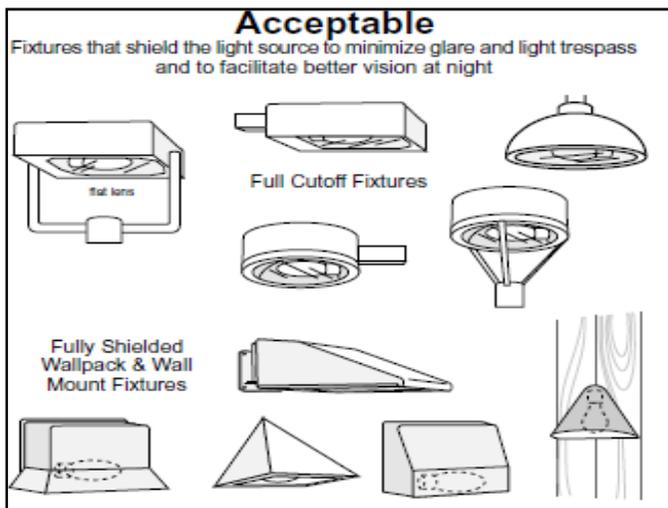


## HERE ARE SOME SIMPLE WAYS TO REDUCE LIGHT POLLUTION, SAVE ENERGY AND SAVE MONEY:

- Only use external lighting where there is an identified need.
- Purchase a light that has been designed to, or incorporates a shield or cover, to direct light down or onto a specific area.
- Use a 150w or 70w bulb as these may still light up the area and provide a deterrent while causing less light pollution than a bulb with a greater wattage.
- Use LED light fittings instead of traditional light bulbs, they are more energy efficient, can be directed and help reduce light pollution.
- Fixed wooden louvres over areas of glazing.
- Fit sensors and timers so that the lights are only on when needed.



## Conserving and Enhancing the Island's finest landscapes

Over half the Isle of Wight is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, including over 50 miles of Heritage Coast, both part of the National family of protected landscapes recognised for their special qualities and character.

The Isle of Wight AONB Partnership is working to conserve and enhance these special land and seascapes for future generations.

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## Isle of Wight AONB Dark Skies Advice

"Isle of Wight Star Party" Courtesy Ritchie Jarvis



# Isle of Wight Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty - Dark Skies

## The Isle of Wight's Dark Skies

When there is an absence of light pollution thousands of stars are revealed at night in what are termed Dark Skies.

One of the special features of the Isle of Wight AONB is its tranquillity and 'dark skies'. Dark Skies are areas where there is little ambient light pollution and on a clear night the night stars can be clearly seen.

These sorts of areas are becoming harder to find due to urbanisation and increased light sources lighting up our skies at night. The Isle of Wight is lucky to have a vast majority of the South East's 'dark skies' and here at the AONB Unit we do our best, through advice and the planning system, to protect this rare resource.

The AONB Partnership considers the Island's dark skies to be an economic as well as a cultural and scientific asset, which makes a valuable contribution to tourism by attracting people to the Island as well as for the enjoyment of residents.

## Lighting in the AONB

Dark Skies are sensitive to features such as roof lights, dormer windows, French windows, large areas of glazing, etc.

While there are some locations within settlements where these may be accommodated, the sensitivity of some rural locations, within the AONB, may not be able to accommodate such architectural features.

### GOOD PRACTICE

The use of extended, overhanging window eaves can make a valuable contribution to the prevention of light pollution and prevent light reflection.

We are encouraging the use of fixed wooden louvres over areas of glazing to allow householders to enjoy views whilst minimising the appearance of glazing and light pollution.

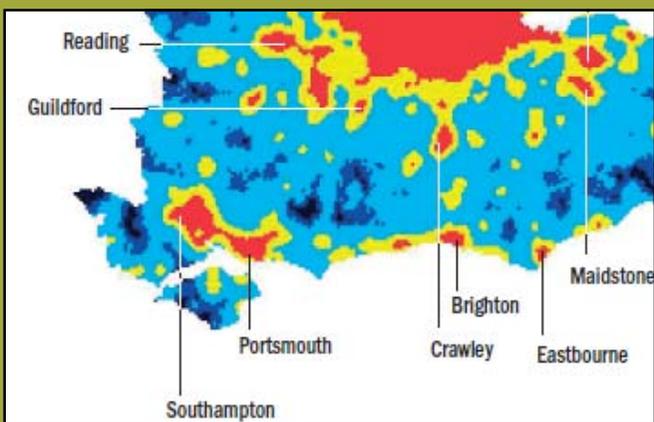
### HIGH LIGHT POLLUTION LIGHTING:

Note how the sky above the pitch, together with the road and surrounding ground, hedgerows etc. are lit.



### LOW LIGHT POLLUTION LIGHTING:

Note how only the sports pitch is lit, while the sky above and surrounding ground and hedgerows etc. are dark.



The Campaign to Protect Rural England has produced information, showing artificial light at night in the South East (left).

