

Round up of some free online resources and activities



Activities for children

The Wildlife Trust's Wildlife Watch section has activities (including indoors) and resources for children. www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/ There is now also a new video for kids and families at 10am every Wednesday! www.youtube.com/user/WildlifeWatchUK

Woodland Trust has loads of activities, under different categories – including quizzes and fact sheets. www.treetoolsforschools.org.uk/categorymenu/?cat=activities

National Trust things to do in your garden, highlighting the indoor/garden activities from their larger set of '50 things to do before you're 11 ¾': www.nationaltrust.org.uk/lists/50-things-activities-to-do-in-your-back-garden

Cotswold Way activity booklet <http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/cotswold-way/leaflets>

Educational/home schooling resources

Resources from the Canal and Rivers Trust - canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers

Trees for Cities Edible Playgrounds, particularly for anyone with a vegetable garden/allotment www.treesforcities.org/our-work/schools-programme/edible-playgrounds/educational-resources

Field Studies Council Resources www.field-studies-council.org/resources-and-ideas/

The Hawk & Owl Trust to have a look at the Bath peregrine falcons nesting www.facebook.com/HawkandOwlTrust/

Activities for everyone

There are further national resources on the National Lottery Heritage Fund's website, including museums that are showing some of their collections on line: www.heritagefund.org.uk/stories/how-enjoy-heritage-home

RSPB – activities ideas of things to do at home, a daily wild challenge and details of the #BreakfastBirdwatch and Big Garden Birdwatch www.rspb.org.uk/

The Wildlife Trusts and RHS have produced a guide to gardening for butterflies, free to download from www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk/

Free short courses in nature/environmental subjects and more from the Open University: www.open.edu/openlearn/nature-environment/free-courses

Watch UK wildlife from home on the range of [Wildlife Trust webcams](#).

Citizen Science

If you spot any wildlife local to your house, BRLSI and Bath Natural History Society would like to hear about it (www.brlsi.org/specialist-area/bath-wildlife/) and BRERC (recording.brerc.org.uk/node/62) always want to know. This will help monitor numbers over the years and where species are found. Local experts check the records as well, so don't worry if you're not completely confident in what you've seen. You might also like to use the iRecord and iNaturalist apps for help with identification and to record what you've seen.

You can take part in the national survey counting pollinators (FIT surveys – Flower-Insect Timed surveys) which can be done in a garden. You just need 10 mins to watch insects. Training resources and information and where to send your results are here www.ceh.ac.uk/our-science/projects/pollinator-monitoring

If you've seen bee flies – take part in the annual Bee fly watch - www.dipterists.org.uk/bee-fly-watch

Buglife is a great place to find out about current surveys you can get involved with - www.buglife.org.uk/get-involved/surveys/ including at the moment, the oil beetle hunt. They also provide links to other national surveys, such as glow worms and stag beetles.

Big Butterfly Count - <https://www.bigbutterflycount.org/> This is a national survey taking place in July and August in the UK. It just involves spending 15 minutes in your garden recording all observable butterfly activity.

Get involved with citizen science projects that will help scientists all over the world over at Zooniverse

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