We are proposing the West Cornwall area for a Dark Sky Bid.

This area is proposed because of a combination of its exceptional night sky, its scale, its AONB designation and protection.

We are particularly keen to hear from local residents and businesses whether they support the project or have concerns.

See for yourself... come to St Johns Hall Penzance on 17th July 2019 4-7pm There will be an opportunity to discuss your views.

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WEST CORNWALL DARK SKY RESERVE PROPOSAL

CONSULTATION EVENT DROP-IN

ST JOHNS HALL, ALVERTON STREET
PENZANCE TR18 2QW

DATE 17TH JULY 2019 4-7PM

The local community supported by Cornwall Council wants to make a bid to the International Dark Sky Association to have West Cornwall recognised as an International Dark Sky Reserve.

Why designate West Cornwall a Dark Sky Reserve?

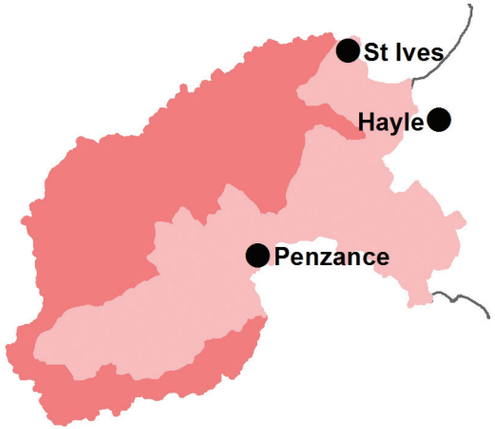
The main purpose of a Dark Sky Reserve designation would be to protect the amazing quality of the sky at night over West Cornwall.

BEFORE WE DECIDE TO PROCEED WE WANT YOUR VIEWS.

As well as helping to protect the night sky from light pollution, the designation will provide a focus for awareness and learning about the stars and solar systems.

Darkness is good for our health; our body clocks haven't evolved for artificial lighting – and neither has wildlife.

A Dark Sky designation can be used to promote local tourism; elsewhere there have been tangible benefits from this. Most people love a starry sky – lots of people study it closely, many more of us just enjoy gazing at it.



Proposed International Dark Sky Reserve Core Area

Proposed International Dark Sky Reserve Buffer Zone

WHAT'S THE CATCH? NONE!

We want to encourage people who live and/or work in west Cornwall to manage lighting better and make sure it does what it needs to without harming the night sky.

Nevertheless, we will not make anyone change their lights.

We all need to see what we're doing and feel safe as we go about our business. Too often however lighting is overly bright, needlessly spills upwards, poorly aimed and creates shadows – making it harder to see as well as being wasteful and harmful to the night sky.