

# South Downs National Park Authority

## PARISH WEBINAR – AGENDA

**Topic:** Dark Night Skies

**Date:** Wednesday 21 April 2021

**Time:** 18:30 – 20:00

### 1. Welcome and Introduction (18:30 – 18:40)

**Doug Jones – South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) Member and**

**Andrew Lee – SDNPA Director of Countryside, Policy and Management**

New approach to Town and Parish Workshops. What local communities can do to support the delivery of the Partnership Management Plan, conserving and enhancing the special qualities of the South Downs National Park.

### 2. South Downs International Dark Sky Reserve (18:40 – 19:00)

**Ruth James – SDNPA Communications and Engagement Manager**

Two short films 'Embrace the Darkness' The South Downs National Park's Journey to becoming an International Dark Sky Reserve and 'The South Downs Dark Skies Virtual Festival 2021' a roundup of the events and impact of this year's recent festival.

### 3. Planning Policy in relation to Dark Night Skies (19:00 – 19:15)

**Hannah Collier – SDNPA Senior Planning Policy Officer**

How dark night skies fit into Local Plan Policy framework and are used in relation to planning applications

### 4. What you can do at the local level (19:15 – 19:35)

**Dan Oakley – SDNPA Dark Skies Lead**

How differing light pollution occurs and steps we can all take to reduce its impact

### 5. Dark Night Skies and Tourism (19:35 – 19:45)

**Katharine Beer – SDNPA Tourism Lead**

The tourism benefits that Dark Night Skies can bring out of season by a new 'Stargazers Welcome' initiative

### 6. Case Study – Buriton village (19:45 – 20:00)

**Doug Jones – Parish Councillor & South Downs National Park Authority Member**

How Buriton became a Dark Skies Discovery Site and what it means for the village

### 7. Close (20:00)

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