

The Geograph Project by Malcolm Neal

I have been part of the GEOGRAPH online community for just over three years.

The web site is: <http://www.geograph.org.uk/>

It is free to join and at the moment there are 13,162 contributors to the project who have between us submitted some 6,448,733 images. This covers around 84.4% of all the 1 km grid squares in Great Britain and Eire. The number of contributors is a little misleading as many people have joined but no longer are active but remain in the system until they officially resign.

The 1st aim of the project is to try to have at least one image for every Ordnance Survey 1 km grid square and also the Irish Grid system which is a little different.

Images are considered geographs if the position of the camera and the target are both in the same 4 figure grid square e.g. SK3034 is my home square. Many squares have 100's or even 1000's of images in them, especially city centres and tourist traps BUT these include images that are recent and others which are historic. This is shown by many recent submissions, during lock down, being of old slides and photos that have been scanned and then submitted, some being 20 to 50 years old according to the people submitting the images. This leads onto a 2nd aim that is to show changes of land use of the square. This leads to much school and college use in various projects.



Overall the site lists the following

It's a geography project for the people

It's a national photography project

It's a good excuse to get out more!

It's a game - how many grid squares will you contribute?

It's a free and open online community project for all

Apart from 'official' geographs others can be considered as Cross Grid i.e. the camera in one square and the target in a different square, if taken inside a building they are inside, there are a variety of other categories and some people submit very specialised images such as road signs, boundary markers and many others.



The images do not have to be large in fact there is a maximum size of 8mBytes and you can choose what resolution of your submitted image is displayed from a very low resolution to the maximum allowed. The copyright of the images are retained by you BUT they are and licensed for [reuse](#) under this [Creative Commons Licence](#).

For some squares I also walk each street and try to take an image every 100 metres - a centisquare of which there are 100 in each km grid. So far I have four such completed squares in Derby with others almost completed, though of course this assumes no trespass.

If you need any excuse to get out and about to take landscape, cityscape or any other images then GEOGRAPH is a good project to join.