORM

Title: _____ Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Email address: _____

Telephone no (daytime): _____ Mobile: _____ Date: _____

I would like to make a one-off donation of (please tick):

£5 £10 £15 £20 **Other amount £**

I enclose cash/cheque (delete as appropriate) (please make cheques payable to **Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary**)

or please debit my Mastercard/Visa/Maestro

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Signature: _____ Date: _____

I would like to make a regular payment to **Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary** and have completed the banker's draft form below.

BANKERS ORDER FORM

To: **The Manager, Bank**

Address: _____

Please pay to **National Westminster Bank plc**, Bristol City Office Branch for the credit of:

HOLLY HEDGE SANCTUARY Sort Code: **56-00-05** A/C No: **21229015**

The sum of £ _____ on (date) _____ & thereafter monthly until further notice

Name (cap letters): _____

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● Gift Aid declaration

Make your donation go even further at no extra cost to you

Are you a UK Tax Payer? If so then please fill out the following gift aid declaration.

Please ensure you have completed your details in full at the top of this form.

We must have your name, address and postcode in order to claim back gift aid on your donation.

I AM A UK TAX PAYER. Please treat this donation and all donations I have made to Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary in the past 4 years and any I make in the future as Gift Aid donations until further notice.

I understand that the Charity will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 that I gave up to 5 April 2008 and will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008. Please notify Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary if you change your name or address while the declaration is still in force. You can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying the charity – it will then not apply to donations you make on or after the date of the cancellation or such later date as you specify. You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April one year to 5 April the next) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and/or CASC that you donate to will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year. Other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify.

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