



# Cranborne Chase AONB International Dark Sky Reserve

## DARK SKY FRIENDLY SCHEME

The **Dark Sky Friendly Scheme** is a three-tier award that is available to businesses, organisations, communities and individuals, serving or residing in the Cranborne Chase AONB International Dark Sky Reserve, who value our Dark Night Skies (DNS) environment, who act to preserve or enhance it, and who may encourage others to do so as well, in accordance with the Dark Night Sky Charter.



Ways in which you can be part of the **Dark Sky Friendly Scheme** will be dependent on your (or your organisation's) sphere of activity and may include (but are not limited to):

- Installing DNS-friendly lighting on your premises
- Educating others about the benefits of DNS (and the disbenefits of poorly implemented artificial light)
- Working to have DNS-friendly criteria incorporated into Parish or Neighbourhood Plans
- Hosting, organising, promoting, or advertising stargazing or DNS events
- Providing equipment (e.g. binoculars, star charts) to help people enjoy the night sky

If you would like advice or criteria specific to your sphere of activity, please contact us.

By signing up to the **Dark Sky Friendly Scheme**, you will signal your support for our DNS initiative to the wider community. If you implement it, we will:

- List your community/organisation/business on our websites and in our literature as being Dark Sky Friendly
- Provide you with a **Dark Sky Friendly Scheme** certificate that you can display on your premises
- Provide you with a **Dark Sky Friendly Scheme** logo that you can display on your website and other promotional material
- Offer support, with advice, training, talks, equipment, and our presence (as appropriate), for any DNS-friendly events you organise
- Give advice to help you improve your dark sky rating



To subscribe to the **Dark Sky Friendly Scheme**, simply complete and submit this form:



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In general, how are you minimising and/or reducing light pollution on your property and/or nearby?

If you have promoted the benefits of dark night skies to your friends/neighbours/customers/clients/guests, please describe what you have done:

If you have tried to influence your parish/neighbourhood/local plan with respect to dark night skies, please describe what you have done:



Cranborne Chase  
Area of Outstanding  
Natural Beauty



[www.cranbornechase.org.uk](http://www.cranbornechase.org.uk)

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Please describe any stargazing events and/or talks on astronomy/dark skies that you have hosted or organised:

Please describe anything else you have done to promote dark night skies:

Are all your external light fittings shielded to prevent light emission above the horizontal? Yes  No

Are all your external light fittings shielded to prevent light spill off your property? Yes  No

Are your external lights activated by motion sensors (aka PIR detectors) Yes  No

and, if so, for how long do the lights remain on after activation? Time:

Have you attended any of our Dark Night Sky events? Yes  No

If you know the colour temperature(s)\* of your external lights (measured in Kelvin), please state it/them here.

If you know the luminous flux\* of your external lights (measured in lumens), please state it/them here.

*\* This information may be on the light's box or accompanying leaflet. Leave blank if you don't know it.*



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Please fill in your details and email the completed form to the AONB's Dark Sky Advisor, Steve Tonkin, at [stevetonkin@cranbornechase.org.uk](mailto:stevetonkin@cranbornechase.org.uk)

Contact person:

Email address:

Phone number:

Business name (if applicable):

Address:

Website:

Date of application:

If you are eligible, we will add a simple listing of successfully accredited Dark Sky Friendly places to our website, with a link to your website, and send you a certificate and the accreditation logo.

Cranborne Chase AONB can assist with stargazing evenings and astronomy-themed talks/presentations.

### Please note:

1. These awards are applicable to all communities/organisations/businesses/individuals based in or adjacent to or serving Cranborne Chase AONB.
2. After we receive your application, we will arrange to visit you to assess the level of your compliance with the Dark Sky Friendly Scheme.
3. It is your responsibility to ensure that you continue to maintain or improve your level of compliance.
4. We reserve the right to withdraw this scheme at any time.

### Internal use by CCAONB:

Date Application received:

Application assessed by:  Assessment date:

Result of Assessment: Level  Date Applicant advised of result:

Dark Sky Friendly Business Logo supplied:  Certificate Logo sent:

Added to Chasing Stars stargazing page:

Biennial review completed by:

Notes: