

# BODMIN MOOR

## INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY LANDSCAPE

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# Success!

## Bodmin Moor International Dark Sky Landscape is official!

Following an application by Cornwall Council with Caradon Observatory, the International Dark-Sky Association have designated Bodmin Moor as an International Dark Sky Landscape. The good news was announced by Councillor Bob Egerton (Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economy) at a celebratory event at Caradon Observatory. The designation is the first of its kind in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty; creating opportunities for others to be established. Thank you very much to all those who supported the designation process.



Cornwall Council and Caradon Observatory attending the announcement

The launch of the designation has been well-publicised with coverage via BBC Spotlight, ITV West Country, BBC Radio 4's Today programme, BBC Radio Cornwall, Heart FM, Pirate FM, The Times, Cornish Guardian and Cornish Times as well as a fantastic response on social media.

### What's Next?

The new designation will need to be managed to maintain the status and help ensure benefits are successfully delivered. Plans are afoot to establish a Steering Group of key local stakeholders to do this. There is a requirement to install signage and we will ensure that this is sensitive to the landscape. Simple

guidance on dark sky friendly lighting will be produced. Nobody will have to change their existing lights but in some cases lighting associated with new development may be subject to a planning condition to ensure that it avoids polluting the dark night sky. We are also encouraging lighting to be dark sky friendly when it does not need planning permission.

### Dark Sky Evening

Caradon Observatory will be running a dark sky evening on Saturday 19 August at Jamaica Inn. The talks will focus on meteors, meteorites and planets (including exoplanets). Weather allowing, Jupiter will be visible on the western horizon with Saturn due south and then Neptune rising in the east. If it's clear there will be the opportunity to look through a couple of telescopes. If you've never seen Saturn through a large telescope you're in for a real treat – it's absolutely beautiful! Come along at 8.30pm for free stargazing or call 01566 86250 to book for the 7pm dinner event.

### Dark Skies: Bright Stars; inspiring creative heritage engagement



This Mayes Creative project – inspired by Bodmin Moor's designation – explores the history of astronomy in Cornwall. Following research visits, printmaking, puppetry and film workshops with 9 local schools, the Dark Skies: Bright Stars programme is continuing with summer activities for families and an Equinox creative immersion weekend at The Hurlers, Minions (22-24 September)! For more details please see the attached leaflets and [www.mayescreative.com](http://www.mayescreative.com).

### Find Out More

For further details including a new video on what the designation means for Cornwall please see: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/darksky](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/darksky) or contact Cornwall's Planning Policy Team on 01872 224309.

News from local observatories:

[www.caradonobservatory.com](http://www.caradonobservatory.com)

[www.tolcarnobservatory.com](http://www.tolcarnobservatory.com)

[www.facebook.com/roselandobservatory/](https://www.facebook.com/roselandobservatory/)

Tips on dark sky friendly lighting

<http://darksky.org/lighting/lighting-basics/>