

We'll be sending out our online volunteering newsletter once a week with 2 or 3 options for you to have a look at. If you're interested in looking at more online volunteering options now or would like some help in getting set up with the ones mentioned above, just get in touch with your Step Together contact.

### Online Volunteering Ideas:

#### Zooniverse

There is an amazing range of different opportunities to get involved in if you have access to the internet. They can range from spotting new planets to counting the number of animals which walk past a camera trap in the jungle. It also includes things like transcribing historical letters so that they can be read online and mapping the distribution of plant species. All you have to do is identify the project you'd like to be involved in then follow the instructions to get started.

<https://www.zooniverse.org/>

**How easy is it to use?** Some projects are more challenging than others, have a look through and see what you fancy. Use your phone, tablet or laptop. All projects give you a short set of instructions before you begin. Projects we've loved so far are [Chimp and see](#), [Pelicam](#), [Sounds of New York!](#)

#### Missing Maps

This is a project where volunteers use google earth, or similar, to note where buildings and other man-made features are so that in a humanitarian crisis NGOs have access to up to date information about the area they are in.

<http://www.missingmaps.org/about/>

**How easy is it to use?** This one is a little trickier and is easiest to use on a laptop. If you don't have a laptop you can download Map Swipe on IOS or Android to get involved. The website gives you instructions on what you need to do and how to use it. Set aside some time to really figure out how to get involved properly, and once you do it's definitely worth it.

### Activity ideas:

**Give nature a hand:** Nature isn't going to stop just because we are shut indoors. Have a look at [these ideas](#) of how to give nature a helping hand and get the health benefits from being involved with the natural world. Some Wildlife Trusts throughout Britain still have their reserves open for your daily exercise (within Government guidelines) take a look on their websites by following [Find a Wildlife Trust](#). Once we get back to normal the Wildlife Trusts have a wide variety of volunteering opportunities you can get involved with from conservation tasks or community gardening to fundraising and species mapping.



<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/looking-after-yourself-and-nature>

**Keep checking back for more ideas...**