

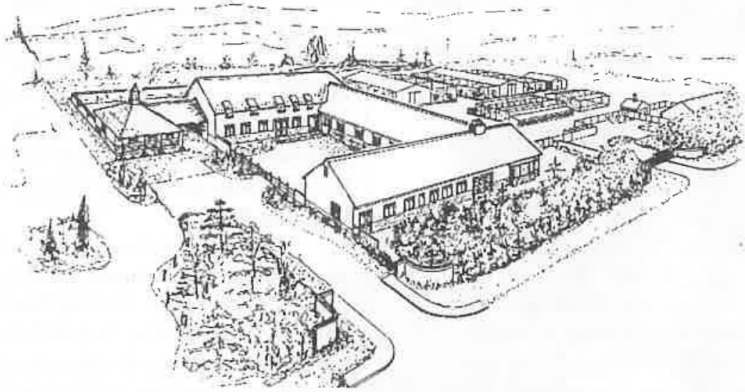
# BRIGHT IDEAS

## Princess Alexandra opens the new Teaching Hospital

On 26th November last, the landing of a bright red helicopter brought HRH Princess Alexandra to officially open the new Hospital. Princess Alexandra has a high regard for wildlife and showed great interest and compassion in touring the Hospital and meeting many of the patients, including the inevitable hedgehogs as well as a reluctant heron, a very grumpy badger with a broken leg and a very proud but bald fox recovering from the ravages of mange.

The day was a thrilling success and the new Hospital is now up and running, with the long-term patients showing improved capabilities to recover in the more spacious quarters.

The builders have left the site now leaving our dedicated teams of volunteers to get back to normal - during the building of the Hospital they not only help run the admin and animal



sections, but also hurled their physical support into the building programme.

With everybody's help we have achieved the impossible and established the world's first wildlife teaching hospital. But now we need to consolidate and address the future, not just of St Tiggywinkles, but of wildlife rehabilitation right across the country.

St Tiggywinkles has been made possible by its secure base of caring, supporting members - *thank you all*. And now is the time to try to encourage even more members to give an even wider base and healthy future. We want you to help us increase our membership base by inviting at least one new

member to join our ranks. We even have a special award for those who do enrol new members - see below.

You have all helped us this far, please help us help them even more.

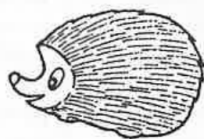
Thankyou.

(The next issue of Bright Eyes magazine will be a souvenir issue covering the opening, with photographs.)

SPECIAL  
MEMBERS'  
AWARD

FREE

**This hedgehog  
pin when  
you enrol  
another  
member**



(Approx twice real size)

Available as a brooch-type pin, these wonderful 'silver' hedgehogs will be awarded to any existing member who enrolls a new member. And if you enrol five new members, you become a 'Special Member' and get a *golden* pin award. All you have to do is fill in the form inside this newsletter and send it to our new address. Only a limited number of the pins have been

commissioned, so hurry and enrol some new members to make sure you get your own 'Special Member' pin.

## Les Stocker awarded an MBE

After years of pioneering and dedicated work treating and rehabilitating sick and injured wildlife, Les Stocker, who founded and runs The Wildlife Hospital Trust, has been awarded an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) by the Queen.

"I can't really believe it," said a typically self-effacing Les. "I just keep thinking this is the sort of thing that happens to other people and not to me. It is a recognition of all the hard work of our team of volunteers."

On behalf of everyone who helps at the Hospital, works from their own home on behalf of the Hospital, or is a member, well done Les - you deserve it. And we know that if MBE's were given to couples, Sue Stocker would be the other half receiving the award.