

Looking through my local U3A Info booklet and these pages, I'm always impressed by the breadth and depth of members' interests. Amazingly, there is an activity that combines many of them into one rich and absorbing journey of discovery. It's the Geograph Project, which you may have come across at [www.geograph.org.uk](http://www.geograph.org.uk)

Begun in 2005, it aims to collect, publish, organise and preserve photographs and facts about places and things in every square kilometre of Britain, Ireland and the Isle of Man. It is supported by Ordnance Survey, the national mapping agency of Great Britain. It's a volunteer-led, registered charity whose purpose is broadly educational. To date over 5.7 million photos by its volunteers are freely available to the public and to schools under a Creative Commons licence. You can add yours!

As a U3A group activity 'Geographing' offers a framework for exploring, recording and researching an area, whether it's the coast, rivers, a suburb, transport networks – all things geographical. A group project would have you studying maps and satellite photos, planning trips, getting around, walking and biking, using gadgets, taking clear documentary photos of landscapes and townscape, researching those places (Geograph itself is a source), selecting and editing your images, uploading them to the website, and joining a friendly and knowledgeable online community. Your contributions will be adding to a collection that is increasingly a historical as well as a geographical record.

Dear Editor

The selected images below are viewable together as thumbnails in a gallery here: [http://www.geograph.org.uk/gallery/they\\_get\\_everywhere\\_30325](http://www.geograph.org.uk/gallery/they_get_everywhere_30325)

They are downloadable from their photo pages, mostly at higher resolutions (look for 'More sizes'):

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