



Volunteering Section Ideas for Lockdown



The coronavirus doesn't mean your Top Awards have to stop – far from it.

Here is a selection of ideas you could use to continue with your Award at home.

Don't forget to check with your leader that your activity plan is ok.

You'll still need an assessor; this cannot be a family member. Obviously, they can't pop round to see what you are doing but you can keep a log of what you have done including photos and videos. You can email them to keep them up to date with your progress. You could use a log sheet to keep an accurate record.

- Volunteer for **Kissing It Better** and remote support elderly people who are in isolation. They are doing calls with elderly or vulnerable people. They have specialist section for D of E Volunteering which obviously applies for all Top Awards that have a volunteering element.
- Take part in a digital personal safety campaign with **Resolve It** – look for the D of E Community Challenge.
- Create a fundraising plan for the **British Heart Foundation**.
- Become an **Energy Envoy** with the National Energy Foundation.
- Volunteer online for the **Princes Trust**,
- Volunteering online for the **UN**.
- Participate in the **Missing maps project**.
- Participate in research of all kinds, from classifying galaxies to counting penguins to transcribing manuscripts with **Zooniverse**.
- Volunteer for **Be My Eyes** to support partially sighted or blind people.
- If you are a **Young Carer**, your caring responsibilities can count for your volunteering. Get in touch with the Staffordshire County Top Awards Team, and we can advise you on this.
- Prepare some sessions for future Beaver, Cub, Scout or other youth group meetings for once they resume or activities they can do during lockdown and sent to your leader or the Staffordshire County Top Awards Team to distribute.

- Prepare some resources to be used by the younger members that can be sent home to parents online to help them during isolation.
- Prepare some meal parcels, go shopping or walk the dog of people who are affected by coronavirus. Many communities have online groups where they are posting who needs support, where and when.
- Do online video or a simple phone call to the elderly neighbour to keep them from being isolated. Push postcards through people
- Maintain Facebook or Instagram page / websites for a local group or charity.

Any questions? Feel free to contact the Staffordshire County Top Awards Team via any of the methods below.

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