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### Marlborough Dark Skies Fest Postponed

Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding Covid-19, Marlborough's first Dark Skies Fest has been postponed and will now take place from Monday, 25 to Sunday, 31 October 2021.

Marlborough Town Council and the North Wessex Downs AONB extend their apologies to everyone who was looking forward to spending the weekend exploring the night sky in Marlborough and hope they can join us for the 2021 festival.

The jam-packed line up of workshops and presentations on stargazing, astrophotography using your phone and wildlife at night, interactive planetariums, themed dinners, art events and exhibitions will all be carried forward to 2021. Most events will be free to attend, and there will be something for all ages and interests, from beginners to experienced astronomers.

Cllr Don Heath from Marlborough Town Council said "We are really excited about the festival, so many people offered to help this year but, with continued enthusiasm, want to join in next year. We are sure it will be a magical and memorable experience for all involved, especially for children. We hope to set people on a journey of discovery and future action to preserve dark skies."

Look out for festival news via Marlborough Town Council at [www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk/darkskiesfest](http://www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk/darkskiesfest) Facebook [@marlboroughdarkskiesfest](https://www.facebook.com/marlboroughdarkskiesfest) Twitter [@MTCwilts](https://twitter.com/MTCwilts) and also the North Wessex Downs at [www.northwessexdowns.org.uk/dark-skies](http://www.northwessexdowns.org.uk/dark-skies) [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

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Marlborough Town Council provides local services to residents and visitors to Marlborough and Manton, including hosting a number of regular and one-off community events. More information at [www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk](http://www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk)

The North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) covers 668 square miles (1,730 sq. km) of Berkshire, Hampshire, Oxfordshire and Wiltshire and is the third largest AONB in England. It was created in 1972 to conserve and enhance one of the largest tracts of chalk downland in southern England along with other beautiful landscapes. The North Wessex Downs AONB Partnership was established in October 2002 to co-ordinate management of this protected landscape. Visit [www.northwessexdowns.org.uk](http://www.northwessexdowns.org.uk) for more information.

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