



Annual Planning and Transportation Seminar

Thursday 6th November 2014

9:30am to 4:15pm

New Remembrance Hall, Charlton, SP7 0PL

Reaching for the Stars

**Help ensure the dark starry skies of the AONB
continue to be seen and appreciated**

Dark night skies are one of the very special qualities of the Cranborne Chase AONB. National data continues to show the general loss of dark night skies across the country and an increasing risk of light pollution across the AONB.

In order to conserve and enhance the quality of our night skies the AONB's Management Plan 2014-2019 has a clear objective to apply for the prestigious **Dark Night Sky status** for the AONB.

There are currently only two other areas in England that have been formally recognised for their low levels of light pollution, namely Exmoor Dark Sky Reserve and Northumberland Dark Sky Park. With your help Cranborne Chase AONB could be the third!

The aim of this year's seminar is to enable all those who operate within and around this AONB to understand how they can help realise Dark Night Skies status with the International Dark Sky Association, and sustain this status when it is obtained. Participants will learn about the benefits of dark night skies and how to achieve better lighting schemes with less light pollution.

We are very pleased to be joined for the day by some national experts:

Bob Mizon, MBE FRAS

UK Coordinator, British Astronomical Association Campaign for Dark Skies (CfDS) Bob also operates The Mizar Travelling Planetarium and is our lead presenter. Bob will be able to provide, from his wealth of experience, a range of examples of community and economy benefits flowing from Dark Night Sky status.

Malcolm Mackness, BA IEng HonMILP, a Director of Lighting Consultancy & Design Services Ltd, will be leading on lighting policies, understanding lighting schemes, how successful lighting can be achieved, and poor ones corrected.

Howard Lawrence, C.Eng. M.I.Mech.E fresh from revising the standard lighting guidance document, will focus on pollution-free lighting for transportation and highway situations as well providing an introduction to the latest LED technology.

This year's seminar is particularly relevant to

- businesses, including farms, in the AONB,
- those involved with lighting transportation, highway, and sports schemes,
- planning policy and development management teams,
- community and amenity organisations and groups, and
- land, property, development, and landscape consultants.

This seminar can count towards **Continuing Professional Development** and a certificate of attendance can be provided.