



**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

15th July, 2019

Dear Thomas and Nathan,

The Queen has asked me to thank you both for your letter, in which you raised your concerns regarding the future of hedgehogs in our countryside.

Although Her Majesty is unable to reply to you personally due to the many letters she receives each day, The Queen was encouraged to know of your compassion for animals and your wish to ensure their welfare is protected.

I am sure you would like to know that Her Majesty and other Members of the Royal Family are Patrons of many organisations involved in the protection of animals both in the United Kingdom and on an international basis, including the RSPCA.

The Queen was touched that you should wish to share your thoughts with her and I am to thank you, once again, for your thoughtfulness in writing as you did.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jennie Vine, MVO  
Deputy Correspondence Coordinator