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Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Citizen Science Guide

HNF are encouraging everyone in Highgate - and particularly those with gardens on our suggested [wildlife corridors](#) - to survey their patch. Thanks to [Heath Hands](#) for these suggestions on how to begin your Citizen Science project.

[The iNaturalist app](#)

This is an easy app to identify and record plants, insects, birds and animals - just take a photo and upload and there's no need to know what you've seen - people will help ID. It's a good way to compile data that can then be looked at by area or by date. Or you can set up a 'project' - eg neighbours could group together to share sightings in one street – or a “Bioblitz” event.

Workshops

You can see all Heath Hands upcoming events [here](#). They will also be running a iNaturalist workshop at the [Highgate Festival EcoFair in Pond Square on June 15, pm.](#)

In addition, Kiran Lee, the Ecologist at Omved Gardens will be running ecology tours of the Gardens to encourage biodiversity in urban gardens as a part of [London Open Gardens](#) on **Sunday 9 June**.

Guidance online

The Natural History Museum has a new [resource centre](#) for citizen science initiatives (including info on the iNaturalist app). This includes a calendar of the various different citizen science initiatives to tap into.

Recording hedgehogs and other animals active at night

Heath Hands use [these cameras](#) to record hedgehogs. All their cameras will be on duty for their large hog survey in May, so they can't lend them out, but they're around £160 + you'd need a strap to fix it e.g. to a tree, and a memory card for recording the footage.

As a lower-cost option, you can also get a [footprint tunnel](#) and [here](#) is some guidance from PTES on how to monitor with this method.

Heath Hands' [hedgehog friendly heath project page also](#) has some useful links to information about how to make gardens more hedgehog-friendly, as well as the option of buying a 'hedgehog tunnel' sign for gaps between gardens.

Good luck and have fun! Please let us know what you are doing on info@forhighgate.org so we can keep track of what is happening where.

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