

## **Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish Council Dark Skies Policy**

Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish is a dark parish, that is, it has no street lighting. It encourages residents to consider lighting options, both existing and new.

Implications of policy are considered and can be seen below.

- [Energy](#): Dark skies reduce energy consumption which the Parish Council supports alongside the use of energy efficient outdoor lighting when installed by residents and businesses.
- [Ecology](#): In our rural settings, wildlife is all around us and outdoor lighting impacts all species so careful choices should be made near sensitive wildlife habitats. Bad lighting can have a detrimental effect on wildlife.
- [Public Safety](#): Poorly installed lighting can be a hazard to motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians at night. Keeping night skies dark reduce glare but placing the right amount of light in the right place helps everyone's safety.
- [Crime](#): Good policy to protect dark skies can enhance security.

Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish Council supports the 'Cotswolds Conservation Board Position Statement Dark Skies & Artificial Light' which can be found on their website.

[Cotswolds Dark Skies & Artificial Light Position Statement - Cotswolds National Landscape \(cotswoldsaonb.org.uk\)](https://cotswoldsaonb.org.uk)

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