



Annual Forum 2016 ***Dark Skies of the North Wessex Downs***

Wednesday 19th October 2016, The Fieldgate Centre, Kingsclere

- 09:00 Registration, refreshments and networking
- 09:30 **Welcome**
Ted Hiscocks, Chairman of the Council of Partners
- 09:40 **Report on the year**
Henry Oliver, Director
- 09:55 **Dark Skies and Light Pollution: the key issues and why they matter**
Bob Mizon, the Commission for Dark Skies
- 10:20 **Night Blight! CPRE's dark skies mapping project**
Emma Marrington, CPRE national office
- 10.40 **Coffee**
- 11:10 **Astronomy in the North Wessex Downs**
Local speaker (tbc)
- 11:25 **Securing International Dark Sky Reserve status**
Dan Oakley, South Downs National Park
- 12:00 **Open Forum: questions and discussion**
- 12:55 **Outline of Afternoon Activities**
Partnership Co-ordinator
- 13:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00 **Afternoon Activities (see below for further details)**
- Planetarium
 - The Story of the North Wessex Downs

Tea available from 3.30pm

16:30 Forum close and depart

More detail for each afternoon activity:

45 minutes each – participants can attend both sessions.

Planetarium – Bob Mizon

Take a tour of the heavens with expert commentary from Bob Mizon of the Commission for Dark Skies in his mobile planetarium.

Story of the North Wessex Downs – Rose Somerset

Come and hear Rose Somerset, Communications Officer of the North Wessex Downs AONB, give our new presentation telling the story of this outstanding landscape.