



Wild at Home

Durham Wildlife Trust is launching a new initiative to help keep people entertained during the restrictions in place to cope with the coronavirus crisis.

Wild@Home has been designed to help everyone spot plants and creatures, in their own gardens, yards or nearby green spaces.

Free resources will be shared every Monday, from Monday March 30, on the Trust website, and topics will include everything from tips on how to identify plants and trees bursting into life and spotting garden birds, to when and where to watch for bats becoming more active after the long winter and how to survey the mini-beasts that are emerging.

Children - and adults - are being urged to share the information they gather by completing online surveys and on Durham Wildlife Trust's social media sites using the hashtag #dwtwildathome

- www.facebook.com/DurhamWildlifeTrust
- www.twitter.com/durhamwildlife
- www.instagram.com/durhamwildlife

People taking part can find lots of information to assist with their wildlife identification at www.durhamwt.com/wildathome and, if any help is needed with identification, the Trust's staff are hand to help via social media and email (mail@durhamwt.co.uk).

Alternatively, if getting outside is not possible, 'kittiwake cam' is now online where you can view the most inland breeding colony of kittiwakes in the world. These fantastic birds spend Autumn and Winter out at sea and return to nest on building and bridge ledges along the Tyne in late February through to August. You can visit our website to view the camera live.

The Trust has urged people to follow the latest Government guidance on social distancing if they are visiting its sites and also that any visitors respect and protect the wildlife by adhering to the usual guidelines as marked on signs and taking any litter home.